



Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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Election of Officers (01-01-94)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy conducted its annual election of officers during the regular meeting held in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, November 28, 2000. The following officers were reelected:

- Carl W. Aron** (Monroe) President
- Philip C. "Pete" Aucoin** (New Iberia) First Vice President
- B. Belaire Bourg** (Baton Rouge) Second Vice President
- T. Morris Rabb** (Monroe) Third Vice President
- Reuben R. Dixon** (New Orleans) Secretary

Staffing Changes (01-01-95)

Ms Mary Beth Isacks, administrative assistant of the Board, resigned her position last month and moved to Alabama. Ms Isacks was an integral part of the Board office since May 1990. We will certainly miss her, and we wish her and her husband well in their new endeavors. The Board hired a new administrative assistant last month; Ms Gail Leggett comes to us from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana. Welcome to the family, Gail!

Board Meeting Dates for 2001 (01-01-96)

The Board has announced its tentative meeting dates for 2001. All Board meetings will be held at the Board office, unless otherwise indicated. Administrative hearings are planned in conjunction with the May and November meetings.

February 7-8
May 16-17

August 15-16
November 14-15

New Regulations (01-01-97)

As you are aware, the Louisiana legislature revised the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act last year. As a result of the new law, the Board is reviewing and revising all the regulations. You should consult an updated law book, or our Web site at www.labp.com, to see the entire regulation.

Chapter 7 – Pharmacy Education: The entire chapter was revised, effective October 20, 2000.

- ◆ Intern Registration/Work Permit – This one document replaces two separate documents. All students shall register with the Board at the beginning of their academic careers, pay the \$10 fee, and receive the registration/work permit, which will expire one year after the date of graduation. Since the permit is issued to the intern, it is portable.
- ◆ Practical Experience – The Board will now credit up to 50 hours per week, regardless of whether school is in session. PharmD candidates will be granted 1100 hours credit for their rotation experience, provided they earn at least 400 hours on their own prior to graduation.

- ◆ Continuing Education – The Board removed the requirement to list continuing education (CE) activities on the pharmacist license renewal application. Instead, pharmacists are now required to maintain copies of their CE records at their primary practice site for at least two years. Both the office and the field inspectors will continue the practice of random audits. Pharmacists must earn at least 15 hours of American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)-approved CE that is credited during the one-year period prior to the effective date of the renewal.

Chapter 8 – Pharmacy Technicians: The entire chapter was revised, effective December 1, 2000.

- ◆ Didactic Training Program – The Board deleted the requirement for completion of a Board-approved didactic training program. Technician trainees may now complete the training of their choice.
- ◆ Practical Experience – The number of hours has been changed from 200 to 500. The Board will credit up to 50 hours per week, provided the experience is obtained under the authority of a work permit. The permit will be issued at no cost directly to the trainee, so it is portable. The permit will expire in one year, and it is not renewable. Hours earned under the work permit expire one year after the permit expires. If the trainee has not earned at least 500 hours prior to the expiration date of the permit, the trainee must wait 18 months after the permit expiration date to apply for another permit.
- ◆ Continuing Education – Pharmacy technicians must earn at least 10 hours of ACPE-approved CE that is credited during the one-year period prior to the effective date of their certificate renewal. Since the Board must allow a full year to earn the CE, this requirement will not apply to the July 1, 2001 renewal. It will become effective with the July 1, 2002 renewal.

Chapter 12 – Automated Medication Systems: This entirely new chapter became effective July 1, 2000. If you use any automated medication systems (AMS) in your practice, and you are not sure if you need to register that system with the Board, here is the definition of an AMS contained in the regulation: "includes, but is not limited to, a mechanical system that performs operations or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage, packaging, or delivery of medications, and which collects, controls, and maintains all transaction information" (LAC 46:LIII.1201.A). The implementation of this regulation required a substantial investment in database and related process construction, which is nearing completion. We will mail applications for AMS registration to those pharmacies that responded appropriately to our survey. In the interim, you may wish to consult the regulation to determine any necessary actions on your part.

