

# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF March 6, 2017

**1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and establish quorum.***

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Douglas Stacey, President. Board Members present: Dr. Douglas Stacey, President; Dr. Clark Pillsbury, Vice President; Dr. Christine Clark, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Kenneth Jarvis, Board Member; Donna Baushke, Public Member. Non-Members present: Richard Dreitzer, Legal Counsel; Leslie Walsh, Executive Director; Viki Windfeldt, Board Coordinator

**2. *Public comment.*** No members of the public present at this time.

**3. *Review and approve the January 9, 2017 Board of Podiatry meeting minutes.***

Motion to approve the January 9, 2017 meeting minutes as written:

Board Member Baushke

Second to motion: Board Member Jarvis

Motion passes unanimously

**4. *Review and discuss the financial status of the Board for December 2016 and January 2017.***

The Board discussed the current amounts in the Board's Checking and Money Market Accounts. The Board directed Leslie Walsh to keep only funds necessary for the next quarter in the checking account and transfer the remaining amount to the Money Market account since it is an interest-bearing account.

Motion to approve the finances of the Board for December 2016 and January 2017:

Vice President Pillsbury

Second to motion: Secretary/Treasurer Clark

Motion passes unanimously

**5. *Review and discuss activities of the Board office and all matters relating thereto.***

Leslie Walsh indicated the following had occurred since the last Board Meeting

- One new license had been issued
- Two new complaints had been received

**6. *Update on the licensees required to register with the PMP.***

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy had provided a list of licensees not registered with the Nevada Prescription Management Program (PMP) to the Board. As of now, all Nevada Podiatrists that were on the list as not registered, are currently registered.

**7. *Review and discuss Board member appointments for 2017.***

Leslie Walsh reminded the Board that 4 out of the 5 Board member terms expire in 2017 and indicated that the Board's website had been updated to reflect information on how to apply for a Board member position with the Governor's office. The Board members were encouraged to direct Nevada Podiatrists interested in serving as a Board member to the information on the website or to contact the Board office.

**8. Update on the 2017 Legislative Session**

Rocky Finseth and Jenny Reese of Carrara Nevada appeared telephonically and updated the Board on the 2017 legislative session. Ms. Reese indicated that they were awaiting the Prescription Management Program Bill and would send it for review when it is received.

In addition, Ms. Reese discussed SB 219. The current Bill discusses the regulation of tanning beds but the x-ray technicians were attempting to add an amendment that would require licensing for x-ray technicians. Only licensed x-ray technicians could take all x-rays in Podiatrists (and other Physicians) offices. Board President Stacey polled the Board about their x-ray practices. Currently they all train their staff to operate the equipment and take x-rays of their patients. All safety guidelines already required by the State are followed. It was determined that requiring licensed x-ray technicians to do this in place of their current staff would be cost prohibitive and did not add protection to their staff or patients. The Board will oppose this Bill.

**9. Review and discuss the authorized activities of Podiatry Hygienists as defined under NRS 634.098.**

Leslie Walsh and Dr. Stacey informed that Board that they had both received inquiries regarding Podiatry Hygienists. The Board members and legal counsel discussed the authorized activities according to NRS 635.097 & NRS 635.098. It was determined that a Podiatry Hygienist would not be able to enter a hospital autonomously to provide protective podiatric care. If the Podiatry Hygienist was credentialed at the facility, their licensed Podiatric physician would need to be in the facility or immediately available to them. The Board was unable to comment on whether another type of Physician could supervise them. The respective MD and DO Boards would need to determine if the supervision of a Podiatry Hygienist is included in the authorized activities under their own chapter of law.

Also, based on NRS 635.097, the holder of a valid and active license to practice as a podiatry hygienist may be employed as a podiatry hygienist in this State only in the office of a licensed podiatric physician." Therefore, a Podiatry Hygienist cannot be an employee of a hospital.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Review and approve March 6, 2017 Board meeting minutes.
- b. Review and discuss financial status of the Board and all matters relating thereto.
- c. Review and discuss activities of the Board office and all matters relating thereto.
- d. Update on the 2017 Legislative Session

**11. Discussion, possible decision on date of next Board meeting.**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 5:30 pm

**12. Public comment.** No members of the public present at this time.

**13. Attorney-client meeting.**

Richard Dreitzer, Board Legal Counsel does not see a need to close the meeting at this time. There are no further questions or comments.

**14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Podiatry at 6:21 pm.

Vice President Pillsbury

Second to motion: Board Member Baushke

Motion passes unanimously