

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS
Unapproved Minutes
September 22, 2005
10:00 A.M.

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

Board members present: Howard Jonas, D.O., Chair; William Cove, D.O. Vice-Chair; John Welch, Esq.; Mary Mazzariello; and Ad-Hoc member John Peterson, D.O. Absent: Paul Donovan, D.O.

OPR Staff Present: Christopher Winters, Esq. Director of the Office of Professional Regulation; Paul Daley Director of Administrative Services; Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Robert Backus, Prosecuting Attorney; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; and Kara Sanborn, Staff Secretary.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the March 24th, April 28th, & June 23rd meetings. Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzariello, to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2005; April 28, 2005; and June 23, 2005 meetings as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:**

At 10:15 a.m. The Board reviewed the *Stipulation and Consent Order* in the matter of Docket number OS01-1104 (James Jealous). The Respondent was not present. Robert Backus, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Novins presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to accept the *Stipulation and Consent Order* as submitted. Motion passed 4-0. Dr. Cove, Investigating member, did not participate in the vote.

4. **Reports:**

Christopher Winters, OPR Director, and Paul Daley, Director of Administrative Services, attended the meeting to discuss the Budget. They explained that each board has to cover its own expenses. They recommend increasing the fee from \$500.00 to \$800.00 to update operating expenses and to cover the fund deficit.

Atty. Welch asked if fees could be derived from respondents with disciplinary actions taken against them. He also suggested sending a letter to licensees explaining the fee increase. The matter was discussed further. In the end Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the increase in the renewal fee, from \$500.00 to \$750.00. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislation/Rulemaking:

6. Complaints/follow-up cases:

OS08-0505-The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzariello, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude this case without charges. Motion passed. Dr. Cove, Board Investigator, did not participate in the vote.

7. Applications/Discussion:

Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzariello, to approve the following applicants for licensure by endorsement. Motion passed unanimously.

Mones, Joan, M

Buffington, Colleen, M

The following applications were previously reviewed and approved by members of the Board. Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove to formally approve the following applicants for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

Landfish, Steven

Waldman, Peter

8. Newsletter Topics:

9. Correspondence:

- a. The Board reviewed and noted the July 28, 2005 letter from the American Osteopathic Association regarding comparisons with the American Board of Medical Specialties, and American Board of Physician Specialists.
- b. The Board reviewed and noted the June 22, 2005 letter from the Drug Enforcement Administration regarding finalization of the notice of proposed rulemaking with regard to prescribing approved narcotic controlled substances.
- c. The Board reviewed and noted the July 15, 2005 letter from Purdue Pharma L.P. with regard to the suspension of the sale and marketing of Palladone Capsules.
- d. The Board reviewed and noted various correspondence.

10. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence:

- a. The Board reviewed and noted the April 14, 2005 letter from the FSMB regarding the upgrade in fees for the USMLE 2006 test cycle.
- b. The Board reviewed and noted the March, April, June, and July 2005 edition of "NewsLine."

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

12. Election of Officers

Atty. Welch made a motion to re-elect Dr. Jonas as Dr. Cove. The nomination passed unanimously. Atty. Dr. Cove as Vice-Chairperson, which was seconded by passed unanimously. Atty. Welch made a motion to re-elect Dr. Cove as Secretary, which was seconded by Dr. Cove. The results of the election are as follows:

Chairperson, which was seconded by Atty. Welch made a motion to re-elect Dr. Jonas. The nomination to re-elect Ms. Mazzariello as Secretary passed unanimously. The

Chair – Howard Jonas
Vice-Chair – William Cove
Secretary – Mary Mazzariello

13. Public Comment

14. Atty. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jonas, to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn the meeting at 12:10

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Sanborn
Staff Secretary
Office of Professional Regulation