

VICE- PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN welcomed the candidates and introduced himself. He informed the candidates that his position on the Board is a hospital position and is voted on by pharmacists in the Alabama Society of Health System Pharmacists. His term, which is the same as all of the Board Members, is for five (5) years. It began on January 1, 2011 and his term would end on December 31, 2015. He has practiced pharmacy in hospital settings for his career. He is currently employed with DCH Hospital Pharmacy. He further commented that all of the Board Members are licensed pharmacists. He reminded candidates that they are the elite. He commented that they are at risk for diversion of drugs from fellow pharmacists and technicians, and discussed the Wellness Program with them.

He requested that the Board Members introduce themselves and asked that the Board Members give their place of employment, briefly describe how they became a member of the Board and the position they hold.

He further informed the candidates that the Board was formed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the people of Alabama.

TREASURER MCCONAGHY introduced himself and informed the candidates that like Kenny, his position on the Board is an at-large position and is voted on by all licensed pharmacists in the State of Alabama. He has worked in various fields of pharmacy including independent pharmacy, home infusion, nursing homes and hospitals. He advised the candidates to read the Supervising Pharmacist Rule, some may refer to this position as PIC but in Alabama it is Supervising Pharmacist. It specifically details the duties and responsibilities of someone in this position. He is involved in different pharmacy associations on a local, state and national level and is active.

MEMBER BUDDY BUNCH introduced himself and informed the candidates that he was a community pharmacist. He began work with Harco Pharmacy in 1980 and in 1997 opened his own pharmacy, Bunch Pharmacy, in Guntersville, Alabama. He was

appointed by Governor Bentley as a representative of independent pharmacy and is about to complete his first year on the Board. Mr. Bunch reiterated Mr. McConaghy's remarks in regards to the Supervising Pharmacist's duties. The Supervising Pharmacist is ultimately responsible for the legal operation of the pharmacy. He reminded candidates to work to avoid bad habits which can so easily develop.

MEMBER DAVID DARBY Introduced himself and stated that he was the newest member of the Board. He began his term on January 1, 2014. He was voted on by all pharmacists in the state of Alabama and represents all pharmacists in the state. He worked with Harco Drug at one time and now owns pharmacies in Alabama. He reminded candidates to be vigilant about drug diversion. Diversion is something no one is expecting, but it occurs in so many pharmacies despite the best efforts of supervising pharmacists.

The candidates for licensure were asked to stand, state their names, pharmacy school they attended and where they intended to work in Alabama. They were also allowed at this time to ask questions to the Members of the Board and a group discussion followed.

One question asked pertained to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in Alabama and the sharing of this information between pharmacists.

The interviews concluded with **VICE-PRESIDENT MARTIN** welcoming each candidate to Alabama.

On a motion by **MEMBER BUDDY BUNCH**, AND second by **TREASURER DAN MCCONAGHY**, and a vote of ALL AYES, Alabama licensure was granted to nine (9) candidates for pharmacist licensure pending completion of necessary forms, payment of fees, and collection of funds.

At 11:50 a.m., the Board Meeting adjourned.

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