

NSBOM NEWSLETTER

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 901 American Pacific Dr., Suite 180, Henderson, NV 89014

What we need to know about our laws . . .

The 2009 Nevada Legislative Session was to say the least very interesting. We have new licenses - - special volunteer licenses, special Corrections Dept. licenses, special Mental Health Dept. licenses, and demonstration licenses. SB 269 allows this Board to enter into remediation agreements with our licensees, as well as issue letters of warnings, letters of concern, and/or nonpunitive admonishment letters. NRS 633.511, grounds for initiating disciplinary action, has been revised and allows the Board to bring an action against a licensee on the additional grounds of signing

a blank prescription form, terminating a patient's care without proper notice, failure to comply with a remediation agreement, and a number of other new grounds. The Board can now accept anonymous complaints against licensees; and in addition to the already enumerated disciplines found in NRS 633.651, the Board can impose fines not exceeding \$5,000, require supervision of a licensee, require community service, require additional training or educational classes, and require participation in diversion programs. Please keep in mind that it is the duty

of the licensees to know the laws impacting the practice of osteopathic medicine . . . For example, the Board has already held one workshop on proposed new regulations, and will be conducting another one in the very near future. The proposed regulations are on the Board's website should you wish to review them and provide commentary. The regulations adopted by the Board in December 2008 should, hopefully, be codified in NAC chapter 633 within the next few months. Also, the Board will soon begin preparing bill draft requests for the 2011 Legislature.

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Meet the NSBOM Staff and New Board Member

Lisa Miller Roche, Esq., is no longer serving as a Board Member, electing to pursue other challenges.

S. Paul Edwards, Esq., was appointed by the Governor as Ms. Roche's replacement. Mr. Edwards graduated from Gonzaga School of Law in 2006, and clerked for Nevada Supreme Court Justice Mark Gibbons. Thereafter, he joined the law firm of Lewis & Roca in Reno, NV, specializing in commercial

REMINDER: NAC 633.260 Each person who holds a license to practice osteopathic medicine in this State shall file with the Board his proper and current mailing address and report immediately to the Board any change of address, giving both his old and his new address. If your address changes, please complete an address change form found on our website at www.bom.nv.gov and mail or fax it to us.

FURTHER REMINDER RE: RETENTION OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR PATIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 23 YEARS. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SEPARATE EMAIL ABOUT THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE CHANGE IN THE RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE & PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION OF THE STATE MEDICAL BOARDS . . . YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS . . .

Did you know that the Board has relocated it's offices? We are now located at 901 American Pacific Dr., Suite 180, Henderson, NV 89014. The telephone and fax numbers have remained the same. In celebration of our new "digs," the FSMB and Board Members have graciously agreed to provide beverages and appetizers for a *GRAND* open house. The **OPEN HOUSE** will be Tuesday, February 2, 2010, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. You cannot miss us - we are across the street from Touro University. Additionally, FSMB will be offering a presentation during the Board's regularly scheduled board meeting starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. If you have not already attended a Board meeting, please plan on staying and watching our Board in action. We hope to see you on 2-2-2010.

Litigation. Mr. Edwards is an avid outdoorsman - - enjoys hunting, fishing, and restoring classic cars. When he is not busy being a lawyer or an outdoorsman, or serving on this Board, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife, two daughters, and two sons.

WELCOME TO THE BOARD !

Dianna Hegeduis, Esq., has joined the Board's staff as the Executive Director-Board Counsel. Mrs. Hegeduis was previously employed at the Nevada State Attorney General's office serving as counsel to this Board along with various other state agencies/boards/commissions. Mrs. Hegeduis graduated from BYU in 1995. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Mrs. Hegeduis worked with the law firms of Alverson Taylor Mortensen & Sanders as well as Cohen Johnson Day & Clayson. She has lived in Las Vegas since 1976, working continuously in the legal field.

Dr. C. Dean Milne was appointed by Governor Gibbons to a full term on the Board. He previously served a partial term to fulfill the remainder of another Member's appointment to the Board.

Tacy Woodhams has returned as our Enforcement Specialist. She will be with the office full time. You may recall, she joined the Army National Guard and was on military training leave for approximately 6 months. Her specialty in the National Guard was water purification. In addition to returning to this office full time, her plans include the continuation of her college education.

WELCOME BACK !

Unfortunately, Lori Belden will be leaving our office on January 22, 2010. We wish her luck in her new endeavors and will miss her. Ms. Belden previously assisted the Board with the enforcement and disciplinary cases.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Our Osteopathic Community has grown . . . check out the following stats pertaining to licenses issued by the Board:

| Licenses | 2000 | 2009 |
|----------|------|------|
| D.O. | 499 | 760 |
| P.A. | 30 | 58 |
| Special | 24 | 143 |
| Inactive | 0 | 57 |

And with the growth in the number of licensees, our staff has been busier than ever:

| Discipline | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Settlements | 2 | 32 |
| Hearings | 0 | 1 |
| License Surrender | 1 | 1 |
| License Suspension | 0 | 1 |
| License Denial | 1 | 1 |
| Public Reprimands | 1 | 2 |

And we are now across the street from Touro University . . .

Touro University - Nevada is located in Henderson, Nevada, on American Pacific Drive. It is becoming recognized as an outstanding health science center serving the greater Las Vegas area. The campus consists of two colleges, the College of Osteopathic Medicine which offers the following programs: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine - D.O. and the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) and the College of Health and Human Services which offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT), Master of Education (MEd) in School Administration and Special Education Generalist, and Endorsement in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). For more information, see their website <http://www.tu.edu>.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMORABILIA YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY AT THE BOARD'S NEW OFFICES?

During our move, we found two books. The first contained minutes from the first Board meeting held in Reno on July 19, 1925. It notes that Governor Scrugham appointed two members to the board, i.e., Dr. Ralph Burdick of Tonopah as President and Dr. E. M. Lord of Reno as Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Burdick was issued License #1 and Dr. Lord was issued License #2. It was also noted therein that the cash on hand as of 7-1-37 was \$63.43; and the amount increased to \$114.43 by 6-30-38 (end of the fiscal year). The 2nd book contained the actual application of Dr. Burdick for license # 1 dated 8-1-25 as well as the "Financial Report of the Nevada Board of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons Examiners from 10-15-31 to 4-24-43." The total receipts by the Board for that time period was \$3,250.00. We would like to display these books and any other items donated by our licensees. Let us know if you wish to donate an item relevant to osteopathic medicine for display here at our new offices. We would greatly appreciate it.

Do you supervise a PA-C or an APN?

- All physician assistants and their supervising physicians **MUST** sign a supervising agreement form and mail it into the Board office.
- It is **IMPERATIVE** that a collaborating agreement form be completed and sent into us for all APNs.
- Physicians will be required to sign a letter stating they are compliant with NRS 633.469 regarding requirements of supervision.
- A supervising physician may not supervise more than a total of three physician assistants and advanced practitioners of nursing.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to Adopted R192-07 for adopted regulations regarding physicians' assistants-- located on our website under "Laws and Regulations"

Look for the summer newsletter!

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