

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
Unapproved Minutes
September 30, 2010**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 A.M.

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

Absent: Mary C. Mazzariello.

OPR personnel present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Case Manager and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the June 3rd meeting. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:** (None)

4. **Complaints/Reports of Concluded Investigations**

The Board reviewed the following Reports of Concluded Investigations and took action as indicated.

2010-92 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Mr. 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.

2009-405 - 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. Peterson, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

2009-494 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jonas, 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.

2010-250 - 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. Peterson, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

5. Reports/Guests:

Christopher Winters, Director of OPR, attended the meeting to provide updates on office staffing and the Board's budget.

Director Winters discussed recent changes in OPR staffing. Ms. Preston, the Board's previous Unit Administrator has taken the newly created position of Case Manager. Director Winters mentioned that the Office has hired Peter Comart as the new Unit Administrator for the Board. Mr. Comart will be going through extensive orientation.

Director Winters also gave a report on the Board's budget information. The recommendation is to reduce fees in 2012 if the current trend continues. Director Winters is planning on providing updates to the Board about its budget information every fall.

6. Legislation/Rulemaking: (None)

7. Applications reviewed and discussed:

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

Janine L. Foote, D.O. (Endorsement)
Peter J. Foote, D.O. (Endorsement)
Jonathan D. Harder, D.O. (Examination)
Terry L. Larsen, D.O. (Endorsement)
Julie M. Pantelick, D.O. (Examination)

8. Newsletter Topics:

The Board noted that the names of the disciplined physicians were not listed in the Newsletter as previously decided. Names will be included in future Newsletters.

9. Correspondence: (None)

10. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Correspondence:

- a. The Board noted that FSMB Chair, Freda Bush, M.D., FACOG, appointed a Special Committee on Reentry to Practice. The Committee will develop specific recommendations for use by state medical and osteopathic boards in their licensure processes.

- b. The Chair shared some of the highlights from the FSMB Board of Director's Meeting. Following are some of the items that were discussed.

- The FSMB Board has approved a revised board policy on Eligibility for Travel Reimbursement to attend the FSMB Annual Meeting, and to increase the Annual Meeting Scholarship Fund from \$1,600 to \$1,800.
- The Board of Directors will be querying the medical and osteopathic boards via a survey to gather information on what is currently happening at the board level with regards to telemedicine. The Board of Directors is planning to organize a meeting in January 2011 to gather input from a broad category of stakeholders on this issue. Both sources of feedback will be used to develop best practices and/or a position paper to assist the boards in moving forward with a system of telemedicine.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

- a. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to perform a random audit on 20% of the licensees that renewed. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Public Comment

13. Election of Officers:

Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson to keep the same slate of Officers. The Officers for 2011 will be as follows:

Howard S. Jonas, D.O., Chair;
William Cove, D.O., Vice-Chair; and
Mary Mazzariello, Secretary.

- 14.** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 10, 2010** at 10:00 A.M. 2011 meeting dates are as follows: June 30th and September 8th.
- 15.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp
Administrative Assistant