

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
September 23, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

OPR Staff Present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; and Kara Sanborn, Staff Secretary.

Others Present: John Peterson D.O.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the June 24th meeting. Ms. Mazzariello made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:**

4. **Reports:**

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking:** Attorney Novins discussed the proposed legislative changes with the Board.

6. **Complaints (closing reports):**

OS01-1003-The Board reviewed the Report of Conclusion. Based on the information provided, Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mazzariello, to accept this matter without charges. Motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Donovan, Investigating Member, was not present.)

OS05-0604-The Board reviewed the Report of Conclusion. Based on the information provided, Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept the matter without charges. Motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Donovan, Investigating Member, was not present.)

ULP-OS04-0504-The Board reviewed the Report of Conclusion. Based on the information provided, Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept the matter without charges. Motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Jonas, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.)

7. **Applications/Discussion:**

The Board voted to take official action and approve the following applicants for licensure as Osteopathic Physicians.

Ann F Tuxbury--(032-515)
Andrea W Soule--(032-514)

Laura C Garawski--(032-516)

7. Applications/Discussion continued:

The Board voted to take official action and approve the following applicants for licensure as Limited Osteopathic Physicians.

Laura S Allen—(031-128)

Katrina E Klause—(031-129)

The Board reviewed and approved the following applicant for licensure as an Osteopathic Physician.

Cohan, Michael, R

8. Correspondence:

- a. The Board reviewed the July 20, 2004 letter from Algis Augustin regarding the American Board of Clinical Metal Toxicology. Dr. Cove stated that it is not in our jurisdiction to verify the scope of practice, and Attorney Welch stated that he feels that they are trying to get approval from the Board. The Board will send a letter in response.
- b. The Board reviewed and noted the August 23, 2004 letter from Frank Spokas, M.D. from the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners, announcing the workshop regarding Appropriate Prescribing.
- c. The Board reviewed the September 9, 2004 Memo from the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners announcing the annual meeting. Dr. Cove plans to attend.
- d. The Board reviewed and noted the various correspondence.

9. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence:

- a. The Board reviewed and noted the July 13, 2004 E-mail from the FSMB, regarding the scheduled Roundtable meeting for July as well as the rest of the year's meeting dates.
- b. The Board reviewed and noted the August 16, 2004 Memo from the FSMB enclosing a complimentary copy of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certification Fact Sheet.
- c. The Board reviewed and noted the "FSMB Legislative Services Report."
- d. The Board reviewed "NewsLine" the FSMB's newsletter. Dr. Jonas stated that the pain management course which is to be held April 17th & 18th of 2005 would be a great course for a Board member to attend and suggested Dr. Cove.
- e. The Board reviewed and noted the September 15, 2004 letter from the FSMB in response to the Board's request for a Bylaw change.
- f. The Board reviewed and noted the September 16, 2004 invoice from the FSMB regarding the Board's annual dues.

10. Other Business Introduced by the Board

- a. Dr. Jonas discussed the idea of having the members at the Federation's annual meeting being able to vote electronically for discussion items instead of vocally. They also discussed the JAMA article stating that it is not a recommendation, it is just some facts for the reasoning for the resolution.
- b. Dr. Cove plans to attend the AOA meeting in November, Dr. Jonas suggested that we contact Dr. Rose (with the AOA) and request that the Resolution and JAMA article be added to the agenda of the AOA meeting.
- c. The Board reviewed the proposed legislative changes to the physical therapist's scope of practice and expressed concerns about some of the provisions. Attorney Novins will keep the Board apprised as to the status of this legislation.

11. Public Comment

12. The Election of Officers resulted as follows:

Chair—Dr. Jonas
Vice-Chair—Dr. Cove
Secretary—Ms. Mazzariello

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara Sanborn
Staff Secretary
Office of Professional Regulation