

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

At approximately 8:00 a.m., June 13, 2001, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met at the Minneapolis Convention Center, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a written practical examination in prescription compounding, errors and omissions, and patient counseling to candidates for licensure by examination. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Charles Cooper and Ms. Jean Lemberg. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and all members of the Board's staff.

The following candidates, who have met all of the required prerequisites and who have presented properly executed applications, were present to write the examinations administered as part of the full Board examination process:

Samuel David Aadnes	Dominic A. Hanson	Sandra Lynn Monger
Alisa Brooke Aden	Jennifer Marie Hanson	Pamela Ann Motzko
Matthew R. Affeldt	Shadeen R. Haque	Shanna Lee Myers
Mohamed Ahmed Aw-Dahir	Paul E. Harder	Adam Wesley Nachand
Omar Badawi	Shane Arthur Havron	Jennifer Joan Nagel
Timothy John Barr	Jason Phillip Hinrichs	Wade Patrick Nagel
Sarah Marie Biebighauser	Jennifer Ann Hirschey	Michael P. Namisnak
Nicholle M. Binek	Tu-Khanh N. Hoang	Chad A. Nellis
Amy Marie Bollom	Sara Louise Hoeye	Kristine A. Nellis
Ann Elizabeth Byre	Jenny Anne Houglum	Andrea Marie Newman
Brian Gregory Calnon	Brian J. Howard	Hanh Bich Nguyen
Denise Hull Campion	Lisa Marie Ives	Thu Kieu Nguyen
Katie Ann Carls	Michelle Leigh Jacobson	Michelle Susan Nordmark
Leah Rebecca Carlson	Nathan David Jacobson	Chad Michael Novak
Ryan Michael Cassity	Christine Marie Jennewein	Chinwe Chidinma Ntekim
Danelle Dawn Chapinski	Elizabeth Marie Kadlec	Eun Joong Oh
David John Christiansen	Lynne Rita Kellar	Chrystian Reynaldo Pereira
Sadie Marie Christianson	Robert Kersting	Neena Reddy Pesaru
Laurel Jane Clair	Kelly Uyen Khieu	David Paul Peterson
David James Coffee	Valerie Elizabeth Klaas	Ryan James Poppinga
Megan Alice Cords	Leslie Ann Knudson	Mary Catherine Quenzer
Gabriel Robert Dean	Lori Jean Koopman	Susan Renee Rabenberg
Paul J. Degen	Karl Allen Krenz	Melissa Ann Rambow
Kelly Jo Dick	Pao Robert Kue	Leah Jo Rein
Daniel William Dixon	Cari Michelle Labonne	Lynne L. Reinke
Angela Ann Donsante	Steve Michael Lafond	Rebecca Jean Reis
Jennifer Mary Drean-Rollie	Margarette My Lao	Jennifer Mertz Riegel
Allison Irene Farley	Kevin V. Lee	Susan Renee Rosenau
Brent Joseph Ferguson	Kelly Ann Lentz	Anne Marie Schapman
Chris Filopoulos	Neda L. Leonard	Jami Marie Schell
Amy Lynn Fossum	Amanda Larayne Macari	Diane Marie Schlessler
Melissa W. Fossum	Kavitha Mathews	Stacy Ann Schoepke
Jodi Lyn Grabinski	Sara Ruth Mathiowetz	Anne Marie Schullo
Joshua Nathan Grabow	Amy Beth Mattson	Mara Anne Schwandt
Kelly Ann Haar	Chris Jerrod Meyer	Karla Sue Semanko
Kelly Zobava Hadsall	Pepper N. Meyer	Tara Kristi Shogren
James Leon Hand	Amy Lee Mikkelson	Galina Shteyman

