

New Jersey State Board Of Pharmacy

Minutes Of The Open Session Of June 11, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy was called to order by Board President Anthony Alexander, in the Somerset Room, 6th Floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey on June 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. All members were duly notified of the time and place all pertinent materials had been provided.

II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

Anthony Alexander read a statement that newspapers and appropriate elected officials had been notified of the meeting according to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Anthony Alexander, R.Ph., President
Edward McGinley, R.Ph., Treasurer
Pamela Allen, R.Ph.
Mona Doyle, Public Member
Sophie Heymann, M.B.A., Public Member.
Ira Katz, R.Ph
Robert Kowalski, R.Ph. Government Member
Edith Micale, R.Ph.
Richard Palombo, R.Ph.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General
Debora Whipple, Executive Director
Kiran Shamlall, Assisting Clerk Stenographer

IV.1 APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR OPEN SESSION OF MAY 28, 2003

Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Richard Palombo, to accept the minutes of May 28, 2003 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV.2 APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR OPEN SESSION OF MAY 14, 2003

Sophie Heymann moved, seconded by Robert Kowalski, to accept the minutes of May 14, 2003 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

IV.3 APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR OPEN SESSION OF APRIL 30, 2003

Sophie Heymann moved, seconded by Edith Micale, to accept the minutes of April 30, 2003 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR REGISTRATION BY RECIPROCITY, REINSTATEMENT, EXAMINATION AND GRADE TRANSFER

Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Richard Palombo, to approve the Secretary's Report and Recommendation for Registration by Reciprocity, Examination and Grade Transfer. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Methapharm, Inc. - Re: Methacholine Chloride (Provocholine) is a drug product that "presents demonstrable an adverse effect on the safety and/or effectiveness of that drug product."

This item was considered an FYI. It also has been referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee.

(2) Continuing Education Report

Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Edith Micale, to accept the Continuing Education Report for June 11, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

(3) Veronica Vizzi, Director of Pharmacy Services, Silver Pharmacy, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ - Re: Requesting to expand their retail services to include I. V. therapy

The Chair directed the Executive Director to inform Veronica Vizzi, Director of Pharmacy Services and Silver Pharmacy Inc. that the Executive Director will send the forms and that remodeling applications need to be submitted in order for the pharmacy to include IV therapy.

(4) Powell Goldstein Frazier & Murphy LLP - Re: American Drug Club

The Board has no jurisdiction over this matter, as it is regulated by the federal government. The American Drug Club is a nationwide network of clubs designed to provide consumers with information about how to obtain Canadian prescription drugs. A law firm representing a prescription drug pharmacy brought this to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy's attention as it feels there are critical consumer safety issues. The American Drug Club is intending to supplement its online prescription business with the opening of over three hundred local customer-service centers throughout the United States by the end of this year.

(5) Health Alert Inc.- Request for Board approval of Adherence System b.k.a. The Reminder System developed to remind patients of the appropriate times to take their medication. Prime candidates would be patients suffering from chronic illnesses.

The Chair directed the Executive Director to forward this to the Department of Health and Human Services, as the Board has no jurisdiction over this matter.

The item was considered an FYI.

(6) 99th Annual NABP Conference- May 3-7, Philadelphia, PA.

Edward McGinley supplemented the reports previously submitted by other Board members. He attended the two substance abuse and treatment programs. The information obtained from these CE programs will appear in the July Board of Pharmacy newsletters.

VII. CONFERENCES

(1) ACPE 10th Conference on Continuing Pharmaceutical Education - "Pharmacy CE: Major Changes in the Works?" - September 18-21, 2003, Seattle, WA

No member will be available to attend this conference in September due to scheduling conflicts.

VIII. LEGISLATION

(1) A-570 and S-2598 - Board Review of the Pharmacy Practice Act

The Board expressed concern as to the possibility of any changes, they might suggest, affecting the passing of the Assembly version of this bill. The Assembly is due to vote on this bill June 12, 2003.

Mona Doyle moved, seconded by Pam Allen to reaffirm the motion of the May 28, 2003 meeting to have the pharmacy tech regulations taken out of the proposed bill. The motion passed.

The Board has acknowledged items IX.1-7 as for informational purposes only.

(1) NCPA Newsletter-"Elks Promote Illegal Rx Imports"

(2) Memo from Carmen Catizone, Exec. Dir., NABP - Re: Annual Meeting Actions on the Constitution and Bylaws/Resolutions

(3) NABP News Release - "NABP, NAPRA Finalize Position Statement to Work Together to Protect Citizens"

(4) Henry Hadry, U. S. Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, MD - Re: Banned Hazardous Substances

(5) Mark D. Grebenau, Director, Medical Information and Communication,

Novartis Transplantation, Immunology and Tissue Engineering - Re: Important Safety Notice: Incorrect Substitution of cyclosporine products May Pose a Threat to Patients

(6) FDA National Pharmacy - "Study Finds Dispensing Errors a National Problem"

(7) Carmen Catizone, Executive Director/Secretary, NABP - Re: Issues Regarding Pharmacy Dispensing 90-Day Supply of Medication

X. ELECTIONS:

Elections for Board President and Treasurer

The Executive Director called for the nominations for President. Anthony Alexander moved, seconded by Robert Kowalski, to nominate Edward McGinley for Board President. The motion passed unanimously. Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Mona Doyle, to close the nominations. The motion passed unanimously. The Board voted. Edward McGinley was elected as the new Board President.

The Executive Director called for the nominations for Treasurer. Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Mona Doyle, to nominate Edith Micale for Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. Robert Kowalski moved, seconded by Edward McGinley, to close the nominations for Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. The Board voted. Edith Micale was elected as the new Board Treasurer.

Edith Micale moved, seconded by Richard Palombo, to thank Anthony Alexander on behalf of the Board for the past two years of good work. The motion passed unanimously. Board of Pharmacy

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:28 a.m., Edward McGinley moved, seconded by Robert Kowalski, to enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Community Surgical Infusion Pharmacy. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:56 a.m., Edward McGinley moved, seconded by Mona Doyle, to move back into the Open Session in order to review/revise A-570 and S-2598. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:36 p.m., Mona Doyle moved, seconded by Anthony Alexander to return to the Executive Session to review 3 retail and IV permits (6/11/03), 18 inspections (6/11/03),

and 4 complaints (6/11/03). The motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Alexander moved, seconded by Richard Palombo, to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, _____

Debra C. Whipple
Executive Director