

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



Suite 100
830 Union Street
New Orleans
Louisiana 70112-1499
Telephone: (504) 524-6763

Members

RICHARD M. NUNNALLY, M.D., *President*, Baton Rouge
IKE MUSLOW, M.D., *Vice-President*, Shreveport
ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D., *Secretary-Treasurer*, Lafayette
F. P. BORDELON, JR., M.D., Marksville
ANTHONY J. HACKETT, JR., M.D., New Orleans
GERALD R. LANASA, M.D., Metairie
BERNARD L. KAPLAN, M.D., Alexandria

Volume 1, No. 2

NEWSLETTER

November 1987

Dr. Lyons Retires After 34 Years of Service

After 34 years of service on the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., has retired. In recognition of his outstanding service achievement, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution on June 25, 1987:

Whereas, J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., faithfully and conscientiously served the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners as a member for more than thirty-four years, as Acting Secretary-Treasurer for six years and as Secretary-Treasurer for twenty-four years; and

Whereas, Doctor Lyons diligently discharged his duties to the great benefit of the Board and the citizens of the State of Louisiana; and

Whereas, during his years of service Doctor Lyons continually and graciously gave his efforts, time and abilities towards maintaining the high standard of medical practice for which the State of Louisiana is noted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners on behalf of the Board and the people of the State of Louisiana, by means of this resolution express to Dr. J. Morgan Lyons its gratitude and appreciation for his services during the thirty-four years he devoted to the Board and the State of Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board and that a plaque be struck containing this resolution and given to Doctor Lyons, expressing to him the highest esteem of the Board.

Born in Gretna, Louisiana, March 1914, Dr. Lyons graduated from Jesuit High School in New Orleans. While in high school, he was the catcher for a semi-pro baseball team in Gretna called the Pets. After attending Loyola University for pre-med, he finished his medical education at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. Dr. Lyons took his surgical training at Charity Hospital in Pineville following graduation and joined Dr. Roy B. Harrison in private practice in January 1940. In 1941 Dr. Lyons married Eleanor Joy Chalona of New Orleans. They have two children, Joan and Jack, and now have three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Dr. Lyons enjoyed a long and distinguished career in general surgery in New Orleans until he retired from active practice in 1981. While in practice, most of his surgery was performed at Baptist Hospital, where he served as president of the staff from 1964 to 1965. He was certified by the American Board of Abdominal Surgery in 1960. He has been a member of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Orleans Parish Medical Society since

1941, and served as president of the Parish Society in 1965. He was among the founders of the Surgical Association of Louisiana and served as its president from 1966 to 1967. He was a member of the Southeastern Surgical Congress in 1956 and more recently served on the Nominating Committee and the Executive Secretary's Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States. An avid hunter and fisherman, Dr. Lyons has been a member of the Little Lake Club for many years. He was originally appointed to the Board of Medical Examiners August 24, 1953. He was appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Board in September 1957 and formally elected to the position June 6, 1963, following the death of Dr. Edwin Hugh Lawson. He continued to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board until his retirement this June.

Dr. Lyons is now enjoying his home on the Gulf Coast where he can putter in his garden, fish in the Gulf and spend much deserved time with his lovely wife, children and grandchildren. The Board, its staff, and many of his medical colleagues will miss his good counsel. We know that many of you join us in wishing him many years of good health, happiness, and, of course, good hunting and fishing.

Board Appoints Executive Director

The Board is pleased to announce that it has appointed Delmar Rorison as Executive Director of the Board. In such capacity, Mrs. Rorison will assume most of the responsibilities and functions formerly discharged by Dr. J. Morgan Lyons, as chief executive of the Board. Mrs. Rorison, who was selected by the Board from over 30 applicants for the position, has previously served as Administrative Assistant to the Board for many years.

Registration Required to Dispense Medications

Rules and regulations governing the dispensation of medications by physicians have been adopted by the Board effective as of October 20, 1987. As of December 1, 1987, no physician may legally dispense medications to patients, other than *bona fide* medication samples, unless he is currently registered with the Board as a dispensing physician. The rules also impose certain requirements on dispensing physicians relating to the maintenance of records and inventories, labelling and packaging of medications, security procedures, reporting, and Board access to records. Violation of the rules subjects a

physician to formal administrative sanctions.