Kyle Francis Skiermont	Thomas M. Trempe	Sarah Mae Westrum
Kathryn A. Sloan	Tiana L. Truong	Sarah Gaylene Whaley
Daniel Thomas Spreitzer	Katie Bich-Ngoc Tu	Kenzie Lane Wickman
Julie Lynn Stauss	Stephanie Ann Uglum	Vicki Jean Wilhelm
Michael Christian Stober	Doris Joongsun Uh	Freddie Yiu-Fung Wong
Jeanne M. Ternes-Denn	Susan Cunha Villegas	Ann Marie Yapel
Dennis John Thackeray	Amy Elizabeth Wallingford	Dacotah Joy Yokom
Sarah Lynn Thompson	Sara Ann Warner	Michelle Barbara Zachman
Cari J. Thomsen	Daniel Aloysius Weiss, Jr.	Lisa Marie Zimney
Donna Marie Todoroff	Katie Jo Westby	

The following retake candidates were also present to write the examination:

Basma Abd El-Rahman	Minh Van Nguyen
Mohamed Abou-Karam	Trang Dai Nguyen
David John Croluis	Michael Gregory Notkin
Suzanne Elizabeth Doerr	Samuel Wagner
Mohamed Nagi Ahmed El-Basuony	Long Yang

Also present to write the examination was Mr. David Sundberg, who is seeking reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., June 14, 2001, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of developing language for several rule changes being considered by the Board. Also attending the rules development meeting were 21 other individuals representing MPhA, MSHP, chain drug pharmacies, long-term care pharmacies, independent community pharmacies, and employee pharmacists. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Charles Cooper. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Pharmacy Board surveyors.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., June 14, 2001, the Board met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. Again, all members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Charles Cooper. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

After reviewing, revising, and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2001. After making a minor modification to the minutes, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature to come before the Board was a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Gordon L. Kohs. Mr. Kohs now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. The stipulation and order was developed subsequent to a disciplinary conference held with Mr. Kohs on May 30, 2001, to

discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Kohs has agreed to and signed the proposed stipulation and order.

After discussing the stipulation and order and obtaining background information that led to the development of the document from Mr. Kohs, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the proposed stipulation and order be approved and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed with Mr. Vern Kassekert voting in opposition.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, Mr. Franklin Wickham, who, with several other individuals representing Ortho Biotech, presented the Board with background information and educational material relating to biotech drugs and generic equivalents. At the conclusion of their presentation, Mr. Wickham and the other representatives from Ortho Biotech departed from the meeting.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy, in Mankato, Minnesota, by Mr. James Armbruster, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy, in Rosemount, Minnesota, by Ms. Julie Szambelan, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Ms. RONALDA MILLER, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board a list of pharmacies, that have come to his attention, that are operating without a current pharmacist-in-charge on record. The Board discussed this issue at some length and observed that it is a violation of Minnesota law for a pharmacy to operate without a pharmacist-in-charge identified. The Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to continue to study this issue and to develop a plan for bringing the pharmacies, without an identified pharmacist-in-charge, into compliance.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with scores from candidates for licensure by reciprocity and examination. After a review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that, having passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
7787	Kristine Kay Daly	NE
7788	Julie Hope Cook	SD
7789	Michael James Williams, Jr.	MI
7790	Andrew Chungching Tang	WI
7792	Michael Rodney Forbrook	SD
7793	Rebecca Suzanne Grovom	MT
7794	Kristin Kaye Nevitt	IN
7795	Christian Ike Duruji	TX
7796	Michael Gene Lawrence	WI
7797	Tejal Patel	NJ
7798	Susan Marie Schnase	ND

For the full board examination candidate, the Board determined that, in grading the examination, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical examination portion at 20% of the total, and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the following candidate be granted licensure as a pharmacist.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Dai Q. Hoang	7791	117199-6

The motion passed.

At this time Mr. Todd Sorensen and Ms. Kristen Jahnke, from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, appeared before the Board to continue the discussion of an immunization certificate program that is being developed for pharmacists by the College of Pharmacy. The immunization certificate program is designed to train pharmacists to safely and effectively administer vaccines to patients at their pharmacies. Mr. Sorensen and Ms. Jahnke are requesting the Board's consideration of pilot projects, which would allow participants of the immunization certificate program to begin administration of vaccines.

