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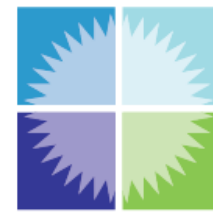
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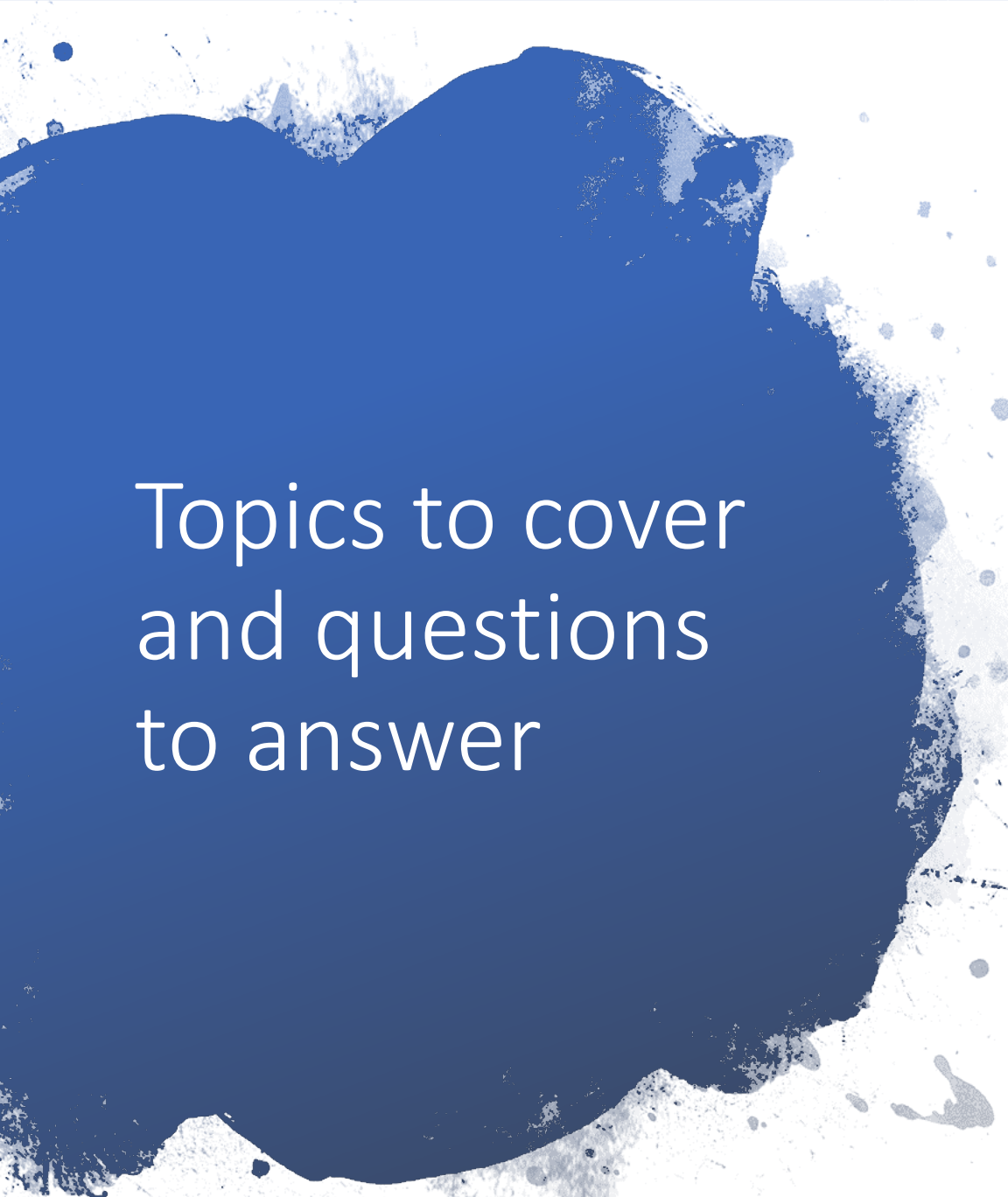
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The Expedited Pathway to Medical Licensure

FSMB Webinar 9/24/2019



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Topics to cover and questions to answer

1. Background and growth information
2. How does it work and what does it do?
3. Where are we now?
4. What are the lessons learned?

