



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile - Addison Room, 4th floor

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fellows Present:

Jimmy Adams, DO, West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine
James Andriole, DO - Past President, AAOE
Mary Jo Capodice, DO – Vice President, AAOE; Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
Katherine Fisher, DO, Oregon Medical Board
Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO – Hawaii Medical Board
James Griffin, DO – Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Anna Hayden, DO – Immediate Past President, AAOE; Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Veryl Hodges, DO – Arkansas State Medical Board
Lynn Mark, DO - New York State Board for Medicine
Nicholas Parise, DO - Illinois Medical Licensing Board
Joel Rose, DO – Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Dana C. Shaffer, DO – Past President, AAOE; Board Chair, NBOME; Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
Barbara Walker, DO President, AAOE; North Carolina Medical Board
J. Michael Wieting, DO – Secretary-Treasurer, AAOE, Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination
Andrew Yuan, DO – Connecticut Medical Examining Board Department of Public Health
Joseph A. Zammuto, DO – President, Osteopathic Medical Board California
Jan Zieren, DO, Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination

Non-Members/Observers Present:

Humayun Chaudhry, DO – President & CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards
John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
Scott Steingard, DO, Chair-elect, Federation of State Medical Boards
Sandra Waters, MEM – Vice President, Collaborative Initiatives, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

AOA Leaders/Staff:

Mark Baker, DO – AOA President
Kim Kuman – Executive Assistant, AOA State Government Affairs
Raine Richards, JD - Director, AOA State Government Affairs

- I. Meeting called to order by Barbara Walker, DO, President, presiding at 5:05 PM (CDT).
- II. Approval (unanimous) of minutes of April 27, 2018 meeting. Approval of agenda (unanimous).

III. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Update – Humayun Chaudhry, DO, President and CEO, FSMB

- a) Acknowledged Scott Steingard, DO incoming FSMB chair, Anna Hayden, DO (FSMB Director) and others serving on FSMB committees and offices.
- b) Concern regarding potential personal liability of licensing board members over actions taken – seeking federal legislation protection of board members – details upcoming.
- c) New FSMB property purchased in Washington, D.C. for potential new building.
- d) Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – over 1500 licenses issued already
- e) Physician Wellness issue – a public health issue.
- f) Artificial Intelligence – especially regarding mistakes/errors made by a machine – how to handle this on a state regulatory level. FSMB will sponsor a small invitational symposium to inform where to go in the future.
- g) Social Media
 - i. work group working on policy on its use by physicians
 - ii. possibly need new/revised policies
 - iii. recommendations for physicians
- h) Sexual Boundary Issues – increasing complaints from patients, trainees, etc.
 - i. What should state boards do? - a work group is working on this
- i) COMs working with FSMB regarding access to data on licensed physicians who work with medical students
- j) Internal task force to look at records of licensee discipline retrieval and if applicable to/useful for state boards.
- k) IAMRA meeting in October 2018. Dr. Hayden will represent AAOE.

IV. American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Update - Mark Baker, DO, President, AOA

- a) Welcomed group to Chicago
- b) Working on improving AOA Board Certification Services

V. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME) Update – John Gimpel, DO, President and CEO, NBOME

- a) Mission, leadership updates, and awards (including Dr. Walker)
- b) Overview of National Faculty, Standard Setting Panels
- c) COMLEX-USA pass rates and new passing standards
 - i. Level 1 new passing standard
 - ii. Level 2 CE, 2 PE
 - iii. Level 3
- d) COMLEX-USA Level 3 New Blueprint and new GME program director attestation for eligibility requirement.
- e) Catalyst – continuous assessment and learning program
 - i. Pilots with AOBP, AOBIM, ABOG, and take-away results/feedback – positive for providing better care and recommend to colleagues
- f) Single Accreditation System for GME
 - i. NRMP Match results for 2018
- g) ACGME acceptance rate of COMLEX (77%)
- h) Initiatives to reach residency program directors

