

MOREHEAD CITY - ATLANTIC BEACH HOTEL - JULY 28th, 1938 SPECIAL  
CALLED MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The meeting was called to order by President Vernon. All members of the Board were present - President Vernon, Vice President McMillan, McKay, Smith, Royal, Griffith and the Secretary Lawrence. There was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. McMillan to the effect "That we dispense with the reading of the minutes for the present and that this item be attended to later." The motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary then reported that all candidates who had taken the written examinations had made an average grade of 80 or more. The Secretary then made the following motion "The 85 candidates who had taken the written examinations having made a grade of 80 or above, I therefore, move that these 85 candidates be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina". This motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary then reported that Dr. Thomas Holt of Warrenton and Dr. Will Hardee Lassiter, Jr. of Smithfield had tied for first place with an average of 93  $\frac{2}{7}$  and that both these Drs. Holt and Lassiter had graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1938. The Secretary then reported that Dr. William Edward Adair, Jr. had won next high place with an average of 92  $\frac{6}{7}$  and that Dr. Adair had graduated at Temple University in Pennsylvania.

At that point President Vernon called attention to the fact that we had with us as our guest Dr. J. B. Sidbury of Wilmington, President of the North Carolina State Medical Society, and Dr. T. W. M. Long of Roanoke Rapids, Secretary of the State Medical Society. President Vernon further stated that these distinguished guests had been invited to meet with us for the purpose of discussing a matter of great importance to the State Medical Society, to the people of our State, and therefore a matter of great interest to the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Vernon then called on Dr. William H. Smith of Goldsboro to present the matter under consideration and to lead the discussion during its consideration.

Dr. Smith began as follows: "Mr. President, and members of the Board of Examiners, and distinguished guests - for sometime I have had in mind a study of, or a plan of study of the great question of socialized medicine which is pressing itself in on our profession today, etc." He then presented his views at some length giving his reasons why he believed this matter was so pregnant with such grave consequences. After Dr. Smith had presented his views, Dr. Vernon then called on Dr. Sidbury - President of the State Medical Society for an expression from him. Dr. Sidbury spoke briefly but favorably of the project as outlined by Dr. Smith and made special reference to the splendid program which has been carried on by the Hospital Care Association and expressed the opinion that he saw no reason why a plan for medical care could not be worked out along similar lines.

Then Dr. Vernon called on Dr. Long, Secretary of the State Medical Society and requested him to present his views on the subject. Dr. Long spoke at some length and expressed his views freely stating emphatically that the opinion he was expressing was his own opinion and that it was not to be interpreted as the opinion of the State Medical Society of which he was Secretary. He stated positively that he felt that the medical profession should make bold to take hold of this all important question at an early opportunity. Following the discussion by Dr. Long, the President then called on each member of the Board of Examiners present and each member was asked to express his views on the subject. There seemed to be a rather general approval of the project as outlined by Dr. Smith, and after each member of the Board had expressed his opinion, there was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. McMillan, and was passed unanimously to the effect: "I move you Mr. President that the Board of Examiners do petition the Executive Committee of the State Medical Society, that the said Executive Committee request and authorize the President of the State Medical Society to appoint a committee to study the general question of, the advisability, and the feasibility of, and to present a plan of insurance against medical care for the people of North Carolina, and that this motion be transmitted to the Secretary of the State Medical Society with a request that he present the same to the Executive Committee at its next meeting". This motion seemed to meet general approval of the members present, of President Sidbury, and of Dr. Long, and the motion was carried unanimously.



The Secretary then asked permission of, or the approval of the Board to issue a duplicate license to Dr. J. L. McElroy of Asheville whose license had been destroyed by fire. One of our members, Dr. Griffith stated that he knew Dr. McElroy and certified that the license had been destroyed. The motion was carried and the Secretary was instructed to issue a duplicate license to Dr. McElroy.

Following this the Secretary announced that there were some candidates for endorsement of their credentials waiting to be interviewed. The following were interviewed and were granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina upon the strength of their credentials:

Dr. Julius Sader	Dr. Leon A. Beardsley
Dr. Robert H. Jordan	Dr. Geo. H. Derieux, Jr.
Dr. Emory H. Anderson.	

There was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. McMillan that the Board do take a recess to meet at Nags Head on July 30th and there to transact such business as presented itself for consideration. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA - JULY 30, 1938.

The Board of Medical Examiners of North Carolina was called to order at the Hotel Nags Header by President Vernon. Drs. Griffith, McKay, Royal, Smith, and Lawrence were present in person. Dr. McMillan was voting by proxy.

President Vernon called on the Secretary for the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

There was a motion by Dr. Royal to the effect that the Secretary be instructed and directed to write Mrs. K. G. Averitt a letter expressing to her our affectionate regard and to tell her again of our high regard and our genuine esteem for her husband and our late member, Dr. K. G. Averitt. This motion was passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Dr. Griffith and seconded by Dr. McKay as follows: "In view of the fact that our Secretary, Dr. B. J. Lawrence has spent much time and energy in looking after matters of interest and importance pertaining to the Board of Examiners of the State of North Carolina, and in view of the fact that he has rendered great service over and above that required of him as Secretary in the handling of matters pertaining to the work of the Board of Medical Examiners, we do move and order that he be paid the sum of \$250.00 in addition to the \$85.00 per month which was formerly authorized to be paid to the Secretary". This motion was carried unanimously. The Secretary not voting. The President, Dr. Vernon, then directed the Secretary to draw a check in the amount of \$250.00 in his favor under the terms of the above resolution.

Following this there was a motion by Dr. McKay which was seconded by Dr. Griffith as follows: "Since it appears that there were not funds in the Treasury during certain portions of the term of our Board to compensate the Board members for their mileage and per diem and other expenses, and since it now appears that such funds are available, we hereby authorize and direct the Secretary to pay to each member of the Board his mileage and per diem not previously paid, and that an extra day per diem be allowed for going and coming to meetings when not already allowed, provided that no member shall receive more than \$250.00 under this item". This motion was carried and the President instructed the Secretary to proceed to carry out this order with the cooperation of each member certifying to the Secretary his unpaid per diem and mileage.

Following this there was a motion by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Griffith to the effect that the Board recess, and that we meet at Morehead City on Monday August 1st, 1938 for our last and final session and that we there transact such business as presented itself to the Board.



MOREHEAD CITY - AUGUST 1, 1938.

The meeting was called to order by President Vernon. Drs. Ben. Royal, Wm. H. Smith, and Ben. J. Lawrence were present, and Drs. Griffith and McMillan were voting by proxy.

There was some further discussion on the subject of insurance against medical care which had been presented by Dr. Smith on Friday night. Each member present discussed the question at some length and it was agreed that the Secretary would carry out the instructions given him under the terms of the resolution passed at the Friday night session and that he transmit that resolution to Secretary Dr. T. W. H. Long and await the action of the Executive Committee.

There was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. Lawrence that we do thank Dr. and Mrs. Ben Royal for their most gracious hospitality and that we are deeply indebted to them for their many kindnesses so abundantly lavished on us during this and former meetings. This resolution was passed unanimously.

The Secretary then presented a brief summary of and an accounting of his stewardship to the Board. He stated that he felt deeply grateful to the Board as a whole and to each member individually for the confidence placed in him six years ago. He stated that "It had been a great joy and privilege to work with each and every member of the Board and he expressed his appreciation and his gratitude for the splendid support and cooperation given him by each and every member of the Board of Examiners during his term as Secretary, and that he counted the privilege of serving them during this past six years as one of the very richest joys of his life".

The Secretary then presented the following resolution: "Since this is our last and final meeting, it becomes my duty and my privilege to express the appreciation of the Board of Examiners to our distinguished and beloved President, Dr. James W. Vernon, We thank him for the splendid manner in which he has presided over our deliberations during the past year, we are grateful to him for his advice and the wisdom of his guidance, and we hereby tender him our affectionate regard".

Following this the President instructed the Secretary to prepare the minutes of this session, and to send a copy of the proceedings to each member of the Board for his approval and after the members had approved the minutes as transcribed by the Secretary, he then instructed the Secretary to spread the minutes upon the official minute book, and then to turn over the work of the Secretaryship to the Secretary of the new Board, Dr. W. D. James of Hamlet. The Board then adjourned sine die.

Signed

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 Secretary-Treasurer.



