

Council on Naturopathic Medical Education

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 ♦ 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

Videoconference Meeting Held Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order and roll call

Dr. Wallace called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. ED. The following Board members were present:

- Brian Andrew, JD, MA (Public Member), Chesterfield, Missouri (treasurer);
- Sarah Beasleigh, ND (Institutional Member Rep., BINM), New Westminster, British Columbia;
- Margot Gregory, ND (Profession Member), Tucson, Arizona;
- Arvin Jenab, ND (Profession Member), Costa Mesa, California;
- Joni Olehausen, ND (Profession Member), Dayton, Ohio (vice president);
- Eileen Stretch, ND (Profession Member), Tucson, Arizona (secretary);
- Randy Swenson, DC, MHPE (Institutional Member Rep., NUHS), Lombard, Illinois;
- Cynthia Hope, ND (Institutional Member Rep., Bastyr U.);
- Jamey Wallace, ND (Profession Member), Seattle, Washington (president);
- Melissa Woodin, CPA, MBA (Public Member), Kent, Connecticut; and
- Christina Woolard, ND (Profession Member), Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Staff present:

- Daniel Seitz, JD, EdD (executive director), Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Update on the impact of COVID-19 on ND programs and residencies

Board members involved with naturopathic medical education and practice provided information on how the COVID-19 situation has impacted ND programs and naturopathic medical practice.

Review draft guidance memo to ND programs re COVID-19

The board reviewed a memo drafted by Dr. Seitz for distribution to CNME-accredited and candidate ND programs containing guidance on the range of accommodations that the programs would be allowed to make to address the challenges presented by the COVID-19 situation. Dr. Seitz stated that the draft memo incorporated many of the recommendations provided by the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC). The members discussed the draft and agreed on several revisions and additions.

Mr. Andrew, JD, MA, moved, and Dr. Stretch seconded, the following motion:

To approve the draft memo with the revisions and additions agreed upon by the board for distribution to CNME-accredited and candidate ND programs

The motion was unanimously approved.

Update on US Dept. of Education re-recognition process for CNME

Dr. Seitz informed the board that a staff reviewer from the US Dept. of Education would be observing the CNME board meeting in May as part of the overall process of reviewing CNME for re-recognition.

Review draft agenda for May 2020 CNME meeting

Dr. Wallace stated that the Executive Committee had met to review the draft meeting agenda for the May meeting. Dr. Seitz stated that the agenda items were mostly the ones that the board addresses during the spring meeting, and reminded board members of the conflict of interest policy that pertains to participation in accreditation decisions. Board members asked questions about specific agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. ET.