MINUTES L.S.B.O.E. FRIDAY JAN.29, 2021

MEETING CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by President Wroten

The roll was called and present were Drs. Wroten, Avallone, Anastasio, Sandefur, Gerdes, Jeff Wilhite (representing the Optometry Assn. of La.) Mr. Dale Benoit, Hope Sonnier, and attorney Graves Theus.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes of both the July and November meetings were approved as presented upon motion by Dr. Sandefur/ Avallone. Motion passed unanimously.

New member Dr. Jerry Gerdes was introduced.

The finance report for the period Jan. 1, 2020 thru Jan. 27, 2021 was presented showing a net profit of $27, 766.17. Several items were discussed, minor reallotments will be made.

Telehealth was discussed at length. Upon motion by Dr. Avallone/Anastasio the proposed regulations designed by Dr. Avallone were approved as presented and will be promulgated as a new rule. Passed unanimously.

Other items of discussion:

Stanton Optical: Mr. Theus will contact the Lafayette parish District Attorney for assistance.

Barthelemy’s Optical: Mr. Theus will issue a subpoena and the board will levy a fine if there is no response to the subpoena.

Krewe Optical: Resolved. The file will be closed.

Dr. Scott Abbott: has not renewed license for year 2020, must pay all fines and fees due in order to renew.

Dr. Diana Lebreton: The file will be closed.

Dr. Craig Quintal: Must pass both Oklahoma surgery courses and re-take the board exam for re-licensure.

Diana Bittola complaint: Resolved. The file will be closed.

Dana White complaint: Resolved. The file will be closed

License renewals were discussed. Approximately 150 have renewed at this point. Only a few problems seen.

The Dr. Verle Judd matter was discussed. Dr. Judd will have to re-take the board exam in July 2021.

The Rebecca Moser hardship request was discussed and dismissed due to the exemption the board will grant regarding C.E. requirements.

Dr. Avallone will contact A.R.B.O. regarding assistance with the annual C.E. audit.

Third party license verifications were discussed. The process for doing verifications online is active but there continues to be a few minor problems which are being worked on. Approximately $11,000.00 has been collected online to date.

Dr. Wroten will contact La. Dept. of Health regarding communication between them and the L.S.B.O.E.

The continuing education requirements for calendar 2020 were discussed. Upon motion by Dr. Wroten/ Sandefur the board issued a blanket hardship exemption due to the CORONA-19 virus pandemic to all licensees covering all continuing education requirements for calendar year 2020. Passed unanimously. All continuing education requirements for calendar year 2021 remain in place.

Dr. Anastasio gave a licensing examination update.

Dr. Sandefur reported on O.D. surgery in Ambulatory Surgical Centers. He is waiting to hear back from L.D.H.

Dr. Wroten sent to all board members the information on the prohibition on O.D.s selling drugs.

The division of duties was adopted upon motion by Dr. Anastasio/ Benoit which passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 27, 2021.

Dr. Chris Wroten Dr. James Sandefur

President Secretary