

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates of officers. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Elections will follow the Close of Nominations.

MINUTES Approval of the June 11, 2014 Open Board
Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled

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OLD BUSINESS

Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act Public Law 2011, Chapter 145

As the Board is aware, a law became effective on December 20, 2011, which provided, among other things, that the Board require as a condition of renewal that physicians complete at least two credits of educational programs or topics related to end of life care. It further provided that the Board adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the section. The Board at its January 2013 meeting approved a regulation for publication in the *New Jersey Register* as a proposal. At the time of the approval, the Board also recognized that it was doubtful that the regulation would be finalized for the 2013-2015 renewal period. The Board deferred implementation until the 2015 renewal cycle so as to afford its licensees ample opportunity to meet the requirement. Unfortunately, the draft regulation still has not been published and it is highly doubtful that it will be in place for the upcoming 2015-2017 renewal period. The Board office is beginning to receive a number of inquiries about the requirement and has also received a waiver from that requirement.

The Executive Committee discussed whether we should defer implementation because of the late launch of the regulation. The members advised that hospitals and other CME providers are offering a variety of courses that will satisfy this 2 hour (out of 100) requirement and the Committee believed that licensees should be in a position to satisfy this by the renewal date in 2015. If licensees feel the mandate has little applicability to the practice area, waivers

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can be provided. The Committee suggested that the Administrative Office draft a notice to this effect to disseminate to those who have inquired about the operative date. It will also address the wide availability of offerings and the waiver process. The Notice will also be published at the BME's website.

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PUBLIC COMMENT