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## SPEAKERS

Kathleen Peele APH, Melvin Nario MD HMD, Charles Green, Dan Royal DO HMD JD, Bruce Fong DO HMD, David Edwards MD HMD, Karen Dickerson, Ahmed Masood APH, Greg Olson APH, Kathleen Peele APH, Dr. Greg Olson, Bruce Fong, Melvin Nario MD HMD, David Edwards MD HMD

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Charles Green

Well, good. Okay, Mr. President.



Bruce Fong DO HMD 00:07

Mr. Green. Can you pause that for a second column is that Dr. Nario, he's supposed to be joining us as well.



Charles Green

Okay. Okay.




Charles Green


Okay, we're back to recording.





Bruce Fong DO HMD 00:27

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is Bruce Fong and the president of the Nevada board of homeopathy. It is currently 1831 or 6:31pm. Pacific Standard Time on Thursday, December 14, you think I've been writing that all day? I remember that 2023. I'm calling to order this emergency board meeting. Meeting, the first thing we need to do is determine if we have a quorum. So I'm going to say that I Bruce Fong, President and Present, I'm going to ask each of the board members present to state your name and say that your President


 Dr. Greg Olson 01:05  
Greg Olson, Present


 Melvin Nario MD HMD 01:07  
Right


 Bruce Fong DO HMD 01:10  
Melvin, can you just identify yourself and say you're your present?


 Melvin Nario MD HMD 01:13  
Present


 Bruce Fong DO HMD 01:15  
Dr. Norio the Vice President is present. Karen Would you mind chiming in

 Charles Green  
Take your take your mute off, Karen, you're muted. You're still muted. We can't hear you.

 Bruce Fong DO HMD 01:30  
Karen It's at the bottom left hand of your screen. It looks like a little microphone with a little line through it. Just click on it

 Bruce Fong DO HMD 01:42  
Okay well we just lost her.

 Charles Green  
Okay, well, here's me, man. I got a cup of Eric. Dr. Royal Joining us now as well.

 Bruce Fong DO HMD 01:54  
So I've got Dr. Olson up, Dr. Nario are looking for Karen the BM we know Dr. Shallenberger has

gone.



Charles Green

I'm Charles Green. I acknowledge me board member and I'm here.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 02:06

Excellent. Just by that we do have a quorum. We will wait for Karen to to get back on there. And I'll proceed as soon as she I see her looks like her computers trying to sign in. Okay,



Charles Green

I'm not seeing her here. Okay.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 02:25

Karen, it's gonna it's gonna say connect to audio. It'll say computer connect to computer audio or something like that. Click on that option if you have it. Yeah, we still can't hear you. And then the mute button. Oh, there you go. There we go. So can you just identify yourself and say your present?

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Karen Dickerson 02:44

Yeah. Karen Dickerson present. All right. All right, ladies and

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 02:47

All right ladies and gentlemen, other than the excused absence, Dr. Shallenberger, who's currently traveling abroad, we have a full quorum. We have a quorum of the board. We have all the other members present. So I will move on to the next item. I need a motion from someone to approve the agenda tonight.

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Greg Olson APH 03:07

I move that we approve the agenda.



Charles Green

I second that

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 03:11

Thank you, Dr. Olsen. We'll move to approve the agenda. Mr. Green will second. Any discussion on the matter? All in favor? by saying aye.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 03:21

Aye. Dr. Noria you can unmute and just keep yourself unmuted, it's fine. Alright, so we've improved the agenda. As the chairman of the meeting, I will, under Robert's Rules, I can take things in and out of order. I'm going to reserve all public comment for the end at this point. And I want to move on to the main and only agenda item tonight. This is to discuss the proposed fee increases as voted on by the board at the last meeting at the end of November. And as President of this board representing the members of this board to the community at large. I'm going to tell you, I'm sorry. The board voted on these changes to the fees because we were informed of how bad these financial situation and it is bad for the board. We acted on behalf of the board and we forgot to take into account the people we're supposed to be taking care of which is all of you are licensees and certificate holders. Therefore, as my Mia culpa, I call this meeting to order tonight to discuss ways of either putting this thing off or to provide a grace period. In the interim, as our Deputy Attorney General has explained to me, this gives you an idea guys how long ago we've had a fee increase. This board does need to increase its fees because we can't operate on the money we have anymore. But it's been so long that we've had a fee increase that I myself who as you know was a pretty staunch veteran member of the former board before the last two years, I forgot we actually have to workshop these things and put them into Nevada Administrative Code. So by law, these fee increases cannot go through at the earliest until next year when we've had a chance to workshop them. So this item is no longer a discussion and action. This item is an informative item, I'm informing the members of the public and this board, we cannot go through with these fee increases at this time, and that the fees by default will, will go back to the original fees. But the HMD has been 600. The APA just being 400, and Ha's 200 to renew the license this year. Mr. Green?



