

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

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, **PRESIDENT MARK CONRADI** called the Board to order at 11:20 A.M. Those present were:

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

ABSENT: NONE

**PRESIDENT CONRADI** presented one Nine (9) candidates seeking licensure to the Board:

**By Examination:**

WILLIAM BRANNON POWELL	Auburn University
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**By Reciprocity:**

STEPHANIE B. FRICKS	Lipscomb University
RAENA COLLEEN GARCIA	Mercer University
JUSTIN RAY GARRETT	Auburn University
KELLY S. MCCURDY	Northeastern Univ.
ANNE RIDGEWAY	University of Illinois
SARAH ANNE SWANN	Auburn University
STEPHANIE LOUISE WOOD	University of Georgia

**By Score Transfer:**

ELISA ANN BROWN

Ohio Northern Univ.

**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 Alabama Governor Robert Bentley and represents the institutional practice of pharmacy. 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. 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!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **VICE PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN**, second by **MEMBER BUDDY BUNCH** 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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FOR THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY:

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MARK CONRADI, RPh, J.D.  
President

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SUSAN ALVERSON, RPh  
Secretary