

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met on September 28 - 30, 1990. The following Board members were in attendance: John T. Daniel, M.D., President; Nicholas E. Stratas, M.D., Secretary; Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.; Harold L. Godwin, MD; F.M. Simmons Patterson, Jr., M.D; and Hector H. Henry, II, M.D.

DATA REQUEST - Commonwealth Health Alliance, Inc.

On September 28, 1990, the Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Godwin and seconded by Dr. Patterson that the request for data be denied and that the opportunity to purchase a Roster be offered.

CATARACT SURGERIES

On September 28, 1990, the Board reviewed a letter from a physician who had concerns about the number of unnecessary cataract surgeries taking place in North Carolina. The Board adopted a motion to accept the letter as information and that if further information is received regarding this issue that it be referred to the County Medical Society Grievance Committee.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

On September 28, 1990, the Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Daniel that the material received regarding an AARP conference be accepted as information.

INFORMAL INTERVIEW GROUPS

On September 29, 1990, the Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Henry that physicians for informal interviews be seen in four groups of two Board members each.

LICENSURE INTERVIEW FLOWCHART

On September 29, 1990, Dr. Patterson instructed the staff to develop a flowchart regarding law, requirements, and Board policy for licensure interviews in an effort to be consistent on future decisions.

UNC-W PHARMACY STUDENTS STUDY

On September 28, 1990, Dr. Godwin reported that he had given permission for a study to be done by UNC-W Pharmacy students and has asked for a copy of the results to be supplied to the Board. The Board accepted this as information.

VIRGINIA BOARD GUIDELINES

On September 30, 1990, The Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Stratas and seconded by Dr. Patterson to adopt Virginia's guidelines on Physician/patient relationship guidelines and Guidelines on physical examinations and publicize them in the Medical Society Journal and the Board's Bulletin.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Board reviewed an article written by Diane S. Lund "Physician-Assisted Suicide Sparks New Interest in Right-to-Die Issue" as well as information on euthanasia.

On September 28, 1990, the Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Alexander and seconded by Dr. Stratas that the in-coming President appoint a committee to study this matter.

SURGICAL TECHNICIANS

The Board reviewed a letter dated August 15, 1990, from Randolph C. Dow, Attorney at Law, which outlined concerns of Moore Regional Hospital regarding certified surgical technologists acting as first surgical assistants.

On September 28, 1990, the Board adopted a motion made by Dr. Godwin and seconded by Dr. Daniel that the Board respond to Mr. Dow, that the Board has no statutory authority over surgical technicians.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on September 30, 1990