Charles Green

Yes.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 05:39

May I ask you to please issue a new invoice as of tomorrow to everyone? Clarifying those fees?



Charles Green

So duly noted, I will do that and get it out to everybody. I think we've got everybody's list up to date and current as a little bit of work, we'll certainly do it.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 05:56

Do you have everyone's email? Or did you only do



Charles Green

Everyone went out and then I set just a couple of days ago, kind of a reminder, you know, what I like is the fact that everybody's here and the board, we're all getting together, and we're going to the board forward is is a body so

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 06:14

Okay, you're probably not going to like what I have to say next Charles. Ladies and gentlemen, it's come to my attention also, that since this is not really an action item, that the APH is an HA are being required, again to notarize some sort of supervisory note, I have, I'm going to clearly state that according to my review of the policy manual, and any minutes that have been available that this has never been a policy of the board. And it's never been voted by on the board. Also, I've sat at a meeting in the preceding two years, where the previous Deputy Attorney General said that since we've notarized it once we do not need to notarize it again. So therefore, as President, I'm making an executive order that we we strike the requirement to do any sort of notarization this year, and just please fill out your renewal application, send us the check.



Charles Green

Renewal application, excuse me for interrupting, but I think the rule application calls for an affidavit

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 07:11

and that is no longer that again, is that directly that has been the policy. Yes, it has no it's not it that was never voted on by the board. Mr.



Charles Green

It's well, it's on it's on the the information that I got. That is on the application itself is there. I didn't change that I didn't do anything with it. It says affidavit right on the application.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 07:32

So again, I can tell you that the board policy manual has never stated that I actually have two members of the previous board here also. And I was just want to ask for a confirmation that that was that ever voted on? I believe Miss Peele and Dr. Edwards, you're both here. Was that ever voted on as policy? Well, Kathy, go ahead. Would did? No, it was never going to policy. No. notarisation.



Charles Green

We did have a vote. You didn't

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 08:02

do it once. But it was never a board policy. So I'm rescinding that by executive order. Well,



Charles Green

it will actually the meeting that we had, as far as notarisation was turned down. So that I knew. But as far as the affidavit, that's just a testing that you're at your signature on there, just attesting that is from

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 08:21

you. Again, I've never had the board's never needed a notarization on that



Charles Green

before. I'm not talking about an authorization and authorization is different from an affidavit. So you're just talking about

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 08:31

getting the things signed that affidavit

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Kathleen Peele APH 08:33

or affirmation,



Charles Green

affirmation. You're just saying you're the one signing it. That's all Yeah.

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Kathleen Peele APH 08:41

At test station or affirmation, not an affidavit.

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Charles Green

We're not enough, okay, I misquoted her but you're attesting that it is you signing it?



Bruce Fong DO HMD 08:50

That does not require notarization I'm just being well that was already voted down. So that's that is moot because it came to my attention to the AP ah, isn't Ha's had something that they had to get an authorization for? So I'm gonna strike that. Okay. Thank you for that.



Charles Green

Alright. So the only other thing is, and I know it's not on the agenda that I want to bring up. Is, is we need some methodology to know,



Bruce Fong DO HMD 09:12

Mr. Green, this is not on the agenda. I will we will I promise to address this with you. I will not do that tonight. No,



Charles Green

no, no, I'm talking about that. I'm just talking about we'd like to know who which APH is working under which doctor which Ha is working under which doctor but there's no we don't have a way that that is recorded on the board. So so we want to implement something that's



Greg Olson APH 09:40

Oh, who is every every there's Greg Olson chiming in here. Every APH or HA has a limit when they submit an application for membership. There's actually a letter written by the supervising physician that states What that APH can do so that is as far as protocol up with with Yes, the protocol and everyone should have that in their file that



Bruce Fong DO HMD 10:10

I agree that actually is a administrative matter.



Charles Green

thing I'm talking about. It's a list of that because, you know, my issue now the records are up in Reno, they're not here. ctually had everybody sign something last year, you should have some kind of record from that.



Charles Green

Well, not as in APH.



