



## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Sheraton – Le Meridien Hotel - Governor's Ballroom 1-3 - Charlotte, NC

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM

### **Fellows Present:**

Jimmy Adams, DO – West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Mary Jo Capodice, DO, Vice President, AAOE; Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
Thomas Carver, DO - North Dakota Board of Medicine  
Douglas Cunningham, DO – Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine in Surgery  
James DiRenna, DO – Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts  
Robin Durrett, DO - Kansas State Board of Healing Arts  
Jone Flanders, DO - Hawaii Medical Board  
Randel Gibson, DO - Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
Anna Hayden, DO - Immediate Past President, AAOE; Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Gary Hill, DO – Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
Kathleen Kudray, DO – Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Burton Mark, DO – Pennsylvania Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Ernest Miller, DO – West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Dana Shaffer, DO - Past President, AAOE; Board Chair, NBOME; Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
Nicholas Parise, DO - Illinois Licensing Board  
Donald Polk, DO - Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
Joel Rose, DO – Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Sandra Schwemmer, DO - Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Anita Steinbergh, DO - State Medical Board of Ohio  
Scott Steingard, DO, Arizona Osteopathic Board of Examiners  
Scott Thomas, DO – Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure  
Barbara E. Walker, DO - President, AAOE; North Carolina Medical Board  
J. Michael Wieting, DO - Secretary-Treasurer, AAOE; Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners

### **Fellows Participation via Phone:**

James Andriole, DO – Past President, AAOE; Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
James Griffin, DO – Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

### **Non-Members/Observers Present:**

Mohammed Arsiwala, MD – Michigan Board of Medicine  
Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, President & CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)  
David Garza, DO, MS.MedL – Vice Chair, AOA Bureau of State Government Affairs  
John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME)  
David Henderson, JD – CEO, North Carolina Medical Board  
Jerry Landau, JD – Arizona Osteopathic Board of Examiners  
Savannah Okoronkwo – Consumer Assistant/Complaints, Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine

Shawn Parker, JD – North Carolina Medical Board  
Mikal Smoker, PA-C – New Mexico Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Gregory Snyder, MD – Board of Directors, Federation of State Medical Boards  
Sarvam TerKonda, MD – Florida Board of Medicine  
Sandra Waters, MEM – Vice President, Collaborative Initiatives, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

**AOA Leaders/Staff:**

Raine Richards, JD, Director, State Government Affairs

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 AM by Barbara Walker, DO, President, presiding.
- II. Dr. Walker provided the candidates for 2018-2019 FSMB leadership positions with the opportunity to speak to AAOE to outline their qualifications, FSMB experience, and priorities for the organization (3 minutes per individual).
  - a. Mohammed Arsiwala, MD (MI)
  - b. Sarvam TerKonda, MD (FL)
  - c. Shawn Parker, JD (NC)
  - d. Anita Steinbergh, DO (OH)
  - e. Anna Hayden, DO (FL)
- III. Dr. Walker introduced Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, President & CEO, FSMB, to provide an FSMB update on the following topics:
  - a. Recognized AAOE members' contributions to FSMB
  - b. Encouraged attendance at FSMB Foundation lunch
  - c. AACOM's new Task Force on Ethics and Professionalism
  - d. Sharing agreement between FSMB and AACOM which allows COMs to verify the credentials and licensing/disciplinary information of current and prospective COM faculty. Currently working to get MD schools on board.
  - e. FSMB will hold a symposium on artificial intelligence and may establish a workgroup or create a white paper; FSMB is considering updating its current policy on boundaries for physicians and the use of social media; FSMB guidelines are aimed at practitioners as well as state licensing boards; state licensing boards vary in how they categorize disciplinary actions (i.e. "professionalism, "miscellaneous," etc.), and there is a need for standardization so that the information can be found as easily as categorizing practitioners by age, etc.
  - f. IAMRA meeting in October in Dubai (Dr. Hayden will represent AAOE).
- IV. Dr. Walker introduced NBOME's Dana Shaffer, DO, Board Chair and John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO to provide an NBOME update on the following:
  - i. Dr. Shaffer outlined NBOME products and services, including the COMLEX-USA licensing exam, and noted that Donald Polk, DO represents AAOE on the NBOME board. He also recognized Geraldine O'Shea, DO, James

Andriole, DO, Ronald Burns, DO and J. Michael Wieting, DO for their contributions to NBOME activities.

