

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

**MAY 2016**

On Monday **May 9, 16, 2016** several of our board members along with Susan Alverson traveled **to Auburn to** accommodate the graduating candidates. The board members where:

**Tim Martin  
 Buddy Bunch  
 David DARBY  
 Ralph Sorrell**

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JENNIFER K COTTON	SHALYN CREEL
ANDREW DAFFORN	CASEY DALTON
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SHARRONDA K DAVIS	J MICHAEL DEDEAUX
TAYLOR J DERUITER	KRYSTAL K DINKINS
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WILLIAM SETH EDWARDS	BROOKE M FORD
DANIEL J FORTIN	KATHERINE G FULLER
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SARA E GORDON	MARY C HAMM
ADAM R HARNDEN	QUIANNA R HARRIS
SHEENA HATCHER HAYES	KELLY R C HEDMAN
KATHERINE A HENRICKS	SARAH SANDERS HENRY
CAMERON T HOWELL	JILLIAN A JACOBS
MOLLY BROOKE JOHNSON	JACOB W KENNEY
LAUREN E LINNA	CHRISTA LEE LIPKO
AMANDA L MCKINNEY	NEILL G MCNATT
VALERIE ANN MESSER	BRENDAN P MEYER
ELIZABETH ANN MOORE	VERONICA L MOTE
BRITTANY WARD MULLENS	HAMAD U NAWAZ
HAVY T NGO	JEREMY H OSBOURN
KAVITABENH PATEL	PRIYANKA PATEL
AIMEE N PATTERSON	EMILY ANN E PEEK
ZACHARY K PITZING	MORGAN P POSEY
ANDREA PROFFITT	JAMES D RALEY
JOE R RAMBO	AMBER L RANKINS
JOHN T RINKER	AMY K RONAN
JAMES E SLOAN	ASHLYN B SMITH
BALLARD LANDER SMITH	LEBORAH COLE SMITH
MERRANDA P SMITH	JUSTIN C SMOTHERS
JULIA NICHOLS STAGNER	ELIZABETH E STEADMAN
TIERA CHANLE TAITE	MARY E TERRELL
MATIKA KILGORE THOMAS	EVAN C TOMLINSON
MARGARET F TRIONE	NAMITA A VASHI
ASHLEE D WALTERS	REBEKAH L WASCOM
KATHRYN HESTER WEBB	KRISTY LEE WELCH
RACHAEL J WHITNEY	JEFFERY N WILLIAMS
BRITNEY R WILLIS	JULIANNE E WILLIS
MARY BURNETTE WINGLER	ELIZABETH A WOOD

**Member Ralph Sorrell** gave his back ground. He graduated from Auburn in 1980, He is co-owner of Ritch's Pharmacy in Mountain Brook where he has practiced community pharmacy and served as a pharmacy preceptor since 1986. From 1980-1986 He was a senior staff pharmacist at Mobile Infirmary. Professional activities include serving as president of the Alabama Pharmacy Association and president of the Jefferson County Pharmacy Association. Ralph brings to the Board of Pharmacy experience in parenteral home therapy and compounding. He wants you to keep your minds open to all the different types of pharmacy there is to pursue. Pharmacy changes every day, but what it means to be a pharmacist has always been the same. When you protect your patient you protect your license. He stresses to them to expand their involvement beyond their practice site.

**TREASURER DAVID DARBY** introduced himself as an Auburn University graduate. He informed the candidates that he was elected as a candidate at large for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2014. He has lived in Andalusia around 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 his first fourteen (14) years for a chain retail pharmacy. Mr. Darby then moved on to the issue of drug diversion. It is a real problem, but not a new problem. His first encounter with diversion was as a district supervisor. One of his pharmacists had taken one-hundred & fifty (150) pints of Tussionex over six (6) months. Later in his district supervisor role, he had to confront a technician who had taken over 100,000 Lortab. That is when it really hit home with him what a problem this is and how colleagues could escape suspicion and be capable of such erroneous behavior. He advised the candidates that these types of situations can take place in retail, hospital, mail order...any setting. Everyone has a system in place, but the system fails. We, as pharmacists, must maintain vigilance.

**PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN** introduced himself and informed the candidates that he is the institutional pharmacist appointed by



Alabama Governor, Robert Bentley. He is the Director of Pharmacy for four hospitals within the DCH Hospital System. Locations include Tuscaloosa, Fayette, Carrollton and Northport, Alabama that combined has a total of 1,000 beds. He is in his fourth year of serving on the Board. Licensure candidates were informed that pharmacy is an "at risk position". A recent survey of health professionals included pharmacists, nurses and doctors, indicate that 1 out of 6 will become impaired. Be an exception, not a statistic. Don't settle for average. 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 stated that the Board had heard nineteen (19) cases the day before. Some were pharmacists or technicians who self-reported. Others were reported by colleagues. If you ever need help or have a coworker that needs help, call the Board. And just remember, finding a job is hard, finding a new career is harder. He closed by welcoming and congratulating the candidates.

**VICE PRESIDENT BUDDY BUNCH** introduced himself and informed the candidates that he was appointed by Governor Bentley to serve as the community pharmacist representative. He is now his fourth year on the Board. He began work with Harco Pharmacy in 1980 and in 1997 opened his own pharmacy, Bunch Pharmacy, in Guntersville, Alabama. He advised the candidates 'don't get into bad habits'. You may work under or with a pharmacist that has gotten comfortable bending or breaking the laws or may not even remember the law. Pharmacists must stay aware of changes and modifications to the laws. For newly graduated candidates, Mr. Bunch reiterated to use common sense. If a CII prescription doesn't look right, don't feel obligated to fill it. He reminded the candidates that the ALBOP website has a wealth of information on it including a Question& Answer section which should answer some questions most commonly presented to the Board Office for clarification. Know what your supervising pharmacist's duties are. We are here for you if you need us and Congratulations!

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

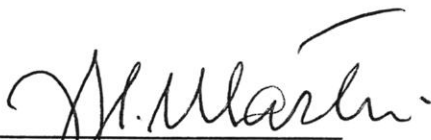
On a motion by **PRESIDENT MARTIN**, second by **VICE PRESIDENT Buddy Bunch** and a vote of ALL AYES, Alabama licensure was granted to candidates for pharmacist licensure pending

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On a motion by **Susan Alverson**, second by **Member RALPH SORRELL** and a vote of ALL AYES, Alabama licensure was granted to candidates for pharmacist licensure pending completion of necessary forms, payment of fees, and collection of funds.

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