

# Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

## Regular Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2014

### I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed the attendance of the following board members:

Present:

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Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)  
Bruce Shelton, MD, MD(H)  
Alan Kennedy  
Dr. Les Adler, MD, MD(H)  
LaJuana Gillette  
Mary Grace Warner, MD, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director and Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General were also present at the meeting.

### II. Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomed LaJuana Gillette, who was appointed by Governor Brewer to a three-year term as a public member. She replaces Don Farris who had served on the board since 2004. Ms. Gillette lives in the Lake Havasu City area and is active on political committees and has previous board experience serving with the Lake Havasu City Public Works Advisory Committee. She indicated her interest in homeopathy and stated she was excited to learn more about homeopathic medicine.

### III. Review, Consideration, and Action on Minutes

At the beginning of the discussion on this agenda item, Ms. Gillette stated that she would abstain from voting on the past meeting minutes.

Remaining board members considered the executive minutes of the *November 12, 2013 Executive Session Meeting*. Dr. Adler made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0. 1 abstention

The Board considered the minutes of the *January 14, 2014 Regular Session Meeting*. Mrs. Springer directed board members' attention to page 3, agenda IV.B. on a revised draft of the minutes and explained that the wording changes in the new draft clarified the intended purpose of the executive session and the direction of the ongoing investigation. Dr. Shelton made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed unanimously 5 – 0. 1 abstention

The minutes of the *Executive Session of January 14, 2014* were considered. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote 5 – 0. 1 abstention

### **III. Review, Consideration, and Action on New Applications**

#### ***Medical Assistants***

Bridget Abraham

Dr. Warner, as the applicant's supervisor, stated she was recusing herself from voting on this application. Dr. Rowe stated that although he knew the applicant, he believed he could be impartial in his review.

Mrs. Springer provided an overview of documents submitted by the applicant. She noted the educational transcript provided by the applicant was not current and that she had phoned her to obtain the most current copy. Dr. Rowe commented that the transcript in the file showed evidence of sufficient training.

Dr. Shelton made a motion to approve the application. Dr. Rowe seconded the motion. During additional discussion Mr. Kennedy expressed his concern with the passport that showed it would expire the next day.

Dr. Rowe stated he would withdraw his second to the motion and Dr. Shelton commented he would withdraw his motion to approve and request that an updated proof of citizenship, educational transcript and Statement of Citizenship be provided.

The Board tabled the matter in order to allow time for the applicant to submit the required documentation.

### **V. Review, Consideration and Action on Complaints and Investigations**

#### ***A. Review, Discuss – Tracking Log Notification of New Complaints***

There were no items for discussion under this agenda item.

#### ***B. Ongoing Cases – Review, Consideration and Action***

##### **Case No. 13-04 Martha Grout, MD, MD(H) (M.M.)**

Mrs. Springer provided a status report concerning the ongoing investigation noting that she was still in the process of collecting all pertinent records relating to the case. She stated she would provide a copy of Dr. Grout's response to the Board's data request as soon as possible. She also indicated that she was pending receipt of medical records from Maine, the toxicologist and the Scottsdale Police Department.

AAG Baskin stated she was attempting to obtain medical records from the Maine naturopath that had treated the patient and that she was pursuing various avenues regarding this.

### **VI. Review, Consideration and Action on Previous Board Orders**

#### **Case No. 11-11 Thomas Lodi, MD(H)**

Mrs. Springer presented information regarding this matter. She stated that Dr. Warner had reviewed the sixth period compliance report submitted by Dr. Lodi and had found the report to be compliant with the intent of the consent agreement and order. She indicated that Dr. Lodi had complied with all of the requirements set forth in the board's order and on March 6, 2014

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had submitted written correspondence requesting his homeopathic medical license be released from probationary status.

Dr. Adler made a motion accepting Dr. Lodi's request and that probation of the license end effective March 12, 2014. Dr. Shelton seconded the motion.

