

**Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
February 7, 2011**

PRESENT: Glenn Taylor, Board Chair; Michelle Homer, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director;
Excused: Donna Beck, ND; Greg Eckel, ND

Executive Session Motions: **N09-03-08** – P.Chapman moved to issue a notice of discipline, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-08-12N; N10-09-16N; N10-09-23N; N10-11-28N** – P. Chapman moved to dismiss, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: The December 6, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

OAR 850-060-0225 & 850-060-0226 – The Board proposed initiating a rule change to update the formulary rule to eliminate the reference to the AHFS drug book. **OAR 850-050-0200** – The Board proposed initiating a rule to limit the ability of someone to reapply for the license examination after being disciplined. M. Homer made a motion to initiate rule making to limit the ability for someone to reapply for the license examination after being disciplined, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

General Business:

Human Probiotic Infusion – There was an inquiry from four-year medical student at NCM, Mark Davis, about whether using human probiotic infusion was within the ND scope of practice. The Board listened to a presentation about the practice, training, and current medical literature surrounding human probiotic infusion. It was discussed and the consensus was that the practice was within the scope of practice with appropriate education and training.

HCG – Greg Smith & Pat Swansick from the Oregon Dept. of Justice came before the Board to discuss HCG. G. Smith explained the current situation where licensed health professionals are prescribing HCG for “off-label” uses such as weight-loss, without establishing a doctor-patient relationship and not adequately informing patients of the risks prior to treatment.

Best Practices Review – Board members filled out their annual “Best Practices” review survey.

Formulary Council – P. Chapman had nothing to report about the upcoming Formulary Council meeting on March 30, 2011.

Mifepristone - There was a request to include the use of mifepristone for medical abortions in the naturopathic scope of practice. It was determined that it would violate the statute prohibiting the performance of abortions by naturopaths and that licensees should be reminded of this through the newsletter. P. Chapman will inform the Formulary Council about the issue and report any comments or concerns to the Board.

POLST – The issue was tabled until next meeting.

Board Chair – The Board Chair needed to be reappointed. S. Ohgushi made a motion to re-appoint G. Taylor to continue as the Board Chair, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously. P. Chapman made a motion to appoint M. Homer as Vice-Chair, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Legislation – G. Taylor gave an update on the Board’s submitted Legislative Concepts. Public hearings will be held over the next few weeks. A. Walsh explained a proposed bill on “cultural competency” and how it might be implemented if the bill is passed.

Directors Report:

Peer Review Audit Committee - A. Walsh explained her participation on the “Peer Review Audit Committee”, and the standards adopted for auditing the “best practices” of other government boards. The Board will receive an audit sometime in the near future.

Budget – A. Walsh explained the timeline for having the Board’s bi-annual budget approved. The budget includes a fee increase, an increased limitation for AAG costs, computer hardware, and making the part-time investigator position permanent. The proposed increased budget limitation for the Office of Administrative Hearings was denied, as was funding for Board trainings.

Semi-Independence – The Board discussed the description of a semi-independent board and reviewed a listing of other semi-independent boards.

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Inquiries:

Epinephrine Training – There was an inquiry from a licensee about training people to administer epinephrine through an “epi pen”, as the Red Cross training no longer includes this training in their instruction. There was some confusion about whether a licensed physician must be certified to train others in the use of an “epi pen”. The Board requested more information from A. Walsh, and the issue was tabled until next meeting.

Theft of Computer Records – A physician may be attending the next Board meeting to inform the Board about their experience around having electronic medical records stolen.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:25pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
April 4, 2011

PRESENT: Glenn Taylor, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Donna Beck, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

EXCUSED: Michelle Homer, ND

Executive Session Motions: **N10-07-08** – D. Beck moved to withdraw the Notice of Proposed Discipline and dismiss; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N11-03-06** - D. Beck moved to dismiss; Y. Hu seconded, the motion passed unanimously; **N09-12-25; N10-07-09** – P. Chapman moved to dismiss, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: The February 7, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

