

FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (1938 - 1944)

SIR WALTER HOTEL, RALEIGH, N. C.

JUNE 13, 1938

The Board of Medical Examiners, elected by the General Assembly of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina at their annual meeting in April 1938, met with the retiring Board of Medical Examiners June 13th, 1938 in the Roanoke Room in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, at nine o'clock A. M. All members of both Boards were present, namely: (1) The out-going Board: Dr. James W. Vernon, president, Morganton; Dr. Benjamin J. Lawrence, secretary-treasurer, Raleigh; Dr. F. Webb Griffith, Asheville; Dr. Hamilton W. McKay, Charlotte; Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan, Red Springs; Dr. Ben F. Royal, Morehead City; Dr. William H. Smith, Goldsboro; (2) The newly elected Board: Dr. Lewis W. Elias, Asheville; Dr. W. D. James, Hamlet; Dr. Karl B. Pace, Greenville; Dr. Frank A. Sharpe, Greensboro; Dr. Wm. M. Coppridge, Durham; Dr. J. Street Brewer, Roseboro; Dr. Lester A. Crowell, Jr., Lincolnton.

After being welcomed by the president, each member of the out-going Board made a friendly talk in an instructive manner telling us the pleasant as well as the unpleasant things we could expect as new members of the Board. We were told that very few problems would arise from the recent medical graduates; our main source of annoyance would be from doctors moving from place to place seeking reciprocity. The new Board appreciated the advice, interest, and kindness expressed by the retiring Board, and each member responded with a brief talk.

The new Board then adjourned to another room. Dr. William M. Coppridge, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. The first business transacted was the election of a president. Following the custom of the previous Boards the senior member was elected president for a year. Dr. Lewis W. Elias was unanimously chosen. Dr. W. D. James was elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Lester A. Crowell, Jr., having been impressed by the retiring Board's talk of the magnitude of the work of the secretary-treasurer, made a motion that the salary of the secretary-treasurer be increased. This motion was not carried, because the secretary requested the Board to leave the remuneration the same as received by the former secretary-treasurer.

Acting on the suggestion of the secretary, it was decided that each member of the Board would receive the American Medical Directory and the latest textbooks on the subject he was to examine.

After a period of discussion, the following subjects for examination were assigned to the members of the Board: Dr. Lewis W. Elias, Practice of Medicine and Pediatrics; Dr. William D. James, Surgery; Dr. Karl B. Pace, Pharmacology, Materia Medica and Therapeutics; Dr. Frank A. Sharpe, Gynecology and Obstetrics; Dr. William M. Coppridge, Pathology, Bacteriology, and Histology; Dr. James Street Brewer, Anatomy and Embryology; Dr. Lester A. Crowell, Jr., Chemistry, Physiology, and Hygiene.

The president announced that the next meeting would be held for reciprocity only, the second Monday in December 1938 at nine o'clock A. M. in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, N. C. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

W. D. James
Secretary-Treasurer

