

**MINUTES OF THE
IDAHO STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Special Conference Call
March 6, 2009**

**Board of Pharmacy Office
Boise, Idaho**

This meeting of the board is held to provide the Board an update on legislative matters concerning the Board.

Chairman Dwayne Sheffler, RPh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the Board office were Berk Fraser, RPh, Mark Johnston, Executive Director, Mike McPeek, Deputy Attorney General; and Ellen Mitchell. Attending via telephone were Kitty Gurnsey; Nicole Chopski, Pharm D; Holly Henggeler, Pharm D. and Dwayne Sheffler, R.Ph.

Mr. Johnston shared some of the Governor's recommendations regarding the Board of Pharmacy budget. The governor recommended the update to our licensing system, prescription monitoring program updates, but did not recommend a new full-time position for the agency. JFAC budget hearings have been delayed due to the stimulus package being released by President Obama.

Naturopath – prescription authority for naturopaths was accepted pending rules. No rules were submitted and the statute was repealed.

Midwifery – shows a conservative formulary, but still requires some changes.

Conscience clause – scaled back by the AG's office; Mr. Johnston believes this is an unnecessary law as the silence of the law gives pharmacists the ability to refuse.

Unused Legend Drug Medication Act – no controlled substances, no assisted living facilities included, and the lot number has been added. There could be a fiscal impact to the Board should this pass.

Wholesale legislation – if a repackager is the distributor of record they would be exempt from licensure, though still required to register.

Tele-pharmacy – Burley hospital's parent is in Utah, in order to add out of state tele-pharmacy we would need to define specifics and promulgate rules.

Technician ratio – passed the Senate, but still needs to pass the House.

Mr. Sheffler commended Mr. Johnston on the great job he and Mr. McPeek have done this legislative session.

Mr. Fraser motioned to adjourn. Ms. Gurnsey seconded. Motion carried.