850-060-0225 & 850-060-0226 –Y. Hu moved to adopt a rule removing references to the AHFS in 850-060-0225-0226, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously. **850-050-0200** – Y. Hu moved to adopt reapplication limits, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **850-035-0230** - There was a discussion about the process of certifying naturopathic doctors in natural childbirth. The method of certifying completion of the prerequisites for natural childbirth had in the past been done by NCNM and then approved by the board. S. Ohgushi moved to initiate a rule change to allow the board to designate a ND, who has been certified in natural childbirth for more than five years, to certify the completion of the prerequisites needed for a ND to obtain a certificate of natural childbirth, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **850-060-0226** – Upon recommendation from the formulary council, P. Chapman moved to initiate a rule change to remove mifepristone from the drug category oxytocics from the Naturopathic Formulary Compendium, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

General Business:

Scope of Practice: Vasectomy - There was an inquiry from a licensee about whether a vasectomy is within the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. There was a discussion about what clinical settings vasectomies are currently offered in. After discussion with legal counsel it was determined that although the procedure constitutes minor surgery, the procedure falls outside the limited definition of minor surgery as set forth in statute.

Dry Needling-The Acupuncture Board has a bill (SB780) defining “dry needling” as the practice of acupuncture. The proposed legislative bill will limit any practice of needling to licensees of the acupuncture board. G. Eckel, also a licensed acupuncturist, pointed out that many fields have overlapping modalities and many techniques of needling do not constitute the practice of acupuncture. G. Eckel suggested that with sufficient training, the practice of dry needling is within the scope of practice of naturopathic medicine. The representative of the OANP, Stephanie Kaplan; testified to the board that dry needling is within the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors because; solid needles are used for various modalities associated with minor surgery and naturopathic doctors are trained to identify trigger points which are different from the meridian points identified by acupuncturists. The issue was tabled until there is an update on the status of the legislative bill.

Formulary Council – P. Chapman reported about the Formulary Council meeting on March 30, 2011. They decided to remove mifepristone from the category of oxytocics from the formulary. There was also a discussion about whether to include Ozone in the formulary, or if it constitutes a natural substance and is therefore not necessary to be added to the formulary. There was a general request for additional information and the issue was table until a later date.

POLST – D. Beck explained the POLST (Physician Order for Life Saving Treatment) process and the issue of naturopathic doctors' inability register a POLST form with the POLST database to direct EMT's. After discussion it was determined that the next step will be for D. Beck to approach the POLST task force with a request to include naturopathic doctors in their definition of acceptable signatories to a POLST form. D. Beck and A. Walsh will work on a letter to the task force.

Medical Provider – A. Walsh discussed the issue that naturopathic doctors cannot sign orders designating a child as "special needs". The board decided to prepare a letter to include naturopaths in the statute for discussion at the next DOE meeting.

Board Membership – G. Taylor explained that his appointment is ending in June and there will need to be a search for a public member on the board. D. Beck will also be leaving in June due to the expiration of her appointment.

2011 Board Meeting Dates – The board will decide at the June board meeting whether to hold a board meeting in August. The board decided to move the June meeting date to June 13th to facilitate attendance.

Legislation:

SB138 – Recovery of Contested Case Costs – The bill to recover the costs of contested cases has moved forward in the Senate committee and will go to the Senate floor before being assigned to a committee in the House of Representatives. A. Walsh will keep the board informed of any updates.

SB139 – Housekeeping – Examination – This bill that moves the Board's authority to limit exams to the Executive Director, has moved forward in the Senate committee and will go to the Senate floor before being assigned to a committee in the House of Representatives. A. Walsh will keep the Board informed of any updates.

SB229 – OANP Insurance Legislation – The bill to require parity in insurance payments to naturopathic doctors is still in committee with hearings scheduled.

SB439-1 – Clinical Breast Examinations – This bill would require additional education in the administering of breast examinations, and is still in committee.

SB97 – Cultural Competency – The bill to require additional education for cultural competency but its details are still being written and it is awaiting public hearings.

SB96 – Healthcare Workforce – The bill that would require collection of data on the demographics of the healthcare profession in Oregon, is still awaiting public hearing. It will have a fee attached.

