## WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY **Board Meeting Minutes** June 30, 2011

The West Virginia Board of Osteopathy met via teleconference on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 9:00AM. The meeting was called to order by President, Ernest Miller.

## **Members Present:**

Ernie Miller, D.O. – President Robert Whitler - Vice President Joseph Schreiber, D.O. - Physician Member Elizabeth Blatt - Public Member Arthur Rubin, D.O. – Secretary (Excused from this morning's meeting)

## **Staff Members Present:**

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

Today's meeting agenda consisted of four (4) issues requiring immediate attention from the Board. Included were three (3) license renewals and one (1) complaint issue.

Charles Smith, DO:

Motion was made to renew Dr. Smith's license with a restriction on prescribing controlled substances. (Whitler/Blatt) Motion did not carry.

Motion was made to deny license renewal and set for hearing. (Blatt/Whitler) Motion to deny was approved with hearing date to be set.

Okechukwu Nwodim, DO: At their June 8, 2011 meeting, the Board decided not to impose any sanctions against Dr. Nwodim. Motion made to renew 2011 license. (Whitler/Blatt)

Roland P. Sharp, DO:

An application for license renewal has been submitted by Dr. Roland P. Sharp for the 2011 renewal period. However, the number of CME hours for the 2009-2011 licensing period are deficient. Application will be held as incomplete until the required 32 hours are submitted. (Schreiber/Whitler) Dr. Blatt abstained from voting.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:15 with all Board members, the Board's Executive Director and Attorney present. (Whitler/Schreiber)

The Board moved back into Public Session at 9:25 AM. (Whitler/Schreiber)

**Complaint 2009-23:** 

The Board received information from the physician, through his attorney, that he had voluntarily completed additional pain management training. Following a chart review conducted by a Pain Management Specialist the physician also implemented changes within his practice in the treatment of pain management. As the threat of eminent risk has been averted, motion was made to rescind the restrictions on the physician's license and proceed with the complaint.

Another conference call will be needed to review the comments made on the changes, proposed by the Board for the 2012 Legislative Session. Call will be scheduled prior to July 29, 2011, when the rules are to be submitted to the Legislative Rules Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shepard, Executive Director for

Arthur Rubin, D. O., Secretary