Kathleen Peele APH 10:28

As far as Yes, sir. Yeah, that's



Bruce Fong DO HMD 10:31

exactly what I signed last year that I tend



Kathleen Peele APH 10:33

to sign Dr. Fong signed a whole bunch of them. Well, yeah, that's



Charles Green

when we were you know, when I when I put out there that a, a notarisation? Was that's been voted down. Charles,



Bruce Fong DO HMD 10:46

this is not on the agenda. But I will, I promise, I'll call everybody if I have to, and give you a list. That's all. That's all. I mean, I'm not gonna we're not going to address this tonight. This is off the agenda.



Charles Green

I just want to list of, you know, so we know.



Bruce Fong DO HMD 11:03

You will having Okay,



Charles Green

Thank you.





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Bruce Fong DO HMD 11:06

So, ladies and gentlemen, again, this new board wants complete transparency with you. We want you involved in this process. We want you to as we move forward with these fee increases, we're going to be workshoping, I want to hear from all of you, those of you who weren't at the last meeting, realize that I open forum to every single person who was present at the meeting to ask about the fees. And again, I apologize for forgetting about what economic impact is, I sure as hell know what that feels like myself right now. So again, my May a culpa to you is that, know that we're here to do this for you guys, we're here to make sure we have a board that we can practice under. And we're gonna make sure that this thing gets stronger as we go through the future. And I thank you guys, all of you who came out tonight to support this. And to hear about this and to speak up on it, you guys really are the heart and soul of what we got. So again, I thank you for that. And unless any other board member has any issue to discuss, I'm going to open this up to public comment. Seeing that, I'm now opening it up to public comment. Anybody in the public who would like to speak?

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David Edwards MD HMD 12:18

This is Dr. Edwards.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 12:20

Floor recognizes, the chair recognizes Dr. Edwards, the floor is yours.

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David Edwaeds MD HMD 12:24

I think it would be a good idea if the if when soon as out there, there, you know, the approved agenda and meeting date and the login information, I think it'd be a good idea just to send it to all the licensees. So the there's going to be in the know what the issues are going to be discussed. And they have the if it's a zoom type meeting, which it looks like that's going to be pretty much going forward, that they have the access to the zoom. So if they're interested, they could sign on, I would kind of take that one step further. You know, we're a small board. And we don't get a lot of attention from Carson City unless it's bad attention. So the things we try to do that's good. Like having meetings. I'm wondering why. Why don't we just send the agenda to the legislators, they don't have to look at it, but at least it'll it'll get in the back of their mind. Oh, these guys are meeting they're doing what they're supposed to be doing. Because my understanding when the board got into trouble a couple of years ago, there were two issues. The issue was Why wasn't the board having meetings. And that was when the board was run by civilians, not by licensees. And the second was why is the board not addressing the massive bill to the ag and it seems like we're falling back into the same kind of black hole of doing the same things. So to me it's kind of simple just to list all licensees and one step further. Just you know, put it put a send to list on your email stuff to all the legislators and let them know hey, you know, if nothing else, it'll pop into their consciousness. These idiots are added again, but it might serve to dampen some of the criticism The board has had before. That's it

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 14:22

Dr. Edwards Thank you very much. May have board members or remind you during public

Dr. Edwards thank you very much. May have board members or remind you during public comment you cannot respond. Any other public comment?

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 14:34  
Come on. You guys are all here.

**D** David Edwards MD HMD 14:36  
Any you guys who have your microphones muted? Please check if you're trying to say something to me.

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 14:42  
Going once or twice.

**A** Ahmed Masood APH 14:46  
My name is Ahmed Masood

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 14:50  
You Have the Floor

**A** Ahmed Masood APH 14:54  
I really appreciate it. Thank you Dr. Fong. So Dr. Robert Eslinger was my My supervising physician for easily like four years and then then I was kind of stranded you know, because he lost his the local osteopathy board something happened. So then I was for 10 months, I was just sitting, doing nothing. So there must be a protocol there must be a procedure, which is safety, safety net of some kind. So, and he, there was a time that Dr. Eslinger was supervising me and Greenberg also. So, Dr. Greenberg, sadly passed away on 24th of November. So, so, my, the point I wanted to make is that there must be some things so that I'm in its credibility. You know, Robert Eslinger knows my practice, it's completely non invasive, non toxic in nature, you know, one remedy at one time, I take the two hour to take one case, you know, extremely, super sensitive. So, so, nothing is invasive or anything like that, so, so my credibility should transfer to another doctor, you know, it's just simple if one supervisor is not available, so that's my point.