After obtaining additional information from Mr. Sorensen and Ms. Jahnke, regarding the certificate program and the number of pharmacists who completed the program, the Board invited Mr. Sorensen to have program participants apply for approval of pilot projects for immunization programs specific to each participating pharmacy.

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The Board first addressed new variance requests that are receiving their first reading. The first such request was submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, Riverside Campus, by Mr. Nick Malinowsky, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Malinowsky is seeking a variance, which would allow the pharmacy to store dispensing records off site. The storage location would be on the Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus in Room M-15 through August of 2001. Pharmacy staff would have key access for the entry and have 24 hour a day access to the records. Mr. Malinowsky's second request relates to the same issue. Beginning in June of 2001, Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus proposes to begin using Iron Mountain Records Management for records storage. This facility will provide two- to four-hour turnaround of record requests 24 hours a day. Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus proposes to no longer store records in Room M-15 after August of 2001. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy on two readings for each variance request and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve, on a permanent basis, both variances requested by Mr. Malinowsky relating to records retention. The motion passed.

The next request for a new variance receiving its first reading was, again, submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, Riverside Campus, by Mr. Nick Malinowsky, Pharmacist-in-charge. In this request, Mr. Malinowsky is seeking a variance that would allow Fairview Riverside Medical Center Riverside Campus to keep NCR copies of medication orders (the pharmacist's copy) in the pharmacy for 30 days with the original copy being kept permanently in the patient's chart. Again, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings for each variance request and act on this request immediately. That motion passed. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve this variance request on behalf of the Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus on a permanent basis. The motion passed.

The third request for a variance was also submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, Riverside Campus, by Mr. Nick Malinowsky, Pharmacist-in-charge. In this request, Mr. Malinowsky is seeking a variance, which would allow Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus to store more than one item in a matrix or mini-drawer in Pyxis Machines. This matrix option would be used on a limited basis and would contain OTCS and common floor stock items (e.g., furosemide, milk of magnesia, sodium bicarbonate injection) and will not include controlled substances. More than one medication in a mini-drawer would only be utilized where drugs are significantly different from each other (e.g., different routes of administration for different drugs). In keeping with its established policy of considering variance requests at two consecutive Board meetings, the Board gave Mr. Malinowsky's request its first reading and will consider it for the second time at the Board's meeting of July 25, 2001. In the meantime, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain input on this issue from Board inspectors.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, University Campus, by Ms. Bonnie Senst, Pharmacist-in-Charge. Like the request from Mr. Malinowsky on the Riverside Campus, Ms. Senst is requesting an opportunity to store dispensing records outside of the pharmacy on the University Campus. Ms. Senst's request identifies record storage in Room D189 of the Mayo Building and at the University Stores, 2901 Talmadge Avenue SE (through August 2001), and at Iron Mountain Records Management beginning in May of 2001. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings for all variance requests and act on this request immediately. That motion passed. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the variances relating to records storage outside of the licensed pharmacy area requested by Ms. Senst be approved for an indefinite period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance was also submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, University Campus, by Ms. Bonnie Senst, Pharmacist-in-Charge. Again, like the case with the Riverside Campus, Ms. Senst is requesting a variance which would allow Fairview University Medical Center University Campus to keep the NCR copy of medication orders (the pharmacist's copy) in the pharmacy for only 30 days with the original copy being kept permanently in the patient's chart. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings for all variance requests and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve the variance relating to the maintaining of medication orders in the pharmacy, requested by Ms. Senst, on a permanent basis. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, University Campus, by Ms. Bonnie Senst, Pharmacist-in-Charge. Ms. Senst is requesting a variance, which would allow the Fairview University Medical Center University Campus Pharmacy to store pharmaceuticals outside of the main central pharmacy location, but within the hospital facility. After a brief discussion of this request, it was determined that a variance is not required in this instance in that the hospital pharmacy is responsible for drug storage everywhere in the hospital and, by statute, hospitals can possess stock supplies of legend drugs. As a result, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to write to Ms. Senst indicating that a variance is not needed in order to store legend drugs within a hospital facility.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was also submitted on behalf of Fairview University Medical Center, University Campus, by Ms. Bonnie Senst, Pharmacist-in-Charge. This variance request, like the request from Fairview University Medical Center Riverside Campus, would allow the pharmacy to store more than one item in a matrix or mini-drawer in Pyxis Machines. In keeping with its policy of requiring two readings for variance requests, the Board took this request under consideration and will give it its second reading at the meeting of July 25, 2001. In the meantime, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain additional information from Pharmacy Board inspectors regarding the issue of matrix drawers in Pyxis automated distribution systems.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of Itasca Medical Center Pharmacy, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, by Mr. Jim Keller, Pharmacist-in-Charge. Mr. Keller is requesting a variance, which would allow him to also be named as the pharmacist-in-charge of the Deer River Community Hospital, which obtains its pharmacy services from the staff at Itasca Medical Center in Grand Rapids. After discussing Mr. Keller's request, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board suspend its policy of two readings for all variance requests and act on Mr. Keller's request now. The motion passed. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the variance requested by Mr. Keller, which would allow him to become pharmacist-in-charge at the Deer River Community Hospital in addition to his PIC duties at Itasca Medical Center, be granted on a permanent basis. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of the Hospice Program of Luverne Community Hospital, by Ms. Linda Reisdorfer, Hospice Clinical Director. Ms. Reisdorfer is seeking a variance, which would allow an emergency kit containing various controlled substances to be prepared for hospice residents at a facility called "The Cottage." In keeping with its policy of requiring two readings for each variance request, the Board took this request under consideration and will give it its second reading at the meeting of July 25, 2001. In the meantime, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain additional information regarding the position of the pharmacist-in-charge at Luverne Community Hospital relative to this request, and to obtain additional information regarding who will have access to the key for the kit and information on why the kit cannot be kept at the hospital rather than being kept at "The Cottage."

