

IOWA BOARD OF PODIATRY
Bureau of Professional Licensure
Lucas State Office Building – 5th Floor Boardroom #526
321 East 12th St.
Des Moines, Iowa

MINUTES
(Special Meeting)
June 17, 2010

Call to Order

This special meeting of the Iowa Board of Podiatry was held by conference call in accordance with Iowa Code 21.8 and was called to order at 7:07 a.m. by Dr. Denise Mandi, Acting Chair. An in-person meeting was not practical due to the limited agenda items, the relatively short duration of the meeting, a limited bureau budget, and the distance that would be traveled and costs incurred by each of the seven board members from around the state.

Roll Call

Members Present: Patsy Hastings
Dr. Gregory Lantz
Bridget Maher
Dr. Denise Mandi

Absent: Dr. Paul Dayton
Dr. Kelly Kadel

Dr. Eric Barp is recused from the matter before the Board and was not present.

Staff Present: Roxanne Sparks, Board Executive

The Board convened to review the requests submitted by Dr. Crank regarding the Board's final order and decision in case 05-004, 06-024 and 06-025.

Dr. Crank is proposing his attendance at a four day seminar at the Podiatry Institute in lieu of the referral to CPEP. The Board was not in favor of approving the Podiatry Institute and discussed the basis of their concerns. The concerns documented in the final decision and order about Dr. Crank's practice were not only surgical. A major concern surrounded Dr. Crank's record keeping, lack of x-rays, and poor documentation. The Board does not find that the proposed courses address this issue.

In addition, the Board is seeking an overall evaluation/assessment of Dr. Crank's skills and a comprehensive and objective report of the findings, identifying areas of strengths and areas of deficiency, to be submitted to the Board. The Board does not find that the Podiatry Institute provides this type of assessment and reporting.

The Board denied the request to accept the Podiatry Institute in lieu of CPEP. (MSC: Hastings/Maher)

Dr. Crank submitted the name of Dr. Bruce Pichler as his practice mentor. The Board feels that Dr. Pichler is not an objective reviewer. The Board believes he has a conflict of interest in this case, given the fact that he practiced with Dr. Crank for many years, and testified as his expert at hearing. Dr. Pichler concluded at hearing that there were almost no deficiencies in Dr. Crank's practice, an opinion which was contrary to that of the Board following the hearing. The Board does not believe it would be in the public's best interest to have Dr. Pichler monitor Dr. Crank's practice going forward. In addition, Dr. Pichler no longer practices in Iowa.

The Board denied Dr. Pichler as Dr. Crank's practice mentor. (MSC: Lantz/Hastings)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 a.m. (MSC: Hastings/Lantz)

These minutes were approved by the Board on July 9, 2010.