Roll call vote to grant Dr. Lodi's request for release from probation effective March 12, 2014

Aye: 6 – 0

Warner, Gillette, Adler, Kennedy, Rowe, Shelton

## **VII. Review, Consideration and Action on Rules, Legislation, Substantive Policy Statements**

### ***Five Year Review Report - – Title 4, Chapter 38, Articles 1 -4***

Mrs. Springer presented the draft report of the Five Year Review Report. She stated the rulemaking consultant had recommended that rules revisions noted in the Five Year Review be considered as part of the upcoming rulemaking in the Doctor of Homeopathy rules. She stated that changes recommended in the report would be monitored by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council and that the Board should make every effort to implement the changes as indicated in the report.

Dr. Shelton stated he had conversed with outside public individuals relating to medical assistants and suggested that the board may wish to consider their input for the report. Mrs. Springer stated that, other than Dr. Hayle Aldren, she had not received written comments from any other individuals. She noted that Dr. Aldren's comments were included in the Five Year Review Report.

### ***Doctor of Homeopathy Rulemaking***

Mrs. Springer updated the board regarding the pending rulemaking and stated she had changed the original draft of the rules to include suggestions garnered during sessions held with the board's rulemaking committee. She suggested the committee should meet again to incorporate recent doctoral standards set forth by the Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education in North America (ACHENA).

Dr. Shelton urged members to also consider input from the homeopathic medical assistant community regarding potential changes to article 3.

Mrs. Springer stated that another meeting of the rules committee would be helpful to incorporate not only the new education standards from ACHENA but also to include concerns expressed by the homeopathic medical assistant community. Board members agreed in spirit that the rules committee should reconvene and that Mario Fontes be invited to participate.

Mrs. Baskin stated a date for the meeting could be discussed under agenda item XII. Future Meeting Dates.

## **VII. Review, Consideration, and Action on Professional Business**

1. Board members reviewed a continuing education application for the 2014 Integrative Cancer Medicine Symposium to be held November 7 – 10 as submitted by Healthy Medicine Academy. Dr. Rowe made a motion approving the application for up to 36 hours of continuing education. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2. The application for a continuing education seminar entitled *America's Top Alternative Doctors Conference and Gala* submitted by the Arizona Homeopathic and Integrated Medical Association (AHIMA) was tabled pending receipt of additional documentation.

**IX. Review, Consideration and Action on Other Business**

1. Financial Report

Mrs. Springer presented information regarding the current board financial report. She indicated that as of February 28, 2014, revenues were \$64,481 and expenditures were \$47,806. The legislative appropriation for FY2014 is 102,100. The current ending cash balance is \$30,387.16.

2. Board members reviewed and held a general discussion on correspondence sent by Dr. Dean Silver concerning his thoughts about the written examination. Dr. Silver had expressed concern about the lack of review materials available to individuals that were preparing for the examination. He also commented that the examination was heavily weighted towards a classical homeopathic component and that most physicians wanting to focus on complementary medicine were more interested in integrative therapies.

Mrs. Springer explained she had reconfigured the examination components as directed by the board in their discussions on the topic held during the July and September regular meetings. Dr. Rowe commented that Dr. Silver had not submitted evidence of completion of a course of classical homeopathy and that it was his understanding that applicants did not take the examination until this evidence of post graduate education was present in the application file. He requested additional discussion be held on this topic at a future meeting.

**X. Call to the Public**

No members of the public were present to address the board.

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

Continuing Education Request – AHIMA Top Docs of America Gala and Symposium  
Completion of Required Post Graduate Hours and Completion of Written Examination  
Application Request of Bridget Abraham

**XII. Future Meeting Dates**

Teleconference Monday, April 14, 2014 8:00 a.m.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. following a motion by Dr. Rowe. The motion was seconded by Dr. Adler and passed with an unanimous vote. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will convene at 1400 W. Washington, in Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on May 13, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Springer  
Executive Director

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 13, 2014**