To be eligible for registration as a dispensing physician, a physician must possess a current, unrestricted medical license and a current unrestricted state license and federal (DEA) registration to prescribe, dispense and administer controlled substances. The fee for original registration is \$75, with an annual renewal fee of \$50. Registration application forms may be obtained upon written request to the Board office. The full text of the rules and regulations governing dispensation of medications by physicians appears in the October 20, 1987 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, available for \$7.00 from the Office of the State Register, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. Copies of the rules may also be obtained from the Board office by written request.

Certification Required for X-Ray Technicians Employed in Physicians' Offices

Pursuant to legislative mandate, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1292, on October 20, 1987, the Board promulgated final rules and regulations providing for the certification of radiologic technologists (x-ray technicians) who administer diagnostic or therapeutic radiology in the private office of a physician or in a physician clinic. By law Board proficiency certification is now required for any person who undertakes to perform a diagnostic or therapeutic radiological examination or treatment "in the private office of a physician or in a clinic in which a physician practices." The certification requirement is, of course, inapplicable to licensed physicians, and the law also excepts from the requirement persons who are already licensed by the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. A temporary exemption is, however, granted for x-ray technicians who have been employed by a physician for less than six months in such capacity and have not previously been so employed by the same or any other physician.

The Board's rules specify the qualifications requisite to licensure, including certain educational requirements, the procedure for application for certification and for approval of proposed courses of study and the respective legal obligations and responsibilities of certified radiologic technicians and supervising physicians. The fee for processing an application for certification is \$35. Certification application forms may be obtained upon written request to the Board office. Copies of the rules may be obtained from the *Louisiana Register* or the Board office by written request.

Licensure Renewal Fees

The Board has received a number of comments relative to the increased fee for annual renewal of physician licensure. To place the renewal fee in perspective, the Board has noted that some nine states charge \$100 or more per year for renewal (the highest being Texas with an annual fee of \$202, following a legislatively-mandated increase of \$110, to be divided between a special school fund and the state's general fund).

Three states charge from \$75 to \$100; 18 charge from \$50 to \$75. Other jurisdictions charge less than \$50. The Board also observes, significantly, that it is one of but a few boards in the country that remain wholly self-funded. Most state boards receive general appropriations, either directly from the legislature or as division of a parent state executive department. Other states receive funding equal to or as some percentage of their total revenues. Louisiana's Medical Practice Act, however, stipulates that "[a]ll expenses of the board and compensation of board members and employees shall be paid out of the funds of the board only and shall never be a charge on the state." During the Board's most recently concluded fiscal year, 39% of the Board's expenditures went to employee salaries and related benefits; 29% satisfied other operating expenses; and 32% represented the costs associated with administrative investigations and prosecutions.

suggested areas of interest for future publications, and who took the time to make recommendations. We hope to continue providing information concerning the Board's activities that is both useful and interesting.

NOTE: The Board's staff is not authorized by the Board to provide verbal advice upon which applicants or licensees may rely regarding requirements or procedures for licensure or on any other matters. Staff will attempt to offer general guidance on questions relating to Board rules, procedures and policies, and will on request provide copies of applicable rules, regulations and policy statements. All requests for advisory interpretations or rulings, however, should be made to the Board in writing. The Board will not be bound by any interpretation, ruling or other advice not provided by the Board in writing.

Response to Newsletter

The Board is gratified by the profession's response to publication of the inaugural *Newsletter*. We thank all of you who wrote in and pointed out issues of concern,

Notice of Address Change

Whenever a licensee's professional, home or preferred mailing address is changed, it is important that the Board be notified as soon as possible. It is imperative that you keep the Board informed of any change of name and/or address to ensure receipt of the annual renewal forms, which are mailed in mid-November each year. If you do not receive your renewal application, you should contact the Board office, as failure to renew will result in suspension of your license. Physicians located in Louisiana should also notify the Drug Enforcement Administration, 1661 Canal Street, Suite 2200, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70112, and the Louisiana Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Division, Post Office Box 3767, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821 of any change of address. The form below may be used to advise the Board of an address change.

Detach Here

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

(Please Type or Print)

Name: _____ License Number: _____

Effective Date of Change: _____

Professional Address:

Street Address City/Town State Zip Code + 4

Parish Telephone Number: (Area Code) Number/Extension

Home Address:

Street Address City/Town State Zip Code + 4

Parish Telephone Number: (Area Code) Number/Extension

Preferred Mailing Address:

Street Address City/Town State Zip Code + 4

Post Office Address City/Town State Zip Code + 4