Directors Report:

Budget – A. Walsh informed the Board that the budget requests for a permanent part-time investigator and a proposed fee increase were approved in the Governor's Balanced Budget.

Semi-Independence – A. Walsh has, and will be in continued contact with the Governor's office about semi-independence and the likelihood of being added to a bill is increasing.

Investigator Trainings – A. Walsh informed the Board about the possibility of an upcoming conference that offers investigator and board trainings that will be in the Portland area in the fall.

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Inquiries:

Specialty – There was a request to review the statutory prohibition on claiming specialties. The OBNM statute prohibits naturopathic doctors from claiming a specialty. A change to the statute would require a legislative effort and so the issue was tabled until a later date.

Audit Report – A. Walsh presented the audit conducted on the Board of Optometry to show the Board.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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

**Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
June 13, 2011**

PRESENT: Glenn Taylor, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Donna Beck, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Michelle Homer, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

Executive Session Motions: **N10-08-14** – Y. Hu moved to take disciplinary action; G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N11-04-08N** – Y. Hu moved to take disciplinary action; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously; **N10-11-27; N11-02-03; N11-02-04; N11-02-05; N11-04-07** – Y. Hu moved to dismiss, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: The April 4, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

850-060-0226 – P. Chapman moved to adopt the rule change to remove mifepristone from the drug category oxytocics in the Naturopathic Formulary Compendium, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **850-035-0230** - S. Ohgushi moved to adopt the rule change to clarify the process for a ND to obtain a certificate of natural childbirth, D. Beck seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

General Business:

POLST - D. Beck gave an update on the Board's effort for ND's to be included in the POLST (Patient Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) process. D. Beck had written the POLST task force requesting ND's be included in the POLST process and the Board is awaiting their decision. Ms. Walsh will forward this letter and request consideration at a future POLST meeting.

New Board Member - G. Taylor informed the Board that a new member, Dwight Adkins, has been confirmed by the Governor's office and will be replacing G. Taylor as a public member on the Board.

Board Chair – G. Taylor's appointment is ending so the Board held a vote to replace G. Taylor as chair of the Board. S. Ohgushi moved to appoint M. Homer as Board Chair, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Naturopathic Representation - A. Walsh explained the need to have a naturopathic physician to represent the Board on the Pain Management Commission and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The Board will put out information to encourage naturopathic physicians to volunteer, after Ms. Walsh provides some information on commitment and qualifications.

Prescribing Guidelines - P. Chapman presented to the Board regarding the way the Board informs licensees on prescribing guidelines. He suggested it would be helpful to increase the information available on the website. G. Eckel suggested coordinating with the professional association and the Pharmacy Board on how best to inform licensees about proper prescribing guidelines.

2011 Board Meeting Dates – The Board decided to hold the next Board meeting on August 8th. A change in the regular day will be set at the August meeting.

Legislation:

SB138 – Recovery of Contested Case Costs – The bill to recover the costs of contested cases has not moved forward in the Senate. A. Walsh is in contact with Rep. Boyle to craft a bill for the next session that would allow the recovery of contested case costs for several boards including the Naturopathic Board. A. Walsh will keep the board informed of any updates.

SB139 – Housekeeping – Examination – The bill that moves the Board's authority to limit exams by rule, has been signed into law by the Governor.

Directors Report:

Budget – A. Walsh informed the Board that the budget is awaiting approval by the Oregon Legislature. The budget includes a fee increase for all licenses, which will include a pro-rated initial license fee instead of a flat \$150.

Semi-Independence – Ms. Walsh has, and will be in continued contact with the Governor's office about semi-independence and the likelihood of it being added to a bill for the 2012 legislative session is increasing.

NPDB Training – Ms. Walsh attended the National Practitioner Data Base training on June 6-7. The database is a national repository of disciplinary actions taken by licensing boards. There are many changes that may make it easier to use.

Investigator Trainings –CLEAR (Council on Licensing Enforcement and Regulation) may offer the Investigator training in Portland in the near future. Ms. Wash will keep Board apprised of status, since she needs to complete the Advanced Investigator program.

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Inquiries:

Scope of Practice: Circumcision – There was an inquiry about whether circumcision by naturopaths is "ethical". The consensus of the Board was that the decision to circumcise a child is between the doctor and the child's legal guardians.

