

Minutes
Arkansas State Board of Optometry
Office of the Attorney General
Little Rock, AR

May 15, 2008

Dr. Morris opened the meeting with all Board members present. Dr. Howard Flippin, Executive Director, Ann Booker, Board secretary, Vicki Farmer with AOA and Bill Trice Board Attorney were also present. Dr. John Witherspoon, Dr. Tim Norton, Dr. Roy Ashabranner, Dr. Charles McWaters, Dr. Bradley Diner, Dr. Clifford Turner, Dr. Allison Hall and Angie Muldoon with Wal-Mart were in the audience.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed with corrections, Mr. Shirley made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Ashabranner was out of compliance with the Medical Foundation because of his inability to keep the Foundation informed of his location and phone numbers. However, Dr. Diner stated it was not a question of sobriety. The Board took the letter from the Medical Foundation under advisement. He is to attend the next Board meeting

Dr. McWaters was found to be in compliance with the Medical Foundation order but had failed to adequately keep the Foundation informed of his phone numbers. Dr. McWaters has also moved to a different location. He apparently did not adequately transfer records properly and he does not have an agreement at his new location concerning records. Prior to the next meeting, Dr. McWaters is to present the Board with all his old/recent lease/contractual agreements, employee agreements and newspaper ads for patient information concerning records. If he does not satisfactorily submit these documents he may face disciplinary action.

Dr. Coffee made a motion to subpoena Dr. Ridings to be present at the next Board meeting to answer questions concerning his employment/record agreement with Dr. McWaters. Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Tim Norton was found to have advocacy with the Medical Foundation. He is to attend the next Board meeting.

Mr. Trice invited Ms. Muldoon of Wal Mart to discuss lease agreements with the Board.

Dr. Haas presented the Board with JC Penney ads that would appear to be in violation of the practice act. He discussed a recent action against them by the Optician Board. Dr. Flippin is to write a letter to the Doctors at this location, in the time frame of the ad, requesting they be present at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Flippin informed the Board of the notice from the Governor, officially reappointing two of the current Board members. The members are Dr. George Haas and Mr. Herman Shirley. Both terms will expire in year 2013.

Dr. Smalling invited the Board to attend the Seattle ARBO meeting in June. The next national meeting will be at Washington DC in 2009. Dr. Flippin will be attending for the Board. The Board has approved travel and registration.

Dr. Coffee made a motion the Board be paid one-day expenses and travel for the Board meeting. Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Coffee also made a motion for Board members to be paid one night stay, plus travel expenses for Board Exams to be given in July, 2008. Dr. Hubbard made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dale Morris, O.D., President

Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., OD, Secretary