Timeline

- **January 2013** – Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) convenes Compact meeting
- April 2013 – Resolution 13-5: Development of an Interstate Compact to Expedite Medical Licensure and Facilitate Multi-State Practice
- April 2013 – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Taskforce
- April 2014 – Handoff to IMLC Drafting Team
- September 2014 – Compact Drafting Team completes final draft legislation
- May 2015 – Compact activated with the passage by the 7th state
- October 2015 – Chicago, IL Inaugural meeting
- **April 2017** – Open for business

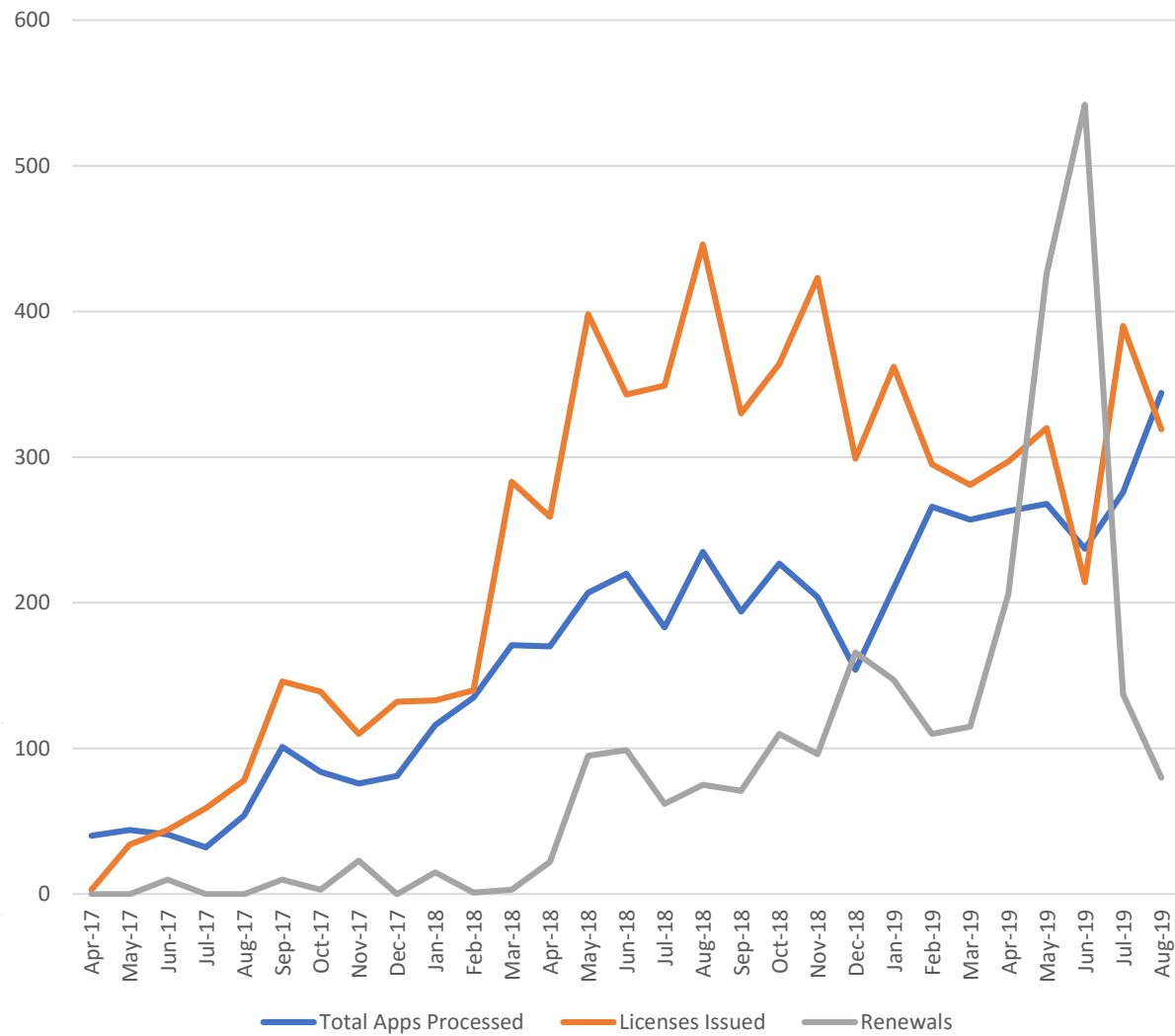
Timeline - Continued

- **April 2017 to June 2017**
 - 125 applications
 - 81 licenses
 - \$52,900.00 – IMLCC gross fee revenue
 - \$10,625.00 – paid to member boards
- **July 2017 to June 2018**
 - 1,447 applications
 - 2,220 licenses
 - \$461,025.00 – IMLCC gross fee revenue
 - \$948,986.08 – paid to member boards
- **July 2018 to June 2019**
 - 2,698 applications
 - 3,980 licenses
 - \$942,950.00 – IMLCC gross fee revenue
 - \$2,495,334.48 – collected for member boards
- **July 2019 to August 2019**
 - 620 applications
 - Extrapolated to 3,720 for FY
 - 709 licenses
 - Extrapolated to 4,254 for FY

