

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners  
Board Meeting  
August 4, 2008

**PRESENT:** Rick Marinelli, ND, Chair; Glenn Taylor, Public Member; Elaine Gillaspie, ND; Donna Beck, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, PhD, Public Member; Michelle Homer, ND; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

**Comments:**

KE Edmisten resigned from Board membership effective July 14, 2008. The Board appreciates her participation and service; best wishes to Dr. Edmisten.

**Administrative Rule:**

There are no rules in work or initiated at this time. Once legislative concepts go through there will be rules to consider for amendments.

**General Business:**

**Licensure request** – A letter received from Chris Wingate, associate of The License Commission of the Americas, outlines how the TLCTA would like to outsource state licensure for licensed traditional naturopaths. A. Walsh will respond with a letter dismissing TLCTA's request.

**Legislation:**

**LC 466, 467, 468** – Still awaiting language approval from Governor's office.

**Composition of boards** – Prospective of various health licensing boards and how they operate is still under discussion. Representative Greenlick feels that there should be a higher number of public members serving on health licensing boards. He advocates a 50% minus 1 for public membership.

There is discussion of changing board member terms from three years to four years and increasing board compensation to a \$100 minimum per meeting.

**Impaired licensees** – Some boards have impairment programs that oversee impaired licensees. These boards' programs will be examined in an effort to provide insight and knowledge for other boards (who might not have funding/need for an impairment program) to utilize. This topic is still in discussion only.

**Competency evaluation** – Frank Mussell wants to submit legislative concepts regarding:

- Inability of the Board to require competency evaluations
- Preventing agencies from charging licensees the cost of hearings

Requiring a competency evaluation could pose a problem. If the licensee asks for a hearing, in regards to having a competency evaluation, it becomes public notice which could be more damaging to the licensee.

**Director's Report:**

**Budget reports** – There are currently four policy packages being created:

- Conferences - to increase funds to enable a Board member or A Walsh to attend conferences.

- Investigator position – to create a permanent part-time position.
- Increase of per diem - for Board members to receive an increase in meeting compensation.
- Background checks fees – so that licensees pay for their background checks, which is currently estimated at \$58 per applicant, and being paid for by the board.

**NABNE** – A. Walsh will attend the NABNE conference August 11-13, 2008.

**NPDB update** – The National Practitioners Data Bank training will be held this October in San Francisco, CA. NPDB will be providing more information by the end of August. The Board will pay the conference expenses for Ms. Walsh; Board members are encouraged to attend, but will need to fund their own expenses. OBNE is in the data bank but there is confusion on how the system works and if OBNE is utilizing its potential. R. Marinelli would like A. Walsh to attend.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Non-ND investigations:**

**N07-401-014N** – Lee, Ricky: Has asked for a hearing but may have exceeded time limit for submitting response information. R. Lee claims to have closed his website and that any updates to it were performed without his permission. In addition, he claims to no longer be practicing in the manner previously cited by OBNE.

**N08-01-01N** – Casey, Jennifer: Currently in DA's office; we have submitted our information to the DA.

**N06-06-05N** – Delphini, Sundara: The Veterinary Board has issued a civil penalty of \$5000. OBNE is continuing to investigate after Ms. Delphini's request for a hearing with submitted documents.

**Inquires** – None at this time.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.