

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 7, 2009
 DEPARTMENT: Executive Office
 SUBJECT: Board Member Officer Terms
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REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Decide when the election of Board officers should take place (at which quarterly board meeting) and when the term of office will begin (date specific).
2. If a meeting other than the last meeting of the calendar year is selected, then hold election of officers July 23, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Staff recommends that the Board change the date it holds its election of officers from the November (last) meeting of the calendar year to its July meeting and that the newly elected officers officially enter into those positions at the conclusion of that Board meeting.
2. Staff recommends that the current slate of officers be put forward for the new 12 month period of July 24, 2009 to the July 2010 meeting (the specific date depends upon the Board meeting dates approved by the Board for 2010).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Prior to 2008, when the Board was restructured/consolidated from two Divisions, the election of officers for the divisions and the full Board took place at the second meeting of the calendar year, usually held in May. This was done to allow the officers to begin and take over the official duties of the office prior to the most senior members leaving the Board (those who would term out June 1 and officially be off the Board at the end of July based upon the grace period extended to confirmed appointments). This was also a good transition time for any legislation, allowing the new president to gain the needed expertise on Board-sponsored legislation prior to the need for testimony at the legislature.

Because the restructure/consolidation was effective January 1, 2008, staff advised the Board that it should hold the election of officers for the consolidated Board in November, 2007 (the last meeting of the Board prior to the effective date of the bill). The Board held its consolidated election in November 2007. The terms of office took effect immediately to ensure smooth implementation of the restructuring of the Board.

Although, the election in November 2007 was required, the term of office of the elected Board officers now presents problems for the Board and staff because some members have terms that could expire during their terms of office making the continuity of Board leadership complicated or troublesome.

Staff recommends the best time to hold an election of officers would be at the third quarterly meeting of the Board which is held in July. This meeting occurs prior to terms ending with the grace period. All Members are eligible to run for office of President, Vice President or Secretary for the Board at the time of elections regardless of whether they are a current officer of the Board.

If the Board does decide to change its election dates to the July (third) meeting of the Board, then it appears logical that the Board elect its current slate of officers since they have only been "on the job" for six months or less.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Assembly Bill 253 (Eng, Chapter 678) became effective on January 1, 2008. This bill consolidated the Board's two divisions into one Board and reduced the Board's membership from 21 to 15. Due to this consolidation, at the November 2007 meeting, the Board voted to move its election of officers from its April/May meeting to the November meeting to stay in concert with the legislative process.