- ii. Dr. Gimpel thanked Barbara Walker, DO, and J. Michael Wieting, DO, for their participation on the COMLEX-USA Level 1 standard setting panel and invited attendees to participate on the Level 3 standard setting panel this summer. He also provided a look at upcoming changes to NBOME services and the addition of “professional good standing” to the academic good standing attestation requirement for program directors as a prerequisite to a resident physician sitting for COMLEX Level 3.

- V. Dr. Walker introduced David Garza, DO, Vice Chair, AOA’s Bureau on State Government Affairs, to provide an update on the following:
  - a. Scope of practice expansion efforts in multiple states
  - b. Physician workforce issues
  - c. AOA legislative and regulatory advocacy activity
  - d. Proposals to support licensure of physicians who have not undertaken or completed postgraduate training (Assistant/Associate Physicians)
  - e. Tennessee’s (defeated) proposal to allow physician assistants who complete a newly created Doctor of Medical Science degree program to provide primary care services without physician involvement
  - f. Buprenorphine milligram morphine equivalents (MMEs) have been erroneously included in some states’ Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) opioid dosage threshold calculations intended for opioids prescribed for the treatment of pain, leading to sanctions against physicians who prescribe buprenorphine as part of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to treat opioid use disorder.

Dr. Chaudhry mentioned that Louisiana is considering a bill to take away the licensing board’s ability to issue a “summary suspension” of a license and prohibit investigators from discussing cases with the licensing board without the physician at issue present.

Dr. Arsiwala commented that the Michigan Board of Medicine was considering a 50 MME daily threshold for buprenorphine used in MAT but addictionologists are recommending higher.

- VI. Dr. Walker thanked guests for their participation and contributions, and announced the start of the Business Meeting (AAOE Fellows only) portion of the meeting. She then presented the proposed agenda. Anna Hayden, DO made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Gary Hill, DO. The motion unanimously adopted.
- VII. Dr. Walker presented the draft minutes from the January 27, 2018 AAOE meeting for approval. She asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes. Dr. Hayden made a motion to approve the draft minutes; seconded by Dr. Hill and approved unanimously.
- VIII. Dr. Walker opened the discussion on the business of FSMB’s Annual Meeting agenda and resolutions. Dr. Hayden lead the review on selected proposed/amendments including:
  - a. Two categories of Fellow of the FSMB (Board Members and Staff) and their terms and available offices

- b. Duties of Immediate Past Chair
- c. Guidelines for structure and function of state licensing boards – to supersede prior guidelines
- d. Interprofessional continuing education (IPCE)
- e. Study of Regenerative and Stem Cell Therapy Practices
- f. PDMPs
- g. Acute Opioid Prescribing Workgroup and Guidelines
- h. USMLE Testing Time Limits
- i. Physician Wellness and Burnout
- j. Artificial Intelligence

The Fellows discussed the 2018-2019 candidates for FSMB leadership positions (AAOE Fellows who were candidates stepped out of the meeting for this portion).

- IX. Dr. Walker asked Dr. Wieting to provide an AAOE budget update. The Dr. Wieting presented a report on the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual AAOE Finances (as of 4/18/2018).
- X. Dr. Walker led a roundtable open discussion on the issues state licensing board members are seeing and current trends on the following issues:
  - a. North Carolina – ongoing issues with the outcome of the Dental Board case
  - b. Florida - Federal Trade Commission is looking at board decisions in various states; some states want more regulatory authority over licensing boards
  - c. Discussion of importance of indemnity insurance for state licensing board members to insure against personal liability for board actions
  - d. Discussion of scope of practice expansion attempts by Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
  - e. Maine – concerned about a possible proposal to combine the medical and osteopathic medical boards and how to defend against it. Florida also had the “superboard” issue come up. Dr. Steinbergh noted that if a state board is running in the red it is hard to defend against a merger; however, Maine is able to cover all of its own operating costs through licensing fees and penalties.
  - f. North Carolina – would like to see a designated DO seat on the medical board; Ohio commented that they have always had 1 DO seat (out of 8) by statute and the osteopathic perspective is valued.
  - g. State board policies on the use of telemedicine were discussed.
- XI. Dr. Walker reminded the fellows that the next meeting will be the AAOE Business Meeting (during AOA’s Annual Meeting - House of Delegates) on July 19, 2018 in Chicago, IL.
- XII. There being no further business, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Ernest Miller, DO made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen Kudray, DO. Dr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:25 AM.