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

OCTOBER 2015

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, PRESIDENT DAN MCCONAGHY called the Board to order for interviews, for pharmacists seeking reciprocity and initial licensure. Those present were:

DAN MCCONAGHY President

TIM MARTIN Vice President

BUDDY BUNCH Treasurer

DAVID DARBY Member

DONNA YEATMAN Member

JIM WARD Attorney

Dr. Alverson presented the candidates for licensure to the board, and introduced herself to the candidates.

By Reciprocity:

Masum Amin

Mina Attallah

Mina M Banoub

Luci Brandner

Andrea M Carabetta

Karen M Chaoui

Jessica E Emrich

Misty Gaddis

Richard Gutoski

Joshua G. Hartsell

Alysia L. Heller

Praneetha Kadari

Toks N. Kassim

Nichole L. Keller

Thomas H. Koontz

Emily H Langford

Michael W. Mayabi

Theresa O. Meyer

Paul H. Orgain

Lynh Thi-To Phan

Glenory A. Purrier

Judy Diane Rodberg

Anisha Romuar

Anna Shmayenik

William Wade Smith Jr.

Michael j. Sterling

Jeffery S. Strasnick

Gary W. Umland

Noureen Wadhwania

Oneka B. Watson

Margie Lynn White

Paul K. Yamamoto

For Initial:

Robert A. Cook Jr

Abby Lynn Jungclaus

Corrie C Lowe

***PRESIDENT 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.

***VICE PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN*** introduced himself as the hospital representative on the board, and informed the candidates that he is the director of pharmacy for the DCH health system in Tuscaloosa, AL. He advised the candidates to not be a statistic in drug diversion, and to be vigilant of coworkers that may be diverting drugs. He informed the candidates of the board’s Wellness Program, and encouraged anyone facing a drug problem to seek help.

***MEMBER DAVID DARBY*** introduced himself, informed the

Candidates 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

***TREASURER 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!

***MEMBER DONNA YEATMAN*** introduced herself as the newest board member as the chain representative, and informed the candidates of her position as a district manager with CVS. She informed the candidates that it is a privilege to practice pharmacy, and to uphold good moral character. She told the candidates about the make-up of the board, and to be sure to read and understand the laws that apply to practice, especially those seeking reciprocity that would be in a supervisory position.

***ATTORNEY JIM WARD*** explained that the board existed to protect the public of Alabama, and did not exist to protect pharmacists in Alabama. He advised the candidates to “not be dumb” in practice, or they may end up in front of the board for disciplinary action. He stated that since all of the candidates were here for reciprocity, that he expected them to know the laws regarding the practice of pharmacy in Alabama.

Asking for questions from the candidates, MEMBER DARBY stated that he heard none.

The interviews concluded with MEMBER DAVID DARBY welcoming all the candidates to Alabama.

On a motion by MEMBER DAVID DARBY, second by 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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FOR THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY:

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DAN MCCONAGHY, RPh, President

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SUSAN ALVERSON, RPh Secretary