

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Board Meeting  
June 14, 2010

**PRESENT:** Glenn Taylor, Chair; Donna Beck, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Michelle Homer, ND; Anne Walsh, Executive Director;

**Executive Session Motions:** N09-02-04; N09-02-05; N09-02-06 – M. Homer moved to approve final order. D. Beck seconded, motion passed unanimously. N09-12-25 – D. Beck moved that the Board move forward with interim order, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** April 5, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

**Administrative Rules:**

**OAR 850-060-0226** - Formulary Classification – The Board received no public comment. D. Beck moved to adopt the rule, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**OAR 850-050-0120** – Duty to self-report – A comment was received requesting a change in the rule to extend the time allowed to self-report from 30 days to 90 days. Discussion followed about the appropriate length of time for ND's to self-report. G. Eckel brought up the issue of consistency with other rules which mandate reporting. S. Ohgushi moved to adopt the rule as written, D. Beck seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**General Business:**

**Strategic Retreat:** G. Taylor expressed his appreciation for the Board's participation in the strategic retreat. He praised the ability of the moderator in facilitating the discussions. Discussion followed about how to inform licensees about the Board's ideas and planning efforts and increase overall communication.

**Health Profession Regulatory Meeting:** G. Taylor and A. Walsh were invited to Health Profession Regulatory Meeting by Governor's office. Other health licensing boards were invited to send their board chair and executive director to the meeting. The purpose was for the governor's office to coordinate with the licensing boards ways to increase efficiencies and lower costs associated with health related licensing. Several agencies with limited personnel expressed the desire for shared services.

**Board Members and Elections:** G. Taylor reminded Board members not to specify themselves as members of the Board when expressing their personal opinions or participating in political activism.

**Attorney General Retainer:** The Board has a designated assistant attorney general (AAG) who is compensated based upon the time spent on any given task involving the Board. This limits AAG costs but also restricts the Boards use of the AAG for what may be considered minor issues. The Attorney General's office suggested changing to a retainer based system to make budget allocations and expectations more predictable. G. Eckel moved to empower the Director to adopt the retainer method of compensating the AAG, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Legislative Concepts:**

**Cost Recovery:** The concept is for the Board to recover costs from contested cases.

**Housekeeping:** The concept would clarify that the number of times an applicant for licensure came sit for the national exams are set by NABNE and are more strict than what the Boards statutes specify, so the statutes should be changed.

**Director's Report:**

**Board Contact Trends:** The Board would like an update from the Director about general categorical trends in e-mail and phone contacts received by the Board office.

**Budget Update:** A. Walsh explained the budget document showing how much of the allotted budget has been spent so far this biennium.

**Policy Option Packages:** A. Walsh explained the need for making the investigator a permanent position. A. Walsh explained the need to update the offices computers due to the current equipment being old and outdated. A. Walsh explained the desire for a policy option to cover the cost of Board retreats. A. Walsh described the need for a policy package for increased AAG costs.

**Survey results:** The board reviewed comments that have been entered on the boards website survey function. There was a discussion about the annual renewal surveys and what questions should be asked. A. Walsh will present optional questions for the August Board meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 10:54am.

Board members worked on CE after the close of the meeting.