Public Comment: There was a public comment about HcG and the description of its use in the most recent NDNR publication. The Board reiterated its position that any use of HcG requires an established doctor-patient relationship as well as accurate charting and follow-ups.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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

**Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
August 8, 2011**

PRESENT: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Donna Beck, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

EXCUSED: Greg Eckel, ND

Executive Session Motions: **N10-11-29**– P. Chapman moved to authorize Ms. Walsh to offer a settlement; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed with 4 "yea" - M. Homer, Y. Hu, S. Ohgushi, and P. Chapman; 2 "nay" - D. Beck, D. Adkins. **N10-08-14** – P. Chapman moved to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline, Y. Hu seconded, the motion passed unanimously with D. Beck abstaining. **N11-07-15N** – P. Chapman moved to dismiss, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N11-04-09; N11-05-10; N11-05-11; N11-06-12; N11-06-13; N11-07-14; N11-07-16** – P. Chapman moved to continue the investigations; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: The June 13, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

There was a discussion about the need for ND's to self-report any action involving the ND made by other regulatory authorities, and the consensus was that the current language of the rule is sufficient.

General Business:

POLST - D. Beck gave an update on the Board's effort for ND's to be included in the POLST (Patient Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) process. Under the direction of the Board, D. Beck has written a petition to the POLST task force showing that signing POLST forms are within the scope of practice of ND's and requesting they be included in the POLST administrative rules. The POLST Board will meet in September. Dr. Beck and Ms. Walsh will attend this meeting. D. Beck will report back to the Board in October.

Clinical Privileges – Ms. Walsh received a letter from OHSU requesting standards of credentialing for ND's to be employed as independent physicians. After discussion, the Board decided to do some more work on the form and review at the October meeting before submitting anything to OHSU.

Board Membership –The Board's newest public member, Dwight Adkins, was welcomed.

Renewal Survey Results – Ms. Walsh outlined the results of the 2010 renewal surveys. The Board discussed using the same questions to be able to track trends over a several year period. Prescribing and Primary Care questions were discussed. A couple more questions will be added to the 2011 renewal.

Naturopathic Representation - The Board needs representation on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and the Oregon Pain Management Commission. The Board will solicit NDs to fill these positions.

2011 Board Meeting Dates – The Board decided to change the regular schedule of Board meetings to the second Monday of even numbered months. The next Board meeting will be held October 10th.

OANP – The OANP requested suggestions from the Board for its annual ethics seminar. Discussion on complaint issues suggest ethics in prescribing to family/friends and record keeping of such, and responsibility of Licensees to self-report any violation.

Directors Report:

Semi-Independence – Ms. Walsh continues to participate in discussion about semi-independence.

Budget – Ms. Walsh informed the Board that the budget has been approved by the Oregon Legislature. The budget includes a fee increase for all license renewals. *NOTE -Correction: the fee*

increase was only approved for half of what was being requested, the investigator position was denied as permanent, and the increase in limitation for legal costs was also denied.

New Database – Ms. Walsh explained that the Board will acquire new database software that will be easier to use and increase efficiency. One agency is working with IT to work out the "kinks", before OBNM moves over.

Investigator Trainings – CLEAR (Council on Licensing Enforcement and Regulation) may offer the Investigator training in Portland in the near future but Ms. Walsh will not be attending because they are not offering the Advanced Investigator program.

FNPLA – Federation of Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Agencies will be meeting on August 15 in Arizona. Ms. Walsh will be attending. The purpose is to coordinate the efforts of Naturopathic Regulatory Boards.