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of the Fairview Red Wing Hospital, by Mr. David Swinarski, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Swinarski is requesting a variance that would allow him to become the pharmacist-in-charge at Zumbrota Health Care in Zumbrota, which receives pharmacy services through the Fairview Red Wing Hospital Pharmacy. Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings for all variance requests and act on Mr. Swinarski's request immediately. That motion passed. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the variance requested by Mr. Swinarski, allowing him to be designated as pharmacist-in-charge at both the Fairview Red Wing Hospital Pharmacy and the Zumbrota Health Care Pharmacy be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance to be considered by the Board was submitted on behalf of PharMerica Pharmacy by Mr. Joseph Miller, Consultant Pharmacist. Mr. Miller is requesting a variance relating to the emergency kit PharMerica provides to Maplewood Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Mr. Miller is requesting a variance that would allow PharMerica to include up to 12 tablets of Percocet 5/325 and up to 12 tablets of Vicodin 5/500 in the emergency kit. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings for each variance request and act on this request immediately. That motion passed. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve the variance requested by Mr. Miller for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to requests for extensions of previously granted variances that were being read for the first time. The first request for an extension of a previously granted variance was submitted on behalf of Chronimed Pharmacy, by Ms. Linda Kobilarcsik, Pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Kobilarcsik is seeking an extension of a previously granted variance relating to the area designated as a licensed pharmacy at Chronimed. Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings of all variance requests and act on this request immediately. That motion passed. Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the previously granted variance be approved for an indefinite period of time. The motion passed.

