Minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting of the Nevada State Board of Podiatry

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance Dr. Douglas Stacey, President; Dr. Clark Pillsbury, Vice President; Dr. Christine C. Clark, Secretary/Treasurer; Mrs. Donna Baushke, Board Member; Henna Rasul, Esq., Attorney for the Board; and Melissa Heyden, Executive Director.
- 2. No Public Comment
- 3. Approval of the May 19, 2012 Minutes has been tabled to the next meeting.
- 4. Ms. Heyden reports that the renewal process has begun and that some of the licensees have already renewed for the 2013 licensing year. Ms. Heyden also reports that the Bureau of Health Division has scheduled their next meeting in December to review our language changes. Dr. Stacey states that he has spoken with several people to continue to follow up on the changes as well.
- 5. The Board nominated and unanimously voted Dr. Douglas Stacey into the position of Board President, Dr. Clark Pillsbury was nominated unanimously voted into the position of Vice President and Dr. Christine Clark was nominated and unanimously voted into the position of Secretary/Treasurer.
- 6. The Board decided by unanimous vote that a podiatrist cannot use hyperbaric therapy to treat an area other than the foot or leg. This decision was based on language found in NRS 635.085 which discusses authorized activities for podiatrists.
- 7. A surgical center asked the Board whether or not treating a pulmonary embolism is within a podiatrists' scope of practice. This question was presented to the Board when a surgical center was attempting to determine whether a podiatrist could supervise the hyperbaric chambers. The question of pulmonary embolism was brought forward because that is a possible side effect while treating a patient in the hyperbaric chamber. Dr. Stacey stated that any podiatrist would be able to stabilize a patient until they could be admitted to a hospital for treatment. The Board voted by majority vote that podiatrists could not supervise hyperbaric therapy, but they could still prescribe hyperbaric therapy to their patients.
- 8. The Board reviewed two resumes of lobbyists provided to the Board. The Board requested additional research to avoid any conflict of interest between our Board and our potential lobbyist's other clients.
- 9. Dr. Kaminsky's Consent Decree was reviewed by the Board. The Consent Decree was approved unanimously by the Board.
- 10. The Board has scheduled their next board meeting for November 12, 2012
- 11. No Public comment.
- 12. Meeting was adjourned.