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
October 10, 2011

PRESENT: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Donna Beck, ND; Greg Eckel, ND ; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

Executive Session Motions: Yi-Kang Hu moved to dismiss N11-07-16, N11-08-18N, N11-08-19A, N11-08-20A, N11-08-21A, N11-08-22N, N11-08-23A, and N11-08-24A, and N11-08-26A. Motion was seconded by D. Adkins; all were in favor. P. Chapman moved to initiate immediate discipline in N11-08-17, and issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline in N11-06-12. Motion was seconded by D. Beck; all members were in favor.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the August 8, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Administrative Rules: OAR 850-030-0035 on fees was initiated for rule-making by D. Adkins, as a temporary rule effective October 10, 2011 for the fee increases approved during the legislative session. This will be adopted as permanent effective January 1, 2012; OAR 850-050-0120 was initiated for rulemaking by S. Ohgushi, to bring it into compliance with 676.150, which requires notice within 10 days to the OBNM; OAR 850-060-0215 on DEA registration was initiated by S. Ohgushi to correct the Schedules to include IIN. Motions were accepted and approved by all members.

General Business:

Continuing Education – D. Beck began a discussion about “professional level” presenters of continuing education who do not hold an ND, MD, DO, or DC degree or license. D. Beck emphasized the importance of maintaining the language in rule to ensure that non-licensed health care educators with expertise in a specific subject matter, can be approved for continuing education at the discretion of the Board.

POLST – Ms. Walsh gave an update on the Board's effort to have ND's included in the POLST (Patient Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) process. Members of the POLST board were unwilling to initiate the statutory changes to include ND's. Although the POLST Task Force is not willing to enter legislation to change the law, they have suggested there may be ways for NDs to become more recognized as signers of the POLST. The Board will encourage the professional association to pursue the issue of changing the POLST statute to reflect the ND as primary signer for patients.

Clinical Privileges – Ms. Walsh gave an update regarding a letter from OHSU requesting standards of credentialing for ND's to be employed as independent physicians in the integrative clinics at OHSU. After discussion, the Board approved a document outlining medical procedures that ND's can perform in general and what ND's can perform once they have obtained the necessary training. Ms. Walsh will forward this information to OHSU. She would like to thank Margot Longenecker and her staff at NCNM for their help on this.

Board Membership – Ms. Walsh informed the Board that Sheila Myers, ND, from Bend, will be replacing D. Beck on the Board, and will start attending meetings in December.

Naturopathic Representation - The Board needs representation on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and the Oregon Pain Management Commission. The Board has solicited NDs to fill these positions and received several responses. The Board reviewed the applicants and will forward the information to the respective Program or Commission.

2011 Board Meeting Dates – The Board decided to change the regular schedule of Board meetings to the second Monday of even numbered months. The next Board meeting will be held December 12, 2011.

BCCP – The BCCP (Breast and Cervical Cancer Program) is a program that reimburses medical providers for treating patients with breast or cervical cancer. The Board wanted to make sure licensees were aware of it.

SERV-OR - SERV-OR is a statewide registry system to help pre-credentialed health care professionals volunteering their services during emergencies with significant health impacts. Ms. Walsh is coordinating with the SERV-OR administrators to share database information pertinent to SERV-OR's program.

Formulary Council – P. Chapman gave an update about the Formulary Council meeting that was held on September 21, 2011. The substance Ozone was presented for inclusion to the naturopathic formulary. The Formulary Council voted to table the issue until its next meeting or until it can obtain more information.

Legislation:

Minor Surgery – The Board will coordinate with the OANP to discuss an expanded statutory definition of minor surgery.

Directors Report:

Semi-Independence – Ms. Walsh continues to participate in discussions about semi-independence.

Budget – Ms. Walsh explained to the Board the budget process and John Terpening, from the Legislative Fiscal Office, explained some of the rationale behind certain legislative budget decisions during the previous session.

New Database – Ms. Walsh explained that the Board has acquired new database software. Ms. Walsh is working with IT to establish and contain the overall costs before deciding to switch over to it.

State Formulary and Jurisprudence Exams – There were 62 examinees registered to take the August 5, 2011 exam. Only 2 examinees failed to meet the passing grades for licensure.

FNMR – The Federation of Naturopathic Medical Regulatory Authorities was incorporated on August 15, in Arizona. Ms. Walsh was in attendance as the president and treasurer of the Federation. The purpose of the Federation is to be the organization that coordinates the efforts of naturopathic regulatory authorities in each state and jurisdiction. Ms. Walsh's hope is that it could possibly serve as a central repository of disciplinary actions and for accreditation of continuing education, as well as offering basis guidelines and suggestions to jurisdiction attempting licensure.

