



DATE	February 9, 2023
TO	Board Members
FROM	Elaine Yamaguchi Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Executive Officer’s Report: February 2023

Board Structure

The Board will hold the annual election for President and Vice President at this meeting. Board Counsel Ken Swenson has prepared a brief memo on the procedures, which is available in the meeting packet. With the very welcome appointment of Ms. Rashima Sonson, our Board now has ten of the eleven statutory members seated. We still need an additional LVN Board Member, so please pass the word along if you know of any qualified individuals.

This meeting will be held in person in Sacramento, and there will not be any live webcasting available. On Thursday, the staff will be presenting some important program information and training for the Board members. Friday will be our regular business meeting.

As a reminder, all Board members must submit their Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) either within 30 days of appointment, or annually. This year’s filing deadline is Friday, April 1, 2023; however, DCA requests Form 700 filers complete the e-filing by Friday, March 15, 2023.

In addition, Board Members must complete the Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT) within one year of appointment and re-appointment. BMOT will be offered as a live, virtual day of training on March 22, 2023, and possibly in-person on June 20, 2023 and October 10, 2023. Members can register through DCA’s [Learning Management System](#), and BVNPT staff will be happy to help the Board members to register. Information about other mandatory trainings will be sent out as they near the due dates.

The Committee Structure document and the Request for Assignment form were emailed to the Board members on January 6. Please complete and return this form no later than Monday February 13. It is essential that we have all the Committees fully appointed for the year so please be aware, the President and Vice President may appoint members as needed to fill vacancies.

Staffing and Operations

Management continues to assess our team to ensure that we have the appropriate classifications assigned to the work. This has helped us to fill vacant positions.

Under the steady leadership of AEO Mark Ito, we have also been working to clean up and beautify our suites and assess our space usage. We hope to be able to reduce our overall footprint when we renew our lease.

Budget and Finance

Available in the meeting packet is the Board's most current Fund Condition report and have invited our colleagues from the DCA Budget Office to provide updates and answer questions, as well as report on the Governor's Budget.

Department of Consumer Affairs Updates

Mr. Brian Clifford will join us to provide updates from the Department. You might already have noticed the new DCA logo, and our updated letterhead.

New Legislation

The 2023-24 Session has begun, and Members are starting to introduce bills. The deadline to introduce new legislation is February 17, 2023. Staff is tracking introductions and so far, the prevalent themes are gun safety, climate and water.

At the August 2022 meeting, the Board authorized staff to seek legislation to correct an inconsistency in AB 1536. It was not possible to amend the language into a bill before the last session ended, and staff responded to the questionnaire for the annual technical cleanup bill from the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. Earlier this year, staff met with the Senate Committee consultants and the minority policy consultant to provide more background as to the need for this legislation, and we are hopeful that this language will be included in the bill.

Implementation of 2022 Legislation

1. SB 994 (Jones, Chapter 713 of the Statutes of 2022): VN Direction by Naturopathic Doctors.
Staff continues to research and develop sample documents with the goal of convening an implementation meeting with the Naturopathic Medicine Board.
2. SB 1436 (Roth, Chapter 624 of the Statutes of 2022): Respiratory Therapy
Following the Board's action in December, staff submitted BVNPT's comments regarding RCB's proposed regulatory language. RCB invited a small group of stakeholders to meet on January 27, including representatives from BVNPT. We will provide additional updates at the Board meeting, including possible recommendations for action.

Regulations

Staff and Counsel continue to work on preparation of our rulemaking Certification of Compliance for AB 1536 (Committee on Business and Professions, Chapter 632, Statutes of 2021): New School Program Approval Process.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

NCSBN continues to hold meetings twice a month to provide updates to the Executive Officers of all the jurisdictions. One key issue discussed is the preparation to launch the Next Generation NCLEX in April. The mid-year meeting will be held in Seattle this coming March, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with our colleagues in person for the first time since the COVID-19 emergency was declared.

Closing

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or suggestions, or if you need help with anything.

Thanks, everyone. We're looking forward to the meeting.