Please note financial numbers are unaudited

Processing

IMLCC Processing Data



Data and Stats

Sample review of 2,845 completed applications found --

- Physicians obtain on average 3 licenses per application
- 64% of the physicians obtained 1 or 2 licenses
- 36% of the physicians obtained 3 or more
 - 13% of the physicians obtained 7 or more licenses
- 10% of the physicians were determined to not meet the eligibility requirements
- 20% of the physicians applied for additional licenses after the initial application was completed
- Average days between application and LOQ = 36 calendar days
 - 32% completed in 15 days or less
- Average days between LOQ and licenses issued = 19 days
 - 51% physicians obtaining their licenses in 7 days or less
- Most LOQ's issued
 - 345 = Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
 - 333 = Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
 - 286 = Arizona Medical Board
- Most licenses issued
 - 418 = Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
 - 387 = Minnesota Board of Medical Practice
 - 320 = Iowa Board of Medicine

The 9 Common Standards

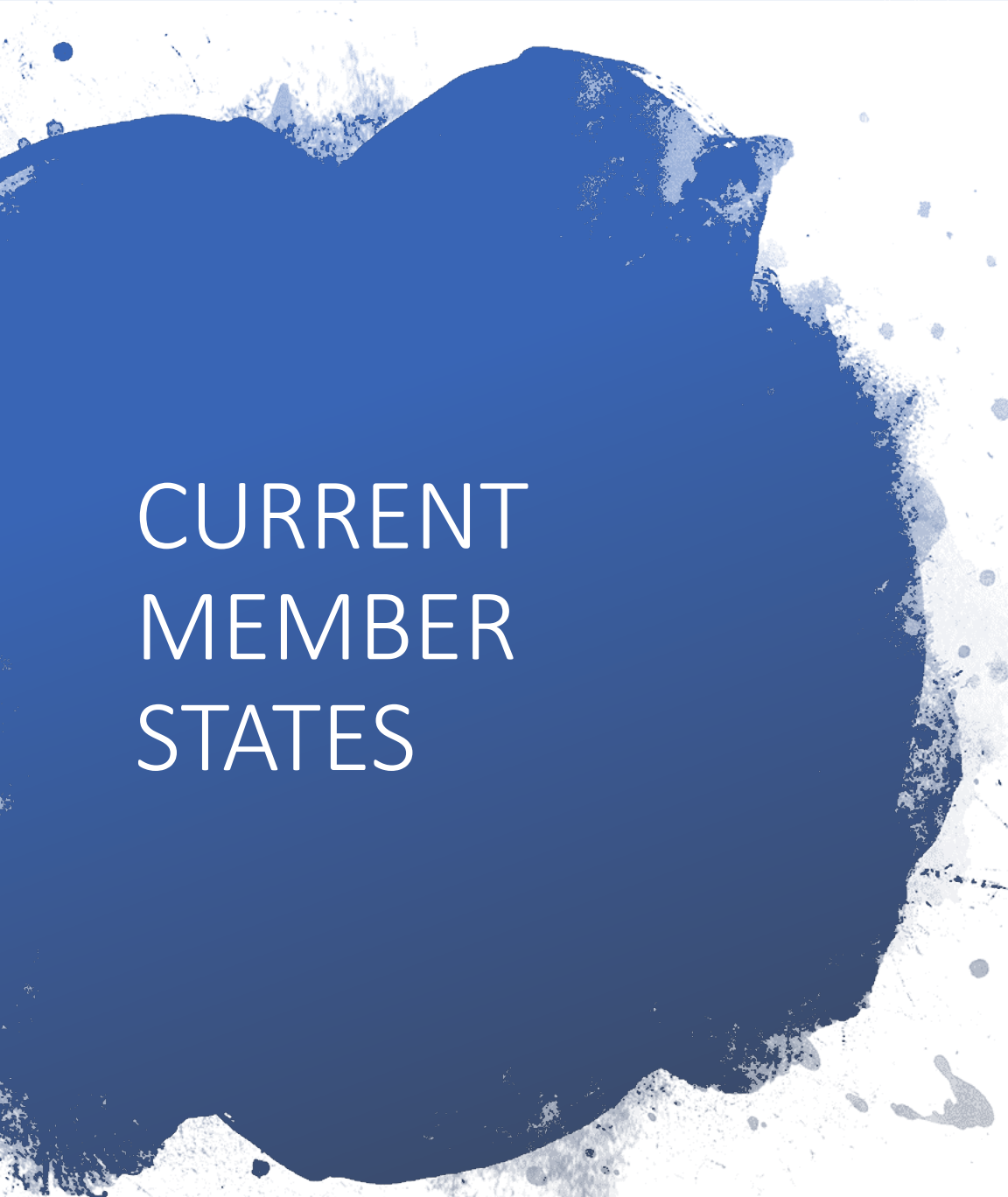
Key assumption – The physician pre-qualifies her/himself – fees paid up-front and non-refundable

