

**INTERVIEWS
CANDIDATES FOR PHARMACIST LICENSURE
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

AUGUST 20, 2014

On Wednesday, August 20, 2014, *PRESIDENT MARK CONRADI* called the Board to order at 11:30 A.M. Those present were:

MARK CONRADI	President
TIM MARTIN	Vice-President
DAN MCCONAGHY	Treasurer
BUDDY BUNCH	Member
DAVID DARBY	Member
SUSAN ALVERSON	Secretary

ABSENT: NONE

PRESIDENT CONRADI presented one Twenty-Five (25) candidates seeking licensure to the Board:

By Examination:

STEVEN MATTHEW ATCHISON	Alabama
CHRISTIAN S. CONLEY	North Carolina
TAYLOR C MCMILLION	Louisiana
CHARLES L. SHAW	Louisiana
CHUN AE THIGPEN	Alabama
LORI JONES THOMAS	Alabama

By Reciprocity:

WANDA A. DAGHER	Massachusetts
JUSTIN LEE FUSSELL	Georgia
AMY M. KINSEL	Ohio
MI HWA LIM	Washington

KAITLIN ANN MCGINN	West Virginia
GILBERT NEBA T. NGWA	Texas
MILILAD PATEL	Virginia
MICHELLE RICHARD	Virginia
MICHAEL J. SCALESE	South Carolina
MICHEL KEITH SIGMON	North Carolina
NICOLE ALYSE SLATER	Virginia
JOSH MICHAEL SMART	Georgia
COREY JUSTIN WITENKO	New York

By Score Transfer:

NGA LE	Mississippi
DONGLEE LEE	Ohio
ASHLI AURIANNE WATTS	Mississippi
EMILY EILEEN WELLS	Florida
EMILY M. YOUNG	New York

License Up-To-Date:

TIMOTHY KITCHENS	Alabama
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PRESIDENT MARK CONRADI welcomed the candidates for licensure, asked them to state their names, pharmacy school they attended and where they intended to work in Alabama.

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 DAN MCCONAGHY introduced himself stated that he was from Satsuma, Alabama and informed the candidates that his position on the Board is an at-large position and is voted on by all licensed pharmacists in the State of Alabama. His family has been

in the practice of pharmacy and owned a pharmacy since 1952. He has worked in various fields of pharmacy including independent pharmacy, home infusion, nursing homes and hospitals. He instructed the candidates to read the Supervising Pharmacist Rule, 680-X-2-.12, to become aware of the specific responsibilities in case one or more of them are offered and accept this designation. Become involved in national/state/local pharmacy associations. Participate by paying your dues and becoming active to insure the practice of pharmacy continues to move forward. Pharmacy is a profession; not just a job.

MEMBER DAVID DARBY introduced himself, informed the candidates that he is the newest Member of the Board having just been just elected as a candidate at large for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2014 and that he was a graduate from Auburn University. He has lived in Andalusia approximately thirty (30) years and currently he and his wife, who is also a pharmacist, opened their first pharmacy in 1997 and their second a couple of years ago. Prior to owning his own pharmacies, he worked as a District Manager for Harco Pharmacy before it sold to another chain pharmacy. He advised the candidates of the various types of drug diversion cases that the Board hears on the Tuesdays before the business/interview meetings on Wednesday. The diversion can range from the pharmacy employee placing drugs in the pockets of their smocks to being carried out with the trash to be picked up by another individual. Be aware! Spend a significant portion of your time knowing what's going on in your environment.

VICE PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN introduced himself and informed the candidates that he is an institutional pharmacist and is the Director of Pharmacy for four hospitals within the DCH Hospital System. They are located in Tuscaloosa, Fayette, Carrollton and Northport, Alabama that combined has a total of 1,000 beds. He was appointed to the Board by former Alabama Governor Robert Bentley and represents the institutional practice of pharmacy. He is beginning his 3rd year as a Board Member this year. He informed the candidates of the Board of the Pharmacy Wellness Program and of the tremendous job of the Program's

Administrator, Dr. Mike Garver. He encouraged the candidates if there ever came a time when they worked with a pharmacist or technician or if they themselves felt impaired, to contact Dr. Garver with the Wellness Program. A recent survey of health professionals that included pharmacists, nurses and doctors indicate that 1 out of 6 will become impaired. Be an exception, not a statistic.

MEMBER BUDDY BUNCH introduced himself and informed the candidates that he was a community pharmacist and began his second year on the Board in January. 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 Robert Bentley as a representative of independent pharmacy. He advised the candidates 'don't get into bad habits'. If you go to work for someone who has been practicing pharmacy for a long time and feel that they are violating any law or rule of the Board of Pharmacy, directly contact a Board Member or the Board Office for clarification. He discussed the Board's enhanced website and spoke briefly of the Q&A section which should answer some questions most commonly presented to the Board Office for clarification. It is easier to ask for permission than forgiveness. Ask questions!

He went on to 'welcome' all the candidates to Alabama.

PRESIDENT CONRADI informed the candidates that he is a chain pharmacist appointed by former Alabama Governor Bob Riley and is serving his second term on the Board which will expire on December 31, 2014. He has worked as Director of Pharmacy for a chain pharmacy and presently works as a staff pharmacist for CVS/pharmacy. He is also an attorney and teaches law at Auburn University to 4th year pharmacy students. He explained that pharmacy laws differ from state to state and the way one pharmacist has been practicing for thirty (30) years might not necessarily be within the law. He further discussed the loss of drugs from a pharmacy. For a technician, stealing Lortab is more money in one day than working for a month. On most occasions, a pharmacist abuses drugs; a technician sells. He further advised

the candidates not to be one of the respondents that the Board sees during Administrative Hearings on the Tuesday before the Wednesday Business Meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call him, one of the other Board Members directly or the Board office.

Asking for questions from the candidates for licensure and hearing none, the interviews concluded with **PRESIDENT CONRADI** welcoming each candidate to Alabama.

On a motion by **PRESIDENT CONRADI**, second by **MEMBER DAN MCCONAGHY** and a vote of ALL AYES, Alabama licensure was granted to Twenty-Five (25) candidates for pharmacist licensure pending completion of necessary forms, payment of fees, and collection of funds.

At 12:15 p.m., the Board Meeting adjourned.

OFFICIAL:

FOR THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY:

MARK CONRADI, RPh, J.D.
President

SUSAN ALVERSON, RPh
Secretary