

North Dakota Board of Podiatric Medicine
Special Board Meeting
January 14, 2019

Board Members Present: Kevin Koester, DPM, Ashley Evanoff, DPM, Gordon Leingang, DO, Vicki Kunz

Others Present: Stacy Moldenhauer, attorney and JoDee S. Wiedmeier, Executive Director

Absent: Eric Hart, DPM, One Vacancy

Dr. Evanoff served as chairman of the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. CST.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was found and the meeting proceeded.

Ms. Moldenhauer introduced HB 1253 which had been previously distributed to the members. Several concerns were voiced regarding the section of the bill regarding the petitioning process. Among the concerns were that the bill leaves much unclear about the petitioning process, the fee that can be collected and the costs associated with holding a separate meeting with each petition filed, the fact that only certain crimes and duration of crimes may be considered, the redundancy of filing a petition and then a full application. Ms. Moldenhauer discussed the board's options in regard to proposed legislation. Vicki Kunz moved that the board oppose HB 1253 and instruct Ms. Moldenhauer and Ms. Wiedmeier to represent the board's interests as indicated in the manner which they deem appropriate. Dr. Leingang seconded. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

Ms. Moldenhauer introduced HB 2126 which had been previously distributed to the members. Discussion commenced regarding the bill. The board had several concerns. One concern was being required to issue a license based on practice years only with no ability to consider other information, such as discipline, education, exam scores, etc. Further, how is 'practice years' defined and how would that be verified. Concern about previous discipline and how do we determine pending discipline? The board does not feel this bill would be beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Dr. Evanoff moved that the board oppose SB 2126 and instruct Ms. Moldenhauer and Ms. Wiedmeier to represent the board's interests as indicated in the manner they deem appropriate. Ms. Kunz seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

Ms. Moldenhauer introduced HB 2127 which had been previously distributed to the members. Discussion commenced regarding the bill. The largest concern voiced by the board was on page 5 of the bill wherein it states that a military dependent (spouse) are able to practice in their profession without a license for 24 months. It is of great concern to the board that an unqualified practitioner could be rendering services to the public without any type of oversight. For instance, if a citizen had a complaint against a podiatrist practicing under this provision,

where would they take it? The board does not feel that this bill protects the public. Dr. Leingang moved that the board oppose SB 2127 and instruct Ms. Moldenhauer and Ms. Wiedmeier to represent the board's interests as indicated in the manner they deem appropriate. Dr. Koester seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Those in favor: Dr. Evanoff, Ms. Kunz, Dr. Leingang, Dr. Koester. Those opposed: none.

Dr. Evanoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Koester seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Hart, DPM
Secretary/Treasurer

Attest:



Ashley Evanoff, DPM
President