VI. State Legislative Update – Raine Richards, JD, Director, State Government Affairs, AOA

- a) 46 states legislatures in session, all sent legislative communications
 - i. Assistant physician licensure efforts
 - ii. DMS licensure
 - iii. Bureau of State Government Affairs policy revisions – regarding special licensing pathways for physicians, non-physician clinician policy
 - iv. Opposition for creation of new medical license types
- b) Osteopathic equivalency and distinctiveness especially in licensure, in legislation/regulation
- c) Updating state legislative terminology
- d) Insurance regulation issues, especially regarding care cost for patients
- e) Prescription drug abuse/substance diversion

VII. Assistant Physician Update

- a) No longer restricted to primary care
- b) Level of supervision variations

VIII. Osteopathic Manual Practitioners

- a) Former Canadian chiropractor has established self-accredited schools of “European style osteopathy” and calling themselves “DOs” after passing self-created board examination
- b) They have created a Canadian and an international association
- c) Cathopathi physician
 - i. One has inquired about licensure in Hawaii

IX. Policy Development Preventing Physician Burnout – Scott Steingard, DO, Chair-elect, FSMB

- a) Licensing issues and safe haven reporting
- b) Initial discussion re: disruptive physicians
- c) Realization that disruptive behavior often has roots in burnout
- d) Focus on:
 - i. professionalism Education
 - ii. Research/evaluation
 - iii. Collaboration
 - iv. Stigma reduction
- e) Surveyed state medical boards re: awareness of stigmas among licensees
- f) Held Stakeholder Summit
 - i. Many attendees didn’t realize their role in physician burnout
- g) License application question design
 - i. Trigger point for many stakeholders
 - ii. Balance between public and physician protection and transparency
 - iii. Many questions on applications are against Federal law
 - iv. Issues with licensing process and stigma inhibiting treatment and disclosure
- h) FSMB recommendations:
 - i. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice medicine in a completely ethical and professional manner?

- ii. Consider offering “safe haven non-reporting” to applicants for licensure who are receiving appropriate treatment for mental health or addiction
- iii. Work with safe legislature to ensure that the personal health information of licensees related to an illness/diagnosis is not publicly disclosed as part of a board’s process

1. Goals of recommendation of FSMB

- a. Encourage physician to seek help early
 - b. Remove stigma associated with acknowledging need for help
 - c. Improve physician well being
 - d. Change perception of licensing board role as always punitive
 - e. Promote understanding of “duty to report” to assist in earlier intervention
 - f. Improve equality of care delivered to patients
 - g. Support public protection efforts of state medical boards
- i) Future considerations
 - i. Encourage self-care without fear of repercussion against license
 - ii. State medical boards duty to protect the public includes a responsibility to support physician wellness

X. Report on Special Legislative Commission to Examine the Advisability of Rhode Island Joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – James Griffin, DO

- a) Opponents often misinformed
- b) Often legislative action needed
- c) Input from government officials, state medical associations
- d) Opposition by the medical society to proposed legislation by compact components; hospitals and medical staffs need to act as self governing entities, including determination of eligibility criteria for medical staff privileges
- e) Recommend licensing board members be involved with these legislative issues, make contact with elected officials, be a resources to legislators
- f) Expertise of Rick Masters, on licensure compacts

XI. AAOE Nominating Committee and Elections

- a) 2 years terms end April 2019
- b) Nominating Committee needs to begin its work
- c) Slate presented at Jan. 2019 meeting and election will be in April 2019

XII. Osteopathic Medical Regulation/Licensure Roundtable

- a) North Carolina - one position required to be a DO on the licensing board
- b) California - already dealing with osteopathic manual practitioner issue
- c) Oregon - currently two DO’s also hold officer positions
- d) Issues with incorrect calculation of buprenorphine prescribing amounts using morphine equivalents
- e) Maine – has considered merging two licensing boards into one
- f) New Mexico – likely merging of two licensing boards into one composite board
- g) Florida – limitations on number of days for opioid prescriptions and requiring documented PDMP inquiry

- h) Florida and Pennsylvania_– considering no longer requiring AOA internship for licensure

XIII. Next Meetings

- a) January 24-27, 2019 (Las Vegas)
- b) April 25-27, 2019 (Fort Worth)

Therefore, being no further business, meeting adjourned by Dr. Walker at 6:47 p.m. (CDT) after motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Wieting, DO
AAOE Secretary-Treasurer

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