Election of Officers for 2022

President. Minn. Stats. §151.05 states: “The board shall annually elect one of its members as president and one of its members as vice-president, and a pharmacist, who may or may not be a member, as secretary.” Until 2014 (and based on tradition), a Pharmacist Member was selected to be President, usually on a rotating basis and by seniority. However, there is no requirement in statutes or rules that the President be a pharmacist. Nor is there any prohibition in statutes or rules against a President serving two or more consecutive turns. Mr. Stuart Williams is currently the Board’s President.

Vice-President – By tradition, another Board Member, either public or pharmacist, has been elected – usually, but not necessarily, by seniority. Dr. Stacey Haakonson is currently the Board’s Vice President.

The terms of two Board Members expire in January, 2022: Dr. Haakonson and Mr. James Bialke.

Secretary – As noted above, Minn. Stats. §151.05 requires the Secretary to be a pharmacist. The Secretary serves as the Executive Director (ED). Minnesota Statutes §214.04, subd. 3 names the ED as chief administrative officer of the Board and prohibits the ED from being a Board member. Dr. Cody Wiberg has held this office since September 21, 2005.

Designation of other Officials

Deputy Director (DD). The DD has been officially designated by the Board, in its Continuation of Operations Plan, to be the Executive Director’s successor in case an emergency renders the ED unable to perform his or her functions. Like the Board Members and the ED, the DD is considered a public official under Minnesota Statutes. The DD position was created in 2013 and Dr. Jennell Bilek most currently served in that position. Dr. Katrina Howard was hired to fill the position, starting today, December 8th.

Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs (AD). The AD serves as the Board’s Office Manager and, along with the ED and DD, has delegated authority to take certain actions on the Board’s behalf. (Payroll, time sheets, human resource issues, expenditures). The AD is the direct supervisor for all the office/clerical staff. This position is currently held by Tami Weir.