

STATE OF NEVADA
HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS BOARD MEETING
Saturday, August 13, 2011
Non-Profit Center
BHME Board Office
1301 Cordone Ave.
Reno, NV

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF: The following persons are either members of the Board or staff, and were present or absent as designated:

Diane Kennedy, Member and President – present
Corazon Ibarra, Member and Vice President – present
Bruce Fong, DO HMD, Member and Secretary-Treasurer – Absent
Leticia Gardea, Member – Absent
Robert Eslinger, DO, HMD, Member – Present by phone
KJ Smith, Member – Present
Nancy Eklof – Executive Director – Present
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board - Present

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Ahmed Masood – APH Candidate
Tiffany Vanderstokker, NHIMA
Michael Gerber, NHIMA
Inge Gerber, NHIMA
Sue Brown
Joe Brown
Tom Lee
Babs Clough
Martha Boyce (to take minutes)

A. OPEN SESSION

1. **Call to order/Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum** – President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was present. Bruce Fong and Leticia Gardea were absent at the time.

2. **The Chair will set the time for adjournment** – President Kennedy set the time for adjournment at approximately 2:00 p.m.
3. **Verification of Posting** – Nancy Eklof verified the meeting was posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.
4. **Welcome All Visitors/Determination of Press Presence** – President Kennedy welcomed visitors to the meeting. There was no one from the press present at the meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Michael Gerber announced the NHIMA Conference will be held at the Peppermill Hotel/Casino on October 29-30, 2011. There will be national and international speakers at the conference.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING – KJ Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda. Cora Ibarra seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

D. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

1. **Nancy Eklof presented** the APH applicant Ahmed Masood for APH certification (NRS 630A.080); she confirmed that the waiver of Open Meeting Law was signed by the applicant and that the records were in order for the applicant. Ahmed Masood was introduced. At this time, the applicant was escorted to the testing area.

E. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2011 Board Meeting

May 15, 2001 Telephone Board Meeting

Robert Eslinger motioned to approve the minutes listed above. KJ Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- F. Committee Appointments** - President Kennedy announced that she will be selecting the Chair for each committee. Others who are interested may join the committee(s) of their choice.

Executive Committee - will be made up of the President Diane Kennedy, Vice-president Dr. Cora Ibarra and Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Fong

NAC/NRS/Policy Bylaws Manual Committee - will be chaired by President Kennedy

The Fiscal/Finance Committee - will be chaired by Bruce Fong

The Education Committee - will be chaired by Corazon Ibarra

The Investigative Committee - will be chaired by President Kennedy, Corazon Ibarra and Leticia Gardea

The Technology Committee - will be chaired by Robert Eslinger.

The Development Committee - will be co-chaired by Tiffany Vanderstokker and Inge Gerber

- G. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** - Nancy Eklof has reviewed the Balance sheet for profit and loss. She reported that expenses went up because of the work done on the Bill in Carson City. She also reported that payments to the attorney general's office have been consistent. She announced that for 2010-2011 the AG charges were approximately \$1,200. for the past fiscal year.
- H. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – No report was given.
- I. **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT** – No report. Bruce Fong was absent.
- J. **REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANE KENNEDY TO THE BOARD BY GOVERNOR SANDOVAL.** Diane Kennedy reported that she was appointed in her role as president by Governor Sandoval.
- K. **BREAK FOR LUNCH/REVIEW APH EXAM RESULTS** - It was decided that there would be no break for lunch at that time.

- L. **INTERVIEW APPLICANT** - Interview of the applicant was postponed until later in the meeting.
- M. **NEW BUSINESS** – 630A Certificate holders and licensees need to be more consistent in providing their CMEs for inclusion in their files. **Cora Ibarra moved that Nancy Eklof should generate a letter reminding each certificate holder and licensee of the CME statute and the expectations of the Board. Robert Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.** This letter will be mailed out with the renewal notices in the next month. Nancy Eklof will consider the inclusion of a statement about spot checking for CME compliance.
- N. **OLD BUSINESS** – Payments to the AG’s office for 2010-2011 remain consistent. Henry Ward, DAG who has been assigned to the Board will continue as counsel.
- O. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Tom Lee suggested that all notices for certificate/license renewal contain a statement that the individual affirms or attests that they have met the CME requirement and will supply verification of same upon request.

Michael Gerber suggested that the Board conducts spot checks on individual’s CME compliance.

Babs Clough stated that she believes applicants for renewal should be required to send in their CMEs rather than conducting spot checks.

Tiffany Vanderstokker reminded the group that the CME statute requires that there must be some homeopathic courses as part of the CMEs obtained each year.

Michael Gerber will require sign-ins at the NHIMA conference. This will be required twice each day to ensure that attendees are actually attending the full conference.

Michael Gerber reiterated his concern about single use pharmaceutical licensing with the Board of Pharmacy. This is currently being denied by the Board. He suggested that they should appeal to the DEA instead of

the Board of Pharmacy. Tom Lee suggested that they look into approaching the DEA directly.

Babs Clough expressed concern about the Naturopathic Board currently practicing without a license. At present, there is no law requiring them to be licensed. She questioned if there was a way to get Naturopaths under the jurisdiction of the Homeopathic Medical Board. She requested that this issue be placed on the next agenda.

- P. **ADJOURN MEETING - Cora Ibarra made a Motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting until the applicant had completed his testing. KJ Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
- Q. **ANNOUNCE RESULTS/INTERVIEW APPLICANT - MEETING RECONVENED** at 1:25 p.m. Applicant Ahmed Masood passed the exam.**KJ Smith moved to approve Ahmed Masood as an Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy, Corazon Ibarra seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
- R. **ADJOURN MEETING – Dr. Robert Eslinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Cora Ibarra seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.**