

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting

July 22, 2011

Presiding officer, Dr. Martha Grout, called the teleconference meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. following the roll call of members present on the telephone.

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present:

Alan Kennedy

Don Farris

Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)

Mary Ackerley, MD, MD(H)

Dr. Les Adler, MD, MD(H)

Dr. Todd Rowe was present as well and made a statement that he was present as a member of the public and was recused from the discussion of the agenda item.

Christine Springer, Executive Director was present at the State Board's Office and noted that no other members of the public were in attendance.

II. **Review, consideration, and action on a previous vote taken at the last regular board meeting regarding whether the Board shall propose legislation to amend A.R.S. § 32-2912(B) that concerns the addition of a licensing qualification for an individual making an application for a doctor of homeopathy license**

Dr. Grout asked Mrs. Springer to explain the impact of changing A.R.S. 32-2912(B) to add an additional licensing qualification for prospective doctors of homeopathy.

Mrs. Springer explained that when the bill was reviewed by the Governor prior to her signature, a concern was identified by the Governor's staff who noted that by leaving A.R.S. § 32-2912A(4) out of the qualifications for prospective Doctors of Homeopathy applicants, the Board may inadvertently have opened the way for doctors who have received discipline by medical boards to be able to apply for a Doctor of Homeopathy license. She noted there while there were current statutes that gave the Board discretion to consider whether to grant a license, the addition of language similar to what is currently in A.R.S. § 32-2912(A)(4) would eliminate applications from physicians who had been previously disciplined.

Several Board members inquired if applicants with a disciplinary action on their medical license could ever apply. Mrs. Springer noted that A.R.S. §§ 32-2912 (C) and (F) would govern the Board's review in these types of applications. A.R.S. § 32-2912(F) in

particular, would require that at least five years had passed between completion of all disciplinary terms and any application for license as a Doctor of Homeopathy.

Noting Dr. Rowe's recusal, Dr. Grout inquired if he would want to make a statement as a public member.

Dr. Rowe commented that when the bill was signed by the Governor, her staff had indicated their concern with the possible ramifications of the omission. He noted that his conversations with various individuals support the need for the correction and that it would be beneficial toward further protection of the public.

In response to a question from Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Springer affirmed that she would find a legislative sponsor and follow the bill through the session.

Dr. Adler made a motion vacating the July 12, 2011 Board vote and proposing that the Board introduce legislation to strengthen license qualifications in A.R.S. § 32-2912(B). The intent is to protect the public health and safety by ensuring that if an applicant holds a license to practice medicine, the professional record must reflect that the license has not been refused, revoked, suspended or restricted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Farris and passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: to introduce the legislation

5 – 0 - Aye

Farris, Grout, Adler, Ackerley, and Kennedy

Dr. Rowe recused.

III. Call to the Public

There were no further statements made by the public.

IV. Future Meeting Dates

No discussion of future meeting dates occurred.

V. Adjournment

Following a motion by Mr. Farris the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:25 a.m. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed with a majority vote. Dr. Rowe was recused and did not participate in the vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Executive Director