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**Executive Committee**

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**January 4, 2007**

**MINUTES****Open Session:****Agenda Item 1      Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Executive Committee of the Medical Board of California was called to order by the Chair, Steve Alexander at 3:45 p.m. Notice had been sent to interested parties.

**Members Present:**

Steve Alexander  
Cesar Aristeiguieta, M.D.  
Richard D. Fantozzi, M.D.  
Gary Gitnick, M.D.  
Ronald L. Moy, M.D.  
Ronald Wender, M.D.  
Barbara Yaroslavsky

**Agenda Item 2      Approval of the November 2, 2006 Minutes**

It was M/S/C to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting.

**Agenda Item 3      Executive Director Recruitment & Selection Process**

Dr. Fantozzi provided an update on the status of the recruitment for an Executive Director. The advertisement for the position was published in mid-December on the statewide system for advertising state vacancies. Advertisements will also run in newspapers in the major metropolitan areas in California, as well as the Federation of State Medical Boards Newsletter, Monster.com and the Capitol Morning Report. The final filing date is January 31, 2007. The goal is to have finalists attend the April 2007 board meeting.

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**Agenda Item 4      President's Report**

- A. Mr. Alexander disclosed he and Mr. Thornton attended a meeting with CMA President & CEO on December 1, 2007 in San Diego. He also disclosed he drove to the meeting today with Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth.
- B. Board Operations:
  - 1. Meetings
    - February 1 – 2, 2007 Quarterly Board Meeting – Los Angeles
    - March 1 – 2, 2007 Board Retreat and Strategic Planning Meeting - San Diego
    - April 26 – 27, 2007 Quarterly Board Meeting - Sacramento
  - 2. Committees
    - Mr. Alexander solicited members to participate on committees and to let him know if they are interested.

**Agenda Item 5      Executive Director Report**

A. Retention & Recruitment

Mr. Thornton reported a committee was established to look at the issue of re-classification of investigators, longevity pay, and pay parity with other departments. A meeting with the Department was held on December 19, 2006 and another meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007.

B. New Prosecution Model Update

Mr. Thornton reported a work group met in November 2006 and developed one manual for both the Medical Board the Attorney General's office to utilize.

C. Federation of State Medical Boards Nomination Update

Dr. Fantozzi was nominated to run for a position on the board of directors. After further discussion, it was M/S/C to withdraw Dr. Fantozzi's name. Mr. Thornton will send an e-mail to other members (past/present) to solicit interest in running for a position on the board of directors. It was M/S/C to authorize Mr. Thornton to submit name to FSMB with ratification by the board at the February 2007 meeting.

D. Performance Audit Planning

Ms. Whitney discussed the intent language in SB 231. It was suggested this issue be placed on the agenda for the Strategic Planning meeting in March 2007.

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**Agenda Item 6      Strategic Planning**

Ms. Kirchmeyer announced the meeting has been scheduled for March 1 – 2, 2007 in San Diego. A facilitator contract is in process.

**Agenda Item 7      Board Restructure**

Mr. Thornton provided a brief summary of the past discussions regarding board restructure. Following a discussion by the members it was M/S/C to recommend approval of the concept as presented, which included consolidating the two divisions into one board, a reduction in the size of the board (but making no recommendation as to size until the members have had the opportunity to review workload analysis), authorize the board's Executive Director to approve stipulated agreements for surrender of license and default proposed decisions, and removing the item regarding oral argument until the members receive further information on this issue.

**Agenda Item 8      Reestablish the Access to Care Committee**

Ms. Whitney and Ms. Cohen were directed to work on a mission for the committee and to coordinate it with the Governor's agenda. The members appointed to the committee include Mr. Alexander, Dr. Gitnick, Dr. Fantozzi, Dr. Duruisseau, Mr. Zerunyan, Ms. Yaroslavsky & Ms. Chang. Mr. Alexander suggested this issue be integrated into the agenda for the Strategic Planning meeting.

**Agenda Item 9      Nomination of Physician(s) to Dental Board – Oral and Maxillofacial Credentialing Committee**

The members discussed the Dental Board's request for a recommendation of a physician member to be appointed to the credentialing committee. It was M/S/C to authorize the Executive Director to contact former board member, Bud Alpert, M.D. to determine if he was interested in being nominated to the credentialing committee. If not, the Executive Director would contact Robert Del Junco, M.D., regarding a nomination.

**Agenda Item 10      Proposal to Re-Establish Medical Director Position**

Mr. Thornton reported he had identified a vacant position to re-establish the medical director position and requested the board's approval to move forward. It was M/S/C to approve using an existing vacant position within the board to re-establish the medical director position.

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**Agenda Item 11      2007 Legislative Proposals**

Ms. Whitney reported on the following legislative proposals for 2007:

- Vertical Prosecution pilot program sunset extension
- Board Restructure
- Diversion program sunset extension
- The Department is working on exemption language regarding the number of attempts to pass the USMLE.

Dr. Fantozzi requested staff engage in dialogue with the Dental Board and move forward with amending the oral and maxillofacial surgery law.

**Agenda Item 12      Public Comment**

Wrenda Searle requested the board's assistance with arranging an arbitration meeting with Dr. Parker who dropped her as a patient. Mr. Alexander referred Ms. Searle to Mr. Thornton for assistance.

**Agenda Item 13      Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.