



ND News

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is to protect the public through licensing and regulation of naturopathic physicians.

The Board will promote physician excellence and foster communication within the profession

Chair's Message:

As a member of the Board since December 2015, I welcomed the opportunity to become the Chair of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) in April of this year. For those of you who don't know me, I am a 1998 graduate of the National University of Natural Medicine (NUNM). I practice in Portland with a focus on the primary care of children and women. I recently retired from midwifery after 20 years of attending births and I am also adjunct faculty at NUNM where I teach in the naturopathic midwifery and pediatrics departments.



The first year of my tenure as Chair of the Board has been a busy one! Most notably, we bid farewell to Anne Walsh after twenty years as our Executive Director and welcomed Mary-Beth Baptista as our new Executive Director. Ms. Walsh was an institution at the Board, the only Executive Director most of us knew. We were sad to see her go but wish her much deserved relaxation and fun! We also said goodbye to Board public member Dwight Adkins after six years of service. Mr. Adkins was our most recent Board Chair and quite a steady presence. We thank him for donating his time to better our profession.

The Board staff has been updating many of their systems. Our Board is working on updating our Continuing Education requirements, with a plan for implementation in 2018. We've also adopted the Oregon Opioid Guidelines and new TeleMedicine Guidelines. I encourage you to check them out on our website, www.oregon.gov/obnm. Links are available on our home page.

Current Board Members:

(Chair) Jennifer Gibbons, ND—December 2015

Tracy Erling, ND—September 2016

Keivan Jinnah, ND —November 2013

Lissa McNiel, ND — July 2013

Robert Skarperud, ND—June 2016

Charles Wiggins—April 2013

BOARD PUBLIC MEETINGS 2018

All Board meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted on the website one week prior to each meeting. We encourage you to attend to hear what the Board is working on, provide input or just come to meet the members of the Board!

February 12	April 9	June 11
August 13	October 8	December 10

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WHAT'S NEW WITH RENEWALS!

ON-LINE RENWEALS BEGIN

11/1/17!

- **NEW DEADLINE:** RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE ON DECEMBER 31 @ 11:59PM.
- **NEW DATE FOR IMPOSING LATE FEE:** RENEWALS SUBMITTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017 @ 11:59 PM WILL BE CHARGED A \$150 RESTORATION FEE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER LICENSURE FEES.
- **NEW CONTINUED EDUCATION (CE) AUDIT PROCESS:**
 - As part of the renewal procedure, all licensees shall provide the Board with a list of all CE credits earned in the previous year.
 - Ten percent (10%) of licensees that submitted renewal applications will be selected for audit.
 - Licensee's selected for audit will be notified on / about February 1, 2018, and will have 15 days to submit supporting documentation



Director's Message:

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Mary-Beth Baptista, and I am privileged to serve you as the Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine. I want to begin by thanking Anne Walsh for her 20 years of service as Executive Director. I appreciate the historical knowledge she imparted upon me about the organization as well as her advice and guidance during the transition. I know that you join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

I have lived in Oregon since 1998 and I am a graduate of Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. I bring to this position over ten years of progressive leadership experience, including serving as the Director of the Portland City Auditor's Independent Police Review Division, where I was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the discipline system of the Portland Police Bureau. I also was fortunate to work closely with a nine-member community advisory board in that position, and I have the honor of being an appointed member of the Clackamas County Leadership, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Council.

I look forward to using my experience and my education to take on some exciting changes to both internal policies and the Oregon Administrative Rules. The Board is currently engaged in rule-making to propose a reduction in the annually required amount of Continuing Education hours and to clarify the rules regarding changing license status from active to inactive and back to active again. On the management side, my staff and I are working on internal policies to be more transparent in our investigations and with case counts and discipline statistics. We also plan to engage in more outreach to the licensees and the public to provide them with more up to date and relevant information about what the Board is working on. We also welcome all of your feedback.

Please check our website to keep up to date with the changes and proposals and we encourage you all to be part of the process. I sincerely look forward to working with all of you.

FORMULARY COUNCIL:

Chair, Kevin Wilson,
ND, 2000

Adam Alani, PhD.
2017

Justin Bednar, RPh,
2016

Natalie Gustafson,
PharmD, 2011

Dohn Kruschwitz, MD,
2010

Lissa McNiel, ND,
2017

*The members of the
Formulary Council
and I wish to thank
retiring member **John
Block, PhD.** for his
11 years of service on
the Council. His dedi-
cation and contribu-
tions truly benefited
the profession.*

**Formulary
Council
Meetings 2018:**

**March
September**