



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN
STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, AND PEDORTHICS
BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

This summary of Board actions and related items reflects information reported to and/or discussed by the Board at its September 12, 2012 meeting. Please be aware that some of this information is based on meeting minutes not yet approved by the Board. [Approved Board meeting minutes](#) constitute the formal record of Board actions. Please [contact the Board office](#) (Board Director) for further information regarding any item of particular interest to you.

→ **LICENSING** - [for online real-time license status verification, click to: [License Verification](#)]

The following **new license actions were approved** and/or reported:

Prosthetics

WAGNER, Timothy G. LP.302
STEINMETZ, Eric B. LP.303-TEMP
MOLES, Aaron LP.304
SUMMERFIELD, Stacey R. LP.305-TEMP

Orthotics-Prosthetics

ANGELL, Brian LPO.297
MATHIAS, Andrew M. LPO.296
COLES, Bobby C. TEMP Pending*
CLARY, Mark (upgrade) LPO.238

Pedorthics

AGNEW, Robert A. LPED.222-TEMP
MAYER, Maria L. LPED.225-TEMP
VERRILLA, Ronald G. LPED.224
GRIFFIN, Christopher LPED.223- TEMP
MELTON, Tyler LPED.221
DAVIS, Holly A TEMP – Pending*

*pending supervision statement or results of criminal record check

→ **DELUCCIA COMPLETES 4-YEAR SERVICE AS PRESIDENT; NEU ASSUMES GAVEL**

David M. DeLuccia, LPO.153, American Orthopedics, finishes up his second 3-year appointment to the Board by relinquishing the President's chair, having served in the role for an unprecedented fourth term marking the end of his six years of service on the Board. "David has been accessible, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and involved; I couldn't have asked for or imagined a better lay leader to guide staff and the Board through the process of defining and articulating the boundaries and nuances of O&P practitioner care in Ohio," said Mark Levy, Board Director. Mr. DeLuccia looks forward to spending more time at his sons' T-ball practices and semi-annual shopping/fitting for soccer shoes.

William "Bill" C. Neu, III, LPO.80, Neu Prosthetic and Orthotic Service, stepped up and was chosen by the Board to take over the role of President. Bill is in his second term of service on the Board, originally appointed by Gov. Strickland and re-appointed by Gov. Kasich. He began his service in the field as a fabrication technician in 1978 in Michigan. He was employed as a Prosthetist for Hanger in Cincinnati in the mid-1980's, and moved on to Prosthetics-Orthotics in Illinois, returning to Ohio in 1991. He opened his own practice in Delaware, Ohio in 2008.

Jason Macedonia, LPO.240, Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics, Columbus, signed on to the Secretary's role. Mr. Macedonia is currently the Board's newest member, appointed by Gov. Kasich earlier this year.

→ **BOARD SERVICE – THREE MEMBERS “TIME OUT” IN DECEMBER 2012**

In December 2012, three seats must be filled by new appointments, as incumbents are near the end of their second consecutive terms of service:

- one Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Practitioner member (currently: David DeLuccia)
- the Pedorthic Practitioner member (currently: Elsa Fritts); and
- the “Doctor” member (M.D., D.O., or D.P.M.) (currently: Rosalind Batley, M.D.).

Board members are reimbursed for mileage and parking for Board business, but are otherwise not financially compensated. Anyone interested in serving must apply directly with the Governor's office. [Click here](#). The Board office would appreciate receiving a courtesy copy of any application submitted.

→ **TESTING PROTOCOL FACT FINDING CONTINUES**

As previously indicated, the Board is engaged in a regular review of administrative rules which govern various aspects of Practice Act administration, and has identified [the rule on license exam vendor](#) as timely for review and consideration of alternatives. Presently, the rule stipulates that the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics is the only recognized testing source for all three professions. However, the Board for Certification International (formerly Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification) recently has adopted NCOPE educational standards for entrance to exam in Pedorthics as well as O&P. The Board is presently engaged in a fact-finding process to address this matter. All input, suggestions and comments are requested and encouraged. See the correspondence and documentation gathered to date here: [Pedorthics review](#). [O&P Review](#). Send an [email to the Board office](#), subject: **Pedorthist Exam**.

→ **OHIO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING THE O&P COMMUNITY.**

Ohio has enacted a major piece of legislation addressing the crimes of human trafficking, [Am. Sub. HB 262](#). The Report is an outgrowth of the legislation and a Governor's Order directing broad implementation. The concerns are not restricted to prostitution and sex crimes, but include child abduction and international trade in workers under slave-like conditions. The incidence of offenses reach into service sector businesses such as beauty and nail salons, where undocumented workers have been found housed in squalid conditions in back rooms and storage areas under threat of physical harm or harm to families in home countries. While most of the enforcement components of Ohio's initiative are directed at various law enforcement agencies and officers, educational outreach extends to social service providers and licensed professionals who frequently interact with vulnerable populations. Two report recommendations pending implementation, which will require program development and further legislative action, appear to have relevance to the Ohio O&P community:

- Recommendation 15: To seek a statutory amendment to revoke the individual license of persons convicted of human trafficking or revoke the license of businesses used in the commission of the crime of human trafficking.
- Recommendation 21: To incorporate human trafficking training into Continuing Education (CE) learning for licensed professionals.

The Board office will keep licensees and stakeholders informed as the recommendations are rolled out as active programmatic requirements.

→ PRACTICE ACT REVIEW ONGOING

Noting the changes in national credentialing standards being implemented through all NCOPE accredited educational entities, the Board has initiated a proposal and discussion process to outline and “flesh out” changes required for the Practice Act to maintain currency with national standards, and to adopt changes long requested by the practitioner community. Among the issues the Board hopes to address through the review, revision and legislative process:

- “tune up” licensing standards language to conform to current and developing national credentialing benchmarks
- “fill in the gaps” in licensing and jurisdictional issues by extending licensure to fitters and assistants and by providing for a process to address DMEPOS competitive bidding when it hits the OTS/OTC end of the prefabricated orthotic device spectrum
- grant the Board subpoena power to investigate allegations of unlicensed practice
- provide confidentiality in the complaint process and update complaint-related language
- make Continuing Education accrual standards subject to Board’s rulemaking authority so as to allow greater conformity with national credentialing requirements.
- provide an “escrowed” or inactive license status under certain conditions

To review language under consideration and provide comment to the Board in this regard, send an [email to the Board office](#), subject: **Practice Act Review**.

→ LICENSE NUMBERING – WHAT’S UP WITH THE -1, -2, -3?

In order to maximize the automation attributes of electronic renewal processing, we needed a solution to the annual calculation performed to determine which licensees were due to report CE based on initial issue date or number of renewals processed. It was confusing for you; it was confusing for us.

After consult with IT staff, it was determined that we could create a license “sub-type” for each license type issued. Those who were required to report OPPCE at the renewal due January 31, 2012, were designated sub-type “2”. Those who will need to report for the upcoming renewal due January 31, 2013, are sub-type “3”. We are not yet adding sub-type “1” to the remainder, pending the state of Ohio’s procurement and roll-out of a new shared licensing database, but licensees with neither sub-type “2” nor “3” should assume their reporting cycle next lands on January 31, 2014.

→ CHECK YOUR OPPCE REPORTING SUB-TYPE AT THE [WEBSITE LICENSE LOOK-UP](#).

→ THIS DOES NOT DENOTE A CHANGE IN LICENSE NUMBER FOR CREDENTIALING PURPOSES. It is an administrative “tag” for better tracking of OPPCE reporting cycles.

→ **BOARD MEETING DATES SET FOR 2013**

March 13, 2013

June 12, 2013

September 11, 2013

December 11, 2013

→ **OPPCE REPORTING CYCLE REMINDER**

Ohio credentialing requirements in these professions require a licensee to confirm, subject to verification, accrual of a minimum amount of approved Continuing Education credits at every third license renewal. **Most national credentialing organizations that certify practitioners in these fields have a 5-year CE accrual window. The Board thus urges OPP licensees to think of their OPPCE obligation in terms of a yearly "rate" based on the 3-year rule.** Such a protocol assures current competence in the field, an identifiable plan to maintain national credential compliance, and compliance with the Ohio requirement when the targeted renewal rolls around.

3-year accrual requirements and the corresponding annual "rates" are as follows:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>3-year total minimum</u>	<u>Annualized Rate</u>
Pedorthics	LPED	33	11
Orthotics or Prosthetics	LO or LP	45	15
Orthotics AND Prosthetics	LPO, or LO & LP	75	25

✓ Please note: [OPPCE minimum requirements are set by statute](#) and are not subject to modification by the Board. No OPPCE requirement attaches to a Temporary license.

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