

# Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

## Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting Held on November 10, 2015

### I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Bruce Shelton, called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted a roll call of board members present by telephone:

Present:

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Bruce Shelton MD, MD(H)  
Charles Schwengel DO, DO(H)  
Alan Kennedy  
Dr. Les Adler, MD, MD(H) (present by telephone)  
LaJuana Gillette  
Mary Grace Warner-Dunlop, MD, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director, and Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General, were also present at the meeting location at 1400 West Washington, Second Floor Conference Room in Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Springer noted that **Dr. Shelton and Mr. Kennedy** had been reappointed by Governor Ducey to additional three year board terms which would expire on June 29, 2018. The other board members acknowledged and congratulated them as well.

### II. Review, Consideration, and Action on Minutes

Board members considered the minutes of the September 8, 2015 *Regular Meeting*.

MOTION: Dr. Warner moved to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Adler

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 –Aye, 0 – nay

Shelton, Kennedy, Gillette, Warner, Schwengel, Adler

MOTION PASSED

### III. Rules, Legislation, Substantive Policy Statements

Mrs. Springer commented that an exemption request for the Doctor of Homeopathy rules had been submitted to Christina Corieri, Governor Ducey's Health Policy Advisor on October 23, 2015. No response had been provided to the Board as of the date of the meeting.

### IV. Review, Consideration and Action on Complaints and Investigations

#### A. Review, Discuss – Tracking Log Notification of New Complaints

Inquiry No. 15-05

Geoffrey Radoff MD, MD(H) - Fees

Dr. Shelton recused himself from the discussion of this item noting he had previously been a business partner with Dr. Radoff.

Vice President, Charles Schwengel chaired this part of the meeting. He began the discussion by commenting that he had reviewed the materials presented and noted Dr. Radoff had

requested two independent audits of the complainants' accounts and believed that due diligence had been provided.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the complainant indicated she had been unable to obtain billing records from Dr. Radoff's office. However, records provided to the Board indicated that the billing records had been made available to the complainant by the office assistant.

MOTION: Mr. Kennedy moved to dismiss the complaint.

SECOND: Mrs. Gillette

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion Passed 5 – 0

Aye: Schwengel, Adler, Warner, Gillette, Kennedy

Recused: Dr. Shelton

## **V. Review, Consideration, and Action on Professional Business**

1. Mrs. Springer clarified that she had confirmed with the Arizona Medical Board and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners that only medical specialties recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Osteopathic Association-Board of Specialties (AOA-BOS) were acknowledged as a valid specialty by these medical boards. The question had come to her attention when she had received an inquiry about the validity of the American Board of Physician Specialties and their recognition of Integrative Medicine. In its discussion of the matter, the Board agreed that there was a great deal of interest in an integrative medicine medical specialty. The Board members requested that Mrs. Springer write a letter to the American Board of Integrative Medicine to inform them of the compatibility of the Homeopathic Board with their mission.

2. The board members discussed the Governor's Boards and Commission survey. Mrs. Gillette and Dr. Adler indicated they did not receive the questionnaire. Mrs. Springer will check on this with Ryan Peters, at the Governor's Office and ask that they be sent to them.

3. Mona Baskin presented training to the Board relating to *A.R.S. §32-3218*. She reminded them that board members are required by law to complete 12 hours of training within their first year of initial appointment.

4. Mrs. Springer presented training relating to the continuing education process for homeopathic physicians as required by *A.R.S. §32-2915(D)* and as described in *Arizona Administrative Code R4-38-116 through 118*.

5. Mrs. Springer reported on the status of board member training in conformance with *ARS § 32-3218*. She explained that all members had four hours of ethics training as required at the time of their appointment. Additionally, each of the short topic presentations made over the last few months would count as part of the requirement. Finally she noted that four members would attend the 8 hour FARB training and that one member would complete the 5 hour CLEAR on-line training.

6. Dr. Shelton provided an overview of the labeling and advertising of homeopathic products and the role of the American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists (AAHP). He explained that the AAHP represents all major homeopathic manufacturers. The largest is Hylands, whose president is also the President of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS). The HPUS is the official compendium of some 1300 recognized homeopathic remedies. Over the past five years, the HPUS has only approved 10 remedies and currently many more remedies that are not currently on the HPUS are in use. Should the FDA, as an outcome of the current rulemaking process, only recognize HPUS remedies, many members of the public will

be left without access to recognized remedies. Additionally, manufacturers making these Non-HPUS remedies will be out of business and the resulting upheaval will directly affect the homeopathic physician's ability to help patients.

Mr. Kennedy commented that the potential change may devastate the ability of the public to obtain homeopathic treatments.

**VI. Review, Consideration, and Action on Informed Consents/Protocols – (A.A.C. R4-38-111)**

Dr. Warner and Dr. Adler abstained from consideration of this agenda item.

MOTION: Mrs. Gillette made a motion to table this matter to the next meeting

SECOND: Dr. Warner

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0 Motion Passed

Aye: Shelton, Schwengel, Adler, Warner, Gillette, Kennedy

**VII. Review, Consideration, and Action on Continuing Medical Education**

1. Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture:

Introduction to Homeopathic Medicine Online Program for Physicians – Requesting 40 hours

Dr. Warner made a motion approving the application for 40 hours of credit. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Aye: Shelton, Schwengel, Warner, Adler, Gillette, Kennedy

2. AHIMA Symposium – A Day of Complex Homeopathy – Requesting 8 hours

Dr. Shelton recused himself from this discussion stating that he was the presenter for the seminar.

Mr. Kennedy abstained

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the application for 8 hours of credit. Mrs. Gillette seconded the motion that passed with a majority vote 4 – 0.

Aye: Schwengel, Warner, Adler, Gillette

Abstain: Kennedy

Recuse: Shelton

**VIII. Review, Consideration, and Action on Other Business**

1. Financial Report

Mrs. Springer presented information regarding the current board financial standing. She indicated that as of October 28, 2015, revenues were \$26,055 and expenditures were \$19,200. The legislative appropriation for FY2015 is \$102,800. The current ending cash balance is \$12,019. She provided the board with information relating to continuing discussions with the OSPB and explained that much of the potential revenue was dependent upon the new license class, Doctor of Homeopathy. The Board also discussed other cost saving measures suggested by the OSPB..

**XI. Call to the Public**

No public members were present

**X. Future Agenda Items**

How to reach a wider audience relating to potential new applications

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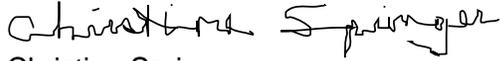
**XI. Future Meeting Dates**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. following a motion by Mrs. Gillette. The motion was seconded by Dr. Warner and passed with an unanimous vote. **The next Regular Meeting of the Board will convene at 1400 W. Washington, in Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2016.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Springer  
Executive Director

**Reviewed and approved by the Board in regular meeting during a Teleconference held on January 12, 2016**