

BOARD NEWS!

We welcome Betty J. Beil, R.Ph. of Tulsa and Aaron P. Wilbanks, R.Ph. of Yukon to the Board as Compliance Officers. Betty and Aaron joined the staff on March 29, 1999. Betty received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of Kansas in 1979 and Aaron received his BS in Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1997.

The Board also welcomes new Board member Janis K. McAllister, R.Ph. of Woodward. Janis has been appointed by Governor Keating to a term ending June 30, 2004. A graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1970, Janis is Assistant Manager of Homeland Pharmacy, Past President and Vice-President of OPhA District 9, and OPhA District 9 Executive Council Board Member. Janis is married and has three children.

Congratulations to Betty, Aaron and Janis!

BOARD MEETING - MARCH 24, 1999

Reciprocities and Score Transfers

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Catherine Lee Parsons (TN), #12540; Barbara Ann Perri (MO), #12541; Valari K. Shanks (NM), #12542; Cheryl Lynn Treat (WA), #12543.

Disciplinary Action

R.Ph. #8062 - Case 537

Respondent was found guilty of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. He was charged with falsifying his pharmacist licensure renewal application because he could not verify his continuing education. His license was suspended until July 1, 1999. He must provide verification of 30 hours of CE plus 15 hours for the 1999-2000 renewal period. If he cannot provide verification of 45 hours of CE, his license will be cancelled.

R.Ph. #10460 - Case 538

Respondent was found guilty of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. He stipulated to the facts of the case. He forged a Schedule IV prescription for his personal use.

His license was suspended for a period of five (5) years until March 24, 2004. The suspension was placed on probation providing that he enter into and comply with a new contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP).

R.Ph. #12317 - Case 539

Respondent was found guilty of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. He stipulated to the charges of taking a large quantity of several CDS's over a period of 3-4 months.

His license was suspended for a period of three (3) months. Upon providing information to the Board that he is compliance with his OPHP contract, his license may be placed on probation.

R.Ph. #7720 - Case 452

Respondent appeared before the Board to request that his suspended license be reinstated to good standing. His license was placed on probation for the next five (5) years providing he continues his contract with OPHP.

R.Ph. #9659 - Case 535

Respondent was found guilty of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. He stipulated to the charges of using crack cocaine and practicing pharmacy while under the influence of drugs.

His license was suspended for a period of ten (10) years until March 24, 2009. He is to enter into a contract with OPHP and his license is to be surrendered at once. With the support of OPHP and after proving that he has been sober for eight (8) months, he may appear before the Board after January 1, 2000 to request that the suspension be placed on probation.

BOARD MEETING - APRIL 22, 1999**PHARM.D. EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM**

The Board requested that SWOSU and OU appear at the June 15th meeting of the Board to present information about the types of required and elective practice sites and the number of experiential hours contained in the Pharm.D. curriculum. The purpose is to determine if all experiential hours will be satisfied by the new curriculum.

Reciprocities and Score Transfers

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Polly Robinson (MO), #12549; Tracy Shannon Anderson (OH), #12550; Susan J. Ballinger (NM), #12551.

Disciplinary ActionR.Ph. #8723 - Case 540

Respondent was selected for an annual CE Audit and was unable to submit proof that he had completed the required CE listed on his 1998-99 renewal.

He must complete 40 hours of CE by June 1, 1999, or his license will be suspended. He must also submit verification of his CE with his renewal for the next three (3) years. In addition, he must attend the June 1999 law seminar and pay a fine of \$250.00.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Since January 1999, the following candidates have successfully passed the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Exam and were issued a license upon successfully passing the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX): Metha John Chonlahan, #12511; Julie Renee' Davidson Dailey, #12512; Wendell Shane Edmonson, #12513; William Edward Geiger, #12514; Christina Dawes Lee, #12515; Daniel Lee Lunsford, #12516; Leena Narendra Patel, #12517; Jeffrey W. Pippenger, #12518; Michael Francis Pondrom, #12519; Scott Edward

Terrell, #12520; Devin G. Wilcox, #12521; Linnie Jo Wilcox, #12522; Jeremy Paul Lawson, #12523; Jamie Lynn Johnson, #12525; Stephanie K. Hagan, #12526; John Wayne Kennedy, #12527; Shonda K. Lassiter, #12528; Kerry L. Robison, #12529; Joel B. Lane, #12530; Lenee Audrea Lane, #12531; Ramdas Vaidyanathan, #12532; Hiep Phi Tran, #12533; Audra Lynn Ash, #12534; Johnna Lynn Fury, #12535; Brian K. Thomas, #12536; Kasey A. Badgett, #12537; Bradley W. Dedmon, #12538; Damon L. Noland, #12539; Kimberly Shawn Alfred, #12544; Kevin Hoai Vu, #12545; Johnny R. Stephens, #12546; Ronnie J. Sullivan, #12547; Kasey Kenneth Thompson, #12548; Steven Wade Gordon, #12552; Wendy L. Phillips, #12553; Eric Lane Stevens, #12554; Carrie Michelle Marvin, #12555; Cuong (Michael) A. Nguyen, #12556; Rhonda Yvonne Pitts, #12557; Crystal Dawn Williams Taylor, #12558; Stacy Lynn Schrader, #12559.

CONCERN RISES OVER CASES INVOLVING ERRORS

The Board has had a number of calls from concerned pharmacists regarding Board cases against pharmacists who have made an error. The pharmacists in these cases are brought before the Board because they have received two warning notices in a 12 month period. (Rule 535:25-1-3 (f))

50 YEAR GOLD CERTIFICATES ISSUED

The following pharmacists were issued gold certificates in recognition for the honored distinction of having been a registered pharmacist for 50 years. The Board of Pharmacy recognizes these pharmacists and gratefully acknowledges their years of contribution to the pharmacy profession. These individuals may take great pride in being part of such an ancient and honorable profession for so long: Ira Dollar; Gerald Mark Ekiss; Jean Grace; Vernon A. Green; Frederick C. Hall; Jim M. Hastings; Paul Haynes; Hal L. Hefner; Jimmy R. Holder; W.E. McIntosh, Jr.; Morene Morrison; N.B. Northcutt; Michael A. O'Hara; Donald E. Palmer; L.G. Patrick; John E. Popkess; Lucille M. Robertson; and Ellen A. O'Connell Weaver.

SENIOR INACTIVE RENEWAL

The Board has approved rules, which allow pharmacists who are retired and over 65 years of age to renew as a retired inactive pharmacist at a fee of \$20.00. No continuing education is required for a **Senior Inactive License** and you will remain eligible to receive your 50 year certificate. You will also continue to receive Pharmacy Board newsletters and notices. An Inactive pharmacist **cannot** practice pharmacy. If you feel that you qualify and are interested in a Senior Inactive License, please contact the Board office.

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You may now visit the Board at our new web site. We can be found on the Oklahoma Home Page at www.state.ok.us under the Oklahoma State Agency Directory - Public Safety. If you wish to send e-mail our address is pharmacy@oklaosf.state.ok.us.

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Call the OPHP Help-Line 1-800-260-7574 ext. 5. All calls are confidential.