

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2010

The West Virginia Board of Osteopathy met on Monday, April 26, 2010, via a conference call originating from the Board Office in Charleston, WV. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Vice President, Mr. Robert Whitler.

Members Present:

Robert Whitler – Vice President
Thomas Gilligan, D.O. – Secretary
Arthur Rubin, D.O. – Physician Board Member
Elizabeth Blatt, Ph.D. – Lay Board Member

Staff Members Present:

Doren Burrell, Esq. – Board Attorney
Diana Shepard - Executive Director

Legislative Rules:

The three Rules revisions approved at the 2010 Legislative Session have been signed by the Governor and are now presented to the Board of Osteopathy for acceptance and filing as law.

Motion passed for the acceptance and filing of the Rules changes to Series 1, 4 and 5 with an implementation date of April 27, 2010. **(Blatt/Gilligan)**

Jeffrey K. Bates, D.O.

Dr. Bates entered into a consent order with the Board on December 13, 2007, requiring a five year probation with specific stipulation for Dr. Bates to comply with all laws and rules pertaining to the practice of osteopathic medicine.

The Board has received notification that Dr. Bates has been removed from the work schedule in the Emergency Department of Thomas Memorial Hospital. Additional investigation indicates that Dr. Bates has falsified prescriptions under the names of two other physicians for his own use of controlled substances. Dr. Bates has admitted these violations and surrendered his DEA permit.

Motion passed to for immediate suspension of license with a hearing to be scheduled within 15 days. **(Gilligan/Blatt)**

Administrative Issues:

- 1) The Complaint Committee will be scheduling a meeting prior to the May 13, 2010 Board meeting. Date will be confirmed this week.
- 2) The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010, at 10:00 AM in the Charleston Office Board Room. Members from the Federation of State Medical Boards will be making a presentation at the May meeting and would like to meet with the Board on the evening prior to the meeting.
- 3) Dr. Rubin requested the Board Office develop a form to be signed by the Board member conducting the interview for a new applicant. This would be signed and sent to the Board Office upon completion of the interview, documenting the final step in the application process.
- 4) Dr. Gilligan requested that a packet of information, including the Rule changes, be provided to each new licensee.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2010, at 10 AM in Charleston. **(Gilligan/Rubin)**

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Gilligan, D.O.
Secretary