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President's Letter

Dear Colleagues:

A recent survey revealed some concerns about the knowledge base of Podiatrists pertaining to the duties of the licensing board. We have decided to try and increase awareness using a three-fold approach, this letter being the first.

The role of the Board is to protect the public by ensuring only qualified persons are licensed, by determining whether the generally accepted standards of care have been met and by enforcing the podiatric scope of practice. The Board is the regulatory avenue for the public to raise concerns regarding podiatric practice.

Reviewing complaints and determining whether they are a scope of practice issue, standard of care issue or both, accomplishes this. We also review all

issues that arise from the renewal questionnaire, physician database reports and malpractice issues. We are bound by statute and rules and regulations. The Board cannot adopt rules and regulations that are in conflict with statute.

The CPMA and the State Podiatry Board have had a good working relationship this past year, which I believe is in part due to working together on our rules and regulations. Working with the CPMA Board of Directors is another approach the Podiatry Board will take in disseminating information about our duties. By working with more of the podiatrists in our state, it is my hope that the Board's role and function will become clearer. It is my hope that this exchange will open the doors for better communication between CPMA and the Board.

Our third approach will be addressing all of you at the CPMA annual meeting in December. We are discussing this opportunity at present with the CPMA leadership.

As a whole, we have very capable podiatrists in Colorado who meet the standard of care and many try to exceed the standard of care. Over time it is my hope that these high standards will become the expected standard of care within the profession. With this as our goal, it becomes a win-win situation for both the public and the profession.

With regards,

Lisa Sullivan, DPM
President
Colorado Podiatry Board

Board Member Profiles

The Colorado Podiatry Board is a five-member Board comprised of four Doctors of Podiatric Medicine and one Public Member. The members are appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, and may be reappointed to subsequent terms at the Governor's discretion.

Your current Board Members are:

Lisa Sullivan, DPM, Louisville. Dr. Sullivan is the President of the Board, elected to this position in 2005. Dr. Sullivan was appointed to the Board in March 2000 and her term will expire March 17, 2008. She is a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine and has been licensed in Colorado since September 1984.

Peter Hartlove, DPM, Longmont. Dr. Hartlove is the Vice President of the Board, elected to this position in 2006. Dr. Hartlove was appointed to the Board in March 2003 and his term will expire March 17, 2007. He is a graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and has been licensed in Colorado since June 1978.

G. Marcus Conner, DPM, Colorado Springs. Dr. Conner was appointed to the Board in February 2005 and his term will expire March 17, 2009. He is a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine and has been licensed in Colorado since March 2001.

Douglas Kennedy, DPM, Castle Rock. Dr. Kennedy was appointed to the Board in January 2006 and his term will expire March 17, 2008. He is a graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and has been licensed in Colorado since July 1979.

Irene Drewnicky, Public Member, Pueblo. Ms. Drewnicky is the newest member of the Board, appointed March 2006. Her term will expire March 17, 2010. She is a graduate of University of Southern Colorado, and is the Assistant Superintendent for Clinical Services at the Colorado Mental Health Institute. She has been a resident of Colorado since 1980.

Your Address is Public Information

A licensee's address for all Board correspondence shall be the mailing address as indicated on the application for initial licensure. The Board will only change a licensee's address upon receipt of a clear, explicit, and unambiguous written statement from the licensee or the licensee's agent that the address should be changed.

The mere receipt of correspondence from a licensee showing a new address shall not be considered sufficient to change an address.

The licensee may also update the address of record electronically by using Registrations Online Services at:

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The licensee's address of record with the Board must be updated within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the new address. In the event that a licensee submits a request for a change of address, but does not indicate between the business and home address

where Board correspondence should be sent, the business address shall constitute the address for this purpose.

In no event will the Board accept a change of address which requests the address be changed for some, but not all, communications. Also, in no event shall the Board change the address if a licensee indicates that Board correspondence shall be marked "confidential."

Some licensees have expressed concern that their home address is available to the public. Colorado law requires that all addresses on record with the Division are public record and must be provided to the public when requested. Licensees are reminded that it is permissible to provide an address of record other than a residence, such as a post office box or a practice location. A change of address may be made at the time of renewal or at any time online by using Registrations Online Services at:

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