OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order/Introductions
Chair Randy Anderson, DPM, called the meeting of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Board (board) to order at 9:03 a.m. on April 25, 2019. The board made the following actions for these agenda items:

1.1. Introduction of board, staff, guests, and audience.
    The board, staff, and guests in attendance each gave a brief introduction.

1.2. Approval of the April 25, 2019, meeting agenda
    MOTION: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

1.3. Approval of the March 14, 2019, meeting minutes
    MOTION: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Old Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair
2.1. Rules Project Updates
    2.1.1. WAC 246-922-230 – Prohibited transactions.
The documents to hold a rule adoption hearing has been submitted to the DOH. An anticipated date for a hearing is August 1, 2019, at the board’s regular business meeting.

2.1.2. Opioid prescribing – update to correspond to other boards/commissions rules and address typographical errors.
Ms. Waidely provided background information about this rule. The documents to initiate rulemaking have been submitted to the DOH. It is anticipated that a hearing may be scheduled to coincide with the board’s October 10, 2019, regular business meeting.

2.2. 2019 Legislative Session update
Mr. Burnham provided a status report on 23 bills that have been considered during the 2019 legislative session that are of interest to the podiatric profession.

3. New Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair

3.1. Senate Bill 5380 – 2019 legislation
The board heard a report on the status of Senate Bill 5380, the Governor’s request legislation regarding opioid/substance use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services. If the bill passes both legislative houses, the board will need to initiate rulemaking to address patient right to refuse opioid medications. If a deadline is set, the board may need to call a special meeting.

3.2. Update to initial application template
The board considered whether to continue requiring podiatric physician applicants to provide a photograph with their application.

MOTION: The motion was made to remove the requirement for podiatric physician applicants to provide a photograph with their application. The motion was seconded and approved.

3.3. Next Newsletter Edition
The board identified the following topics and articles for the next edition of their newsletter scheduled to be released late summer/early autumn.
- An article from the WPHP submitted by Chris Bundy.
- An article from HEALWA submitted by Christina Pryor.
- An update of rules in progress.
- An updated article on opioid prescribing including a clarification of intent.
- Explanation of mandatory reporting
- “Where is your money going,” article outlining DOH revenue from fees and expenditures
- County profile (similar to spring 2017 Washington Medical Commission, page 3).
- “I received notice of complaint; what do I do now?”
- A link to the CDC.
3.4. Correspondence/Inquiries
No correspondences have been received since the last meeting.

3.5. Discussion on Increasing Number of Board Members and an Increase in Compensation
(Added agenda item)
The board voiced its continuing desire to increase the number of board members by adding one professional and one public member. The board would also like to be considered for an increase in the compensation rate for its work to be in line with other medical boards. It welcomes the Association’s advocacy and effort in these matters, and would like to see more pressure on legislators to make the necessary statutory changes.

Mr. Burnham shared that, because many boards are making similar requests, the DOH is looking to combine them together in a singular request to the legislature for 2020. The board asked that its desire be shared with DOH leadership for inclusion in this request. And, the board requests an email response from Mr. Martin Pittioni, Director of the Office of Healthcare Professionals that includes an explanation of the plan and a timeline for action.

4. Program Reports—DISCUSSION—Kris Waidely, Program Manager and Brad Burnham, Executive Director (covering for Susan Gragg, Interim Executive Director and Program Manager); Gail Yu, AAG
4.1. Budget and fee update
The board reviewed the 2019 Biennium-to-Date through March 31, 2019 budget report. Mr. Burnham explained details of AG Support and Intra-Agency Reimbursements as they account for the categories of greatest expense.

4.2. Statistics reports
The reports show 349 active licensees and 24 active disciplinary cases. Nine cases have been reviewed this year with three being closed and six remaining open. The board is interested to know the trends in credentialing counts and asks that quarterly performance reports be included in the board meeting packets.

4.3. Continuing education audit report
The board reviewed the April 2019 continuing education report provided by Ms. Gragg. The report provides examples of the type of courses being taken and approved. Any courses in question of qualifying, when there are any, are brought to the board for determination.

4.4. Recruitment update
4.4.1. Podiatric physician member position
Dr. Wardle has submitted his application to the governor for renewal of appointment to the board.

4.4.2. Executive Director
Mr. Burnham reported that Susan Gragg continues to fill the position of Interim Executive Director. By the time of the next board meeting a new Executive Director is expected to be in place.
5. **Open Forum**

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting the practice of podiatry and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

- Dr. Kovacevich Renne informed the board that the Medical Commission, in response to complaints about the difficulties of different opioid prescribing rules in multidisciplinary practice settings, has arranged for a mid-June meeting of lobbyists of the different proscribing professions. The goal is to get a reading of whether there is interest in getting to a consensus of the issue to seek a solution.

6. **Future Business—DISCUSSION—Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair**

The board identified the follow up reports on current rulemaking work and related hearings to be included as agenda items for future meetings.

7. **Settlement Presentations—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair**

Settlement and/or Agreed Order presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Decisions are made in Closed Session.

There were no settlement presentations.

8. **Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION—Randy Anderson, DPM, Chair**

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

9. **Discipline and Licensing**