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 16:44  
Thank you, doctor.

A Ahmed Masood APH 16:46  
Appreciate it thank you

D David Edwards MD HMD 16:48  
Any others began to unmute your mic if you want to speak. Dr. Royal.

D Dan Royal DO HMD JD 16:57  
So thank you, Mr. Chair, this last year, there were operating expenses that were submitted by Mr. Green to the board and the board refused to pay them. I don't think that the board, maybe its members understand the cost of what it takes to operate the board on a daily basis. But I also think that the board needs to have some transparency. If you look on the website, for the Arizona State Board of homeopathic medical examiners, they claim to have a minus rating for financial transparency. I would like this board to publish the detailed expenses that were submitted by Mr. Green in which the board members refused to pay. That's the kind of thing is done in China, where the employers just refused to pay their employees and the board had the money to pay him. There are other ways for this board to be making money. Besides punishing the loyal licensees and raising their licensure fees, this court board could be resurrecting the IRB, which was made and created to help the board be financially solvent. The board is a essentially a nonprofit organization, you could be seeking donations, rather than just raising the license just a very lazy way of raising money. I would like to see this board behave more responsibly, fiscally going forward. Thank you.

D David Edwards MD HMD 18:22  
Thank you, Dr. Royal.

D David Edwards MD HMD 18:26  
This is Dr. Edwards again, and I was one of the board members that he is referring to. My problem with what was presented was we never got the actual expenses of what's going in what's going out. And the the I believe it's the policy manual. One of the sections says that there's supposed to be an independent bookkeeper that goes books and accounting for the board so that we have numbers that we can trust, or that's what's going on, because because when Dr. Royal says there's a lot of expenses for the board. I'm trying to get a handle on what exactly are the expenses? I think if you go back through the last two years, and you look at where the money in the board went, I think you're going to see the bulk of it went to Mr. Green

B Bruce Fong DO HMD 19:19  
Didn't grant me this degree like any minister grade these, we can't do this. We have to just let people make their comments. Thank you.

**D** David Edwards MD HMD 19:29

Well, I agree with the transparency. Let's open up the book so everybody can see what's happening.

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 19:42

Additional comments ladies and gentlemen, I'm taking all comers. Once twice. Thank you for that. Ladies and gentlemen of the board. Do we have any suggestion since for additional agenda items for January's planned meeting, which we don't have a date yet for

**M** Melvin Nario MD HMD 20:04

In responses to Dr. Royal and Dr. Edwards

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 20:14

We can't we can't really respond to a comment right now we have to, we have to agendize that.

**M** Melvin Nario MD HMD 20:20

Well, anyway, if it's not a response or a comment, as part of suggestion at the next meeting, would be fundraising activities for the board, in relation to paying off the debt, or what we had occurred throughout the years. So that's going to be one of the priorities of the new Board as to be transparent and making plans for the new year.

**B** Bruce Fong DO HMD 20:44

That's a really good suggestion. There's a reason you became vice president, you know that, right.

**G** Greg Olson APH 20:49

And the idea is that we actually put together a budget. So it's not just that we're trying to bring money in, we need to anticipate what our expenses are going to be. So that we can say, here's our target, or if we're trying to do things to help to, to lobby the legislature or expenses associated with running the board, we should be able to put a budget together. That way the public can see why we're raising money or what we're trying to do here. And I think that should be something we put on our agenda for our next meeting.

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Bruce Fong 21:21

You seem to have a good number of thumbs up there. Dr. Olson. excellent suggestion, actually. Thank you. Any further suggestions? Not seeing any Do I have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

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Greg Olson APH 21:35

I motion that we adjourn.

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 21:37

Dr. Olsen, Motion to adjourn. Do I have a second?

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Melvin Nario MD HMD 21:42

Second?

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Bruce Fong DO HMD 21:43

Seconded by Dr. Nario. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Hopefully not because we don't have anything else to talk about. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your attendance, and we will definitely be in touch. Charles, I'll get in touch with you tomorrow. And we'll help you get those things written and get sent up. But thank you again, everybody, for all your your hard work. And as President, I'll try to keep these boards up. I can't promise you're gonna keep this short. But I'm going to try to keep the meetings efficient as we go forward. And Mr. Feeley a special thank you to you too, because of all your help today. Good night, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. Thank you.

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Kathleen Peele APH 22:25

Thank you.

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Greg Olson APH 22:26

Happy holidays everyone. Good night.