Miscellaneous:

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Scope of practice for online consulting – There was an inquiry on the issue of licensees operating websites that offer nutritional counseling outside the practice of naturopathic medicine. There was concern that a licensee could not separate their role as a doctor, who make diagnoses, and their role of a counselor, with no doctor/patient relationship, and that the potential customer might not recognize the difference. The Board wanted more information and the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

OANP – Insurance Parity – The Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians requested that the Board inform licensees about coordinated care organizations and their relationship with the Oregon Health Authority. More information on this can be obtained through the association.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:45 pm.
Board members worked on CE after the close of the meeting.

**Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
December 12, 2011**

Present: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Greg Eckel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

Excused: Dwight Adkins, Public Member

Executive Session Motions: **N11-01-01**, Y. Hu moved to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline, S. Ohgushi seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by all members present. In cases **N11-04-09; N11-09-25N; N11-11-28A; N11-11-29N; and N11-11-31**, Y. Hu moved to dismiss, P. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In case **N11-11-32**, Y. Hu moved to open an investigation, S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. And in case **N11-12-35**, Y. Hu moved to dismiss, S. Ohgushi seconded, and all members present agreed.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the October 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board with S. Ohgushi adding that the BCCP included increased access to patients outside the BCCP. S. Myers moved to approve the minutes with the correction, G. Eckel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules: **OAR 850-030-0035** - Y. Hu moved to adopt as permanent this temporary rule concerning fees, G. Eckel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. S. Ohgushi moved to adopt as permanent **OAR 850-060-0215** (DEA schedules) and **OAR 850-050-0120** (self-reporting) if no comment was received by December 22, P. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion was held on **OAR 850-040-0210** –the Board felt that the rule’s current language was sufficient.

General Business:

Natural Childbirth Certification – Ms. Walsh began a discussion about a Natural childbirth applicant with a considerable amount of time passing since fulfilling the certificates birth requirements. The rule (OAR 850-035-0230) does not address a limitation from experience obtained to certification; discussion ensued. S. Ohgushi suggested this conversation include all OB certificate holders. It was tabled for a future meeting.

Board Membership – A. Walsh introduced the Board’s newest member, Sheila Myers, ND, filling the ND vacancy. Sheila Myers has been in practice since 1991 and resides in Bend Oregon.

Continuing Education Requirement – There was a discussion about the number of CE hours required and the absence of an in-person requirement. While the Board strongly encourages in-person CE, the consensus was the Board would not be changing the rule to require it at this time.

Exam Questions – A. Walsh again solicited the ND Board members with on-going request to supply questions for the formulary examination. CE credit is given to Board members who write usable exam questions.

Legislation: The Board does not have any legislation pending before legislature this session.

Directors Report:

Renewals – A. Walsh updated the Board on renewals. No major problems with renewals at this time; the majority of renewals come after the OANP’s December CE program.

Requests for Information – There was discussion around a request for information from an Alaskan Legislator, working to move licensure forward in that state. Additionally there was a request for

information from Harry Chen, Director of Vermont's Naturopathic Board, on expanding the prescribing rights of NDs.

FNMRA – A. Walsh updated the Board on her trip to Stamford CT, to meet with AANP representatives in September. The trip, paid in part by AANP, NABNE and OBNM, was to educate/share information on the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities. She will continue to work with the federation and update the Board on its progress.

Miscellaneous:

Contact Log – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

Inquiries:

Patient Records – An inquiry addressed to the Board asked if there was a rule on how long NDs must maintain patient files. There is no rule on this issue, at this time.

IV Certification – There was a question about whether the therapeutic and preventative IV education requirement was fulfilled by the general curriculum offered by SCNM. The consensus was that with the information available, it did not fulfill the requirement.

Colonoscopy – Dr. Mark Davis, ND. Spoke with the Board on colonoscopy being within the scope of practice when nitrous oxide is administered rather than general anesthetic. The Board asked for more research to be presented at a future meeting for further consideration.

Public Comment: Aside from Dr. Davis, there was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:25 pm.

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