

**Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons  
Unapproved Minutes  
April 22, 2010**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Board member(s) present: Howard S. Jonas, D.O., Chairman; William Cove, D.O., Vice-Chair; John Peterson, D.O.; John Welch, Esq.

Absent: Mary C. Mazzariello.

OPR staff present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:**

**2009-24** - The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Jonas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

**2009-235** - The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Peterson, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

**2009-409** - The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Jonas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

**2009-576** - The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Cove, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

**2010-39** - The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. Jonas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

4. **Reports/Guests:**

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

**6. Applications reviewed and discussed:**

Dr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the following applicants for licensure as Osteopathic Physicians. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert E. Blaik, D.O.

Linda J. Hill, D.O.

Eric L. Kent, D.O.

Sean L. Kimball, D.O.

Laura Manfield, D.O.

Kang Christina Sook Suh, D.O.

Scott A. Wolf, D.O.

Ms. Kemp provided an update on the current status of Dr. Mitchell A. Cohn's application for licensure. The Board is still awaiting a response from Dr. Cohn regarding some questions it had on his application. The Board is requiring an updated application as Dr. Cohn's is over one year old. This application will be tabled until a response has been received.

**7. Newsletter Topics:**

Following are some of the topics that will be included in the next Newsletter:

- How to dismiss a patient from practice.
- How to close a practice.
- Contracts.
- Online renewals.
- Information on the new licensing system "eLicense".

Ms. Preston shall have a draft ready for review at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. The Board would like to send out the Newsletter shortly after its June meeting.

**8. Correspondence:**

The Board reviewed the letter from the American Board of International Pain Physicians (ABIPP). The letter asked the Board to recognize ABIPP as a board-certifying organization. No action will be taken at this time.

**9. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Correspondence:**

The Board would like to discuss which member(s) will be attending the 2011 FSMB Annual Meeting at their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Board feels it is important to have at least one member present at the annual meetings therefore a back up person will also be chosen in case the original attendee is unable to make it to the meeting.

**10. Other Business Introduced by the Board**

Dr. Jonas shared the FSMB Information Points, Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) with the Board. MOL is the process by which a licensee provides, as a condition of license renewal, evidence that he or she is actively participating in a program of continuous

**10. Other Business Introduced by the Board** - continued

professional development that is practice relevant, informed by objective data sources, and includes activities aimed at improving performance in practice.

Dr. Peterson reported that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) has discussed the FSMB points and have come up with their own. The AOA is open to the concept however it feels more review should be done at this time.

**11. Public Comment**

**12.** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 3, 2010** at 10:00 a.m.

**13.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp  
Administrative Assistant