The second request for an extension of a previously granted variance receiving its first reading was submitted on behalf of Northern Itasca Pharmacy, by Mr. John Nathe, Pharmacist-in-charge. Northern Itasca Pharmacy is requesting an extension of a variance, which allows the pharmacy to pre-pack various pharmaceutical products to be dispensed by physicians in the Northome and Big Falls Clinics. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings of all variance requests and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board extend the previously granted variance for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for an extension of a previously granted variance receiving its first reading was submitted on behalf of various Thrifty White Drug Pharmacies, by Ms. Patricia DeLaPointe, Manager of Long Term Care for Thrifty White. Ms. DeLaPointe is requesting an extension of a variance, which allows the return of medications from assisted-living facilities. Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings of all variance requests and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board extend the previously granted variance for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The next request for an extension of a previously granted variance receiving its first reading was also submitted on behalf of Thrifty White Pharmacy, in Hastings, Minnesota, by Ms. Patricia DeLaPointe, Manager of Long Term Care for Thrifty White. Ms. DeLaPointe is requesting an extension of a variance for the Thrifty White Hastings Pharmacy relating to the return for credit of medications dispensed to the Dakota County Jail in a 31-day blister card medication system. Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings of all variance requests and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the previously granted variance be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The final request for an extension of a previously granted variance receiving its first reading was submitted on behalf of PharMerica Pharmacy, by Ms. Cynthia Walker, Pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Walker is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which expands the allowable emergency kit for the Lake Ridge Health Care Center. Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the Board suspend its policy of requiring two readings of all variance requests and act on this request immediately. The motion passed. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the previously granted variance be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed variance requests that were given their first reading at the April meeting of the Board. The first such request was submitted on behalf of Bridges Hospital Pharmacy in Ada, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Rosenau, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Rosenau is requesting a variance that would require him to be on-site at the part-time pharmacy at the Bridges Hospital only one day a week. Currently, if a patient is admitted, drugs are put on the patient profile system and faxed to Mr. Rosenau at the local pharmacy. The medications that the patients will receive are prepared and dispensed from that location. The only medications that are done on-site at the hospital are IVs. The Director of Nursing is ordering and directing administration procedures of those medications. Mr. Rosenau is requesting the variance because the patient census at Bridges does not warrant more frequent on-site visits. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the variance requested by Mr. Rosenau be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance to receive its second reading was submitted on behalf of High Pointe Pharmacy, in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, by Mr. Greg Schad, Pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Schad is requesting a variance that would allow High Pointe Pharmacy to accept returns of medications from the Washington County Jail, in Stillwater, Minnesota, under circumstances similar to those involving nursing home patients. The request is only for unit dose packages prepared commercially and products in the original unopened containers. Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the variance requested by Mr. Schad be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The next request for a variance to receive its second reading was submitted on behalf of Alliance Clinic Pharmacy, by Ms. Kathleen Wickstrom, Clinic Director. Ms. Wickstrom is requesting variances relating to the square footage of the pharmacy dispensing and drug storage area and to equipment kept on hand at the pharmacy. Alliance Clinic Pharmacies is a Methadone treatment center pharmacy and has only two products that are being dispensed. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board approve the variances requested on a permanent basis pending the approval of these variance requests by the pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance was a request for an extension of a previously granted variance for St. Luke's Hospital Pharmacy, in Duluth, Minnesota, submitted by Mr. Mike Dudzik, Director of Pharmacy. Mr. Dudzik is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance relating to a tech-check-tech program at St. Luke's. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the scheduling of meetings for the year 2002. The following schedule was adopted.

2002 BOARD MEETINGS

January 8th and 9th	-	Board Exams and Business Meeting
February 20th	-	Business Meeting
March 20th	-	Business Meeting
April 24th	-	Business Meeting
May 18th-22nd	-	NABP Annual Meeting
June 4th and 5th	-	Board Exams and Business Meeting
July 31st	-	Business Meeting
August	-	District V Meeting
September 18th	-	Business Meeting
October 23rd	-	Business Meeting
December 4th	-	Business Meeting

The Board next entered into a discussion of attendance at the District V Meeting of the Boards and Colleges of Pharmacy in the upper Midwest area. Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that all Board members and the Board’s Executive Director be authorized to attend the District V Meeting of the Boards and Colleges of Pharmacy in Rapid City, South Dakota, at Board expense. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with a draft of reimbursement and per diem policy. After a brief discussion, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve the per diem policy as amended. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next advised the Board that the meeting he had with representatives of the Department of Corrections indicated the interest that DOC staff has in developing a set of rules specifically addressing pharmacy services to correctional facilities. After a brief discussion, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to contact staff at the Department of Corrections and begin the process of developing rules relating to pharmacy services at correctional facilities.

There being no further business at this time, President Benson adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR