CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jurado called the meeting to order October 13, 2010 at 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Melody Jurado, Chair
Dr. James Stelnicki, Vice Chair
Dr. Mark Williams
Mr. Leonard Curry

OTHER PRESENT

Tom Molloy, Executive Director
Christa Patterson, Assistant Executive Director
Mary Horne, Government Analyst II
Tom Barnhart, Assistant Attorney General
Johnny Booth, Assistant to Mr. Barnhart
Eric Hurst, Prosecuting Attorney
Jason White, Prosecuting Attorney
Frank Babcock, Kick International
Dominique Simmons, American Muay Thai Association
Brian Crenshaw, World Kickboxing Association USA, LLC
Bart Vale, Karate without Borders
Noel Castillo, Karate without Borders
Paul Marchak, United States Muay Thai (USMTA)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2010 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the July 7, 2010 minutes and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the July 7, 2010 minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Stelnicki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AMATEUR SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION APPLICATIONS

United States Muay Thai (USMTA)

Mr. Paul Marchak spoke on behalf of the United States Muay Thai (USMTA). Mr. Marchak participated by telephone and briefly provided the Commission with an overview of his organization.

The Commission asked Mr. Molloy if he had recommendations of approval and or denial of the amateur sanctioning organization applications. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that the staff created a checklist of the commission approved amateur health and safety standards and stated that each of the amateur sanctioning organization applications were evaluated using the checklist by Ms. Patterson.

Dr. Jurado thanked the staff for creating the checklist and stated that she found the checklist to be a great tool to use when evaluating the applicants health and safety standards. The commission agreed