1. Medical School Accreditation: LCME, COCA, IMED
2. No more than 3 attempts on USMLE or COMLEX-USA steps
3. Graduate Medical Education accreditation by ACGME or AOA
4. ABMS or AOA-BOS certification including time-unlimited certificates
5. No prior convictions or criminal activity
6. No history of licensure action
7. Clean DEA history
8. No active investigations
9. **Must pass FBI Criminal Background Check**

Selecting a State of Principal Licensure (SPL)

To select an SPL you must meet the following qualifications:

- HOLD a full, unrestricted medical license in a Compact Member state (AL, AZ, CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MD, ME, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, SD, TN, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY)
- MEET at least one of the four following requirements:
 - Your principal residence is in the SPL
 - At least 25% of your practice of medicine occurs in the SPL
 - Your employer is located in the SPL
 - You use the SPL as your state of residence for U.S. federal income tax purposes



CURRENT MEMBER STATES

- 29 states, 1 district and 1 territory passed the legislation
 - 42 member boards – MD only, DO only and combined MD/DO
- 23 states active
 - 22 states acting as SPL
 - 1 state issuing licenses only
- 6 States, DC and Guam working to become active
 - 4 with an anticipated date
 - Michigan – September 2019
 - Guam – October 2019
 - Oklahoma – November 2019
 - Vermont – January 2020
 - 4 with no date selected
 - District of Columbia
 - Georgia
 - Kentucky
 - Pennsylvania
- States with active legislation – NJ
- See imlcc.org for latest updates



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & Commissioners

- Kenneth Simons (WI) – Chair
- Ruth Martinez (MN) – Vice Chair
- Diana Shepard (WV) – Immediate Past Chair
- Edward Cousineau (NV) – Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair
- Brian Zachariah (IL) – Audit Committee Chair
- Timothy Terranova (ME) – Communications Committee Chair
- Patricia McSorley (AZ) Personnel Committee Chair
- Christine Farrelly (MD) – Rules and Administrative Committee Chair
- Kevin Bohnenblust (WY) – Technology Committee Chair
- 49 Appointed Commissioners with 13 vacant positions



IMLCC STAFF

- Marschall Smith, Executive Director
- Wanda Bowling, IT Project Manager
- Vacant, Customer Service Liaison Manger
- Rick Masters, Legal Counsel
- Linda Bell, Customer Service – Part time
- Todd Mata, Bookkeeper – Part time



Projects for 2019/2020

- Implement a new, integrated data management system
- Refine the IMLCC license renewal process
- Redesign the webpage
- Develop a strategic plan
- Expand customer service
- Hold a face-to-face training for licensing staff
- Revise the invoice/billing process for member boards



Lessons Learned

- Always more to do than time or resources to do it – prioritize and assign the work
- Communication is important – hold regular meetings
- Develop a simple message – then keep saying it.
- Don't advocate – advance the idea, answer questions and be proud
- Set up a strong committee process – every member board needs to have an active role
- Document and record every step and every decision – because later comes pretty darn fast and the brakes never work
- Plan for growth – anticipate that it will be more than planned



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