

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina

January 20th, 1956

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An emergency meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was called by Dr. L. R. Doffermyre, President, at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 20th, 1955, at 1:00 P. M. The following members were present: Drs. L. R. Doffermyre, President, Joseph J. Combs, Secretary-Treasurer, Amos N. Johnson, G. Westbrook Murphy, and Heyward C. Thompson. Dr. J. P. Rousseau, President of the State Medical Society, was present as a guest.

The intructions to the committee appointed by the last president, Dr. Amos N. Johnson, that the Executive Council of the North Carolina State Medical Society be informed that the Board of Medical Examiners feels that the time has come when our attorney should represent the Medical Society only and not the Hospital Association were discussed. It was the concensus of those present that the above instructions should not be carried out at the call meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 4:00 P. M. It was agreed by the members present that this should be only a postponement in the above notification.

Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy called to the attention of the Board and it was discussed by the members present the advisability of changing the terms of the members of the State Board of Medical Examiners so that there would be a staggering membership rather than an entirely new board being elected each term. It was brought out that the Medical Practice Act does not regulate the election of the Board of Medical Examiners other than delegating that authority to the North Carolina State Medical Society. The by-laws of the State Medical Society state that seven members shall be elected for a term of six years.

VERDICT: Dr. Amos N. Johnson moved that Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy be instructed to advise the Executive Council of the State Medical Society that the Board of Medical Examiners recommends that the election be changed so that the terms will be staggered and two men be elected each two years, with three on one occasion to round out a seven-man board. This motion was duly seconded by Dr. H. C. Thompson and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Signed Joseph J. Combs M. D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

