

COUNCIL ON NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION

CPNME Meeting Via Conference Call

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 ♦ 3:30 a.m. – 4:30 Eastern Time

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order, meeting notice, roll call of members

Dr. Stretch called the meeting to order. The following CPNME members were in attendance:

- Sarah Beasleigh, ND (Institutional Member Rep., BINM), New Westminster, British Columbia;
- Arvin Jenab, ND (Profession Member), Costa Mesa, California;
- Joni Olehausen, ND, Dayton, Ohio; and
- Eileen Stretch, ND (Profession Member), Tucson, Arizona (CPNME chair)

Staff present:

- Daniel Seitz, JD, EdD (Executive Director), Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Guests Present:

- Gary Garcia, ND (Bastyr U.); participated via conference call;
- Dee Saunders, ND (NUNM);
- Jasmine Carino, ND, (CCNM); and
- Nicole Shiffler, ND (SCNM)

Request for additions or other changes to the agenda

No agenda items were added.

Approval of minutes of the CPNME meeting of May 18, 2019 – *Dr. Stretch*

Dr. Olehausen moved, and Dr. Stretch seconded, the following motion:

To approve the minutes of the October the May 18, 2019, CPNME meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Review draft revisions to the *Residency Handbook*, 2020 edition (see pp. 7, 11, 15 & 17)

The committee approved the draft revisions presented by Dr. Seitz, with one change: an ND who is a residency director of a site in an unlicensed/unregulated jurisdiction will be required to have a license/registration from a regulated jurisdiction.

Additionally, the committee agreed that at the application stage, information should be provided regarding any residency located in an unregulated jurisdiction and the requirement of the signed acknowledgement; this should not come as a surprise later on during the match process.

Discussion on idea of establishing an agency separate from the CNME to oversee and regulate residencies, including specialty residencies

The committee reviewed a presentation provided by Dr. Jenab on the role and benefits of a standalone agency for regulating residencies. All agreed that in principle there are many good reasons for creating such an agency. However, participants also noted that there may be a number of practical challenges as well, including sufficiency of financial resources, and the

capacity of residency sites and residency sponsors to substantially ramp up efforts to standardize and improve the residency experience. It was noted that the NPGA was previously formed for a similar reason, but the organization was discontinued due to insufficient resources; no one wants to see a repeat of this situation.

The participants agreed that:

- Dr. Stretch should inform the CNME board about this discussion at the October 2019 meeting.
- Dr. Stretch will ask the board at the May 2020 meeting for approval to create a taskforce with a variety of stakeholders to explore the idea of creating a separate agency, including creating a business plan. Prior to that meeting, interested members of the CPNME will come up with a concrete proposal for a taskforce (e.g., membership composition).
- It is not up to CNME whether a separate agency should be created; this is an idea that should be discussed and approved by the entire profession—perhaps in the context of the NCC and CNCC meetings.
- It would be good to include someone involved with NPGA to get some background information on what they accomplished and the challenges they faced. Dr. Marcia Prenguber was suggested.

Discussion on plan and timeline for updating the salary guidelines for 2020 - 2021

The several members of the CPNME who volunteered to work on this will meet soon to draft an updated document. The CPNME plans to meet in mid-November of 2019 to review the draft with the goal of issuing a final document by January 2020.

Review process and timeline for spot-checking individual residency sites

CPNME members assigned to spot-check approved residency sites will complete their work by the CPNME meeting that will be scheduled for mid-November 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 ET.