CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by Tanya Holt, D.C., President, at 12:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:
Harold Gunter
Michael Courtney, D.C.
Gregory Ungerank, D.C.
Tanya Holt, D.C.
Sarah Hays, D.C.
Joseph Long, D.C.
Jack McCoy

Staff present:
Laurie Mayhan, Executive Director
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:
Shane Manley, DC
Business Items

Summary License Suspension
A complaint was received regarding the unprofessional conduct of, Licensee, L. Shane Manley, DC. The complaint alleged the use of practicing chiropractic while under the influence and/or impairment of alcohol. Due to the information on file, this was brought to the full board for immediate action to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Arkansans. The complaint committee presented an order of suspension for the board to review and approve until a disciplinary hearing can be held. Mr. McCoy motioned to accept the suspension order. Motion seconded by Mr. Gunter. Motion passed.

It was suggested that a hearing be scheduled within the next 30 days, if the licensee will agree to waive the 30 day notice required, we can hold the hearing sooner. The board set the hearing for March 17th at 10:00 am. Counsel advised that, for the time being, we will need to wait for Dr. Manley to submit his response as he just received the complaint and has not had time to respond. At such a time as he can submit a response, he can then waive the 30 day notice in order to have a hearing before the boards next meeting in April.

Interpretation/Clarification on CE Course/Speaker requirements
Dr. Courtney requested clarification from the board on the interpretation of the requirements of CE speaker credentials versus the content they are teaching as the rules state course work must be at physician level. An example given was of a speaker who is internationally recognized as an herbologist, has a degree but isn’t doctorate level, and teaches a nutrition course. Similarly, a PT, who also is not a physician, but teaches a therapy course. A Dentist teaching a course on TMJ, but isn’t considered a physician in Arkansas.

Historically, the board has approved some speakers who are not considered physicians in the state of Arkansas, but are experts in the subject being taught. Dr. Courtney recommended that as long as the course is through a CCE approved school, courses taught by a non-physician degreed individual can be approved, if the individual is an expert in the subject being taught, and the course is within the scope or pertains to the scope of Chiropractic in Arkansas. Dr. Ungerank motioned that the course must be CCE approved and within the ASBCE scope and the speaker has to be an expert in the subject being taught. Motion seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed.

Status Change
Sarah Bright, DC submitted a status change request to change from Active- Out of State to Active (in state). She supplied a license verification from the Missouri board, which states her license is in good standing and she paid the remaining amount, $125, to bump her up to the Active Status. Motion to approve the request was made by Dr. Ungerank. Motion seconded by Dr. Courtney. Motion passed.

Externship & Supervisor application
Mr. Joseph Petrella submitted an externship application along with a supervisor application for Thomas Niemela, DC. Mr. Petrella has graduated but is still needing to take Part IV in May of 2022. Both qualify to participate in the program. Dr. Long motioned to approve the extern and supervisor. Motion seconded by Dr. Ungerank. Motion passed.

ADJOURN
Dr. Ungerank moved to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Board minutes approved: April 14, 2022