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Chapter 35 at §3517 – Drug Returns: This amendment to the section prohibiting returns of previously dispensed prescription drugs became effective August 20, 2000. Prior to the amendment, the only exception occurred in hospital pharmacies. The amendment adds a second exception for provisional permitted (free clinic) pharmacies. Under very narrowly defined circumstances, these pharmacies may accept transfers of certain drugs from nursing homes and certain other facilities for redispensing to indigent patients. There are only seven such pharmacies in the state, and they have all been notified of this change.

As new regulations are promulgated and forms changed to reflect the new requirements, we are sending law book updates to all pharmacies. In addition, when appropriate, certain categories of licensees receive direct mailings from the office. The rules are changing, and you have a legal responsibility to keep up with these changes. Please read your mail in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Disciplinary Actions (01-01-98)

During its November 29, 2000, administrative hearing, the Board took final action in the following matters. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, you should call the Board at 225/925-6496 to verify the accuracy of the listing before making any decision based on this information.

Sherri Marie Barnett (Technician Certificate No. 1239) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate revoked. *Charges:* unlawful possession of Schedule III controlled substance.

Allison Ann Monetta [aka Allison Ann Beagle] (Technician Certificate No. 1266) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate revoked. *Charges:* unlawful distribution of Schedule II and IV controlled substances.

Paula Maria Lopez (Technician Certificate No. 2705) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate revoked. *Charges:* unlawful distribution of legend drugs, assisted in practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy law or regulations; failure to report any adverse action by law enforcement agency for conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action; failure to report change of employment to the Board within 10 days of change.

Shawn Michael Corley (Technician Certificate No. 3286) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate revoked. *Charges:* unprofessional conduct; unlawful distribution of Schedule III and IV controlled substances.

Frederick O’Neal Selvage (Technician Certificate No. 2078) Voluntary Surrender: Certificate suspended indefinitely, beginning June 15, 2000. *Charges:* assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy law or regulations; departed from or failed

to conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice.

Ginger Gale Bordelon (Technician Certificate No. 1448) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate suspended for five years, beginning October 12, 2000; not to reapply for reinstatement for at least one year. When reinstated, balance of five-year term to be served on probation. Certificate assessed \$1,000 plus administrative costs, to be paid prior to reinstatement. *Charges:* unprofessional conduct; dispensing Schedule III and IV controlled substances without authorization; dispensing legend drugs without authorization.

Carlton Ireneaus Isidor Charles (License No. 11135) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License suspended for 10 years, beginning September 7, 2000; not to reapply for reinstatement for at least five years. When reinstated, balance of 10-year term to be served on probation. License assessed \$10,000; one half of assessment due upon execution of agreement, balance due prior to reinstatement. *Charges:* unlawful possession and distribution of Schedule IV controlled substance; felony conviction involving moral turpitude; practiced pharmacy in violation of pharmacy law or regulation; evaded local, state, or federal laws pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.

Lloyd Joseph Duplantis, Jr (License No. 9535) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License suspended for five years, beginning August 23, 2000; suspension stayed and license placed on probation for five years. License assessed \$1,500 plus administrative costs. *Charges:* has practiced pharmacy in violation of pharmacy law or regulations; Medicaid and insurance fraud.

Walgreen’s Pharmacy No. 3047 (Permit No. 3245) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit assessed \$5,000 plus administrative costs. *Charges:* has engaged a person in the practice of pharmacy without a license, registration, certificate, permit, or any other designation deemed necessary to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

In addition, the Board accepted the voluntary license surrender from one impaired pharmacist, modified probationary terms for two impaired pharmacists, reinstated licenses for six pharmacists, denied reinstatement to two pharmacists, suspended licenses of two pharmacists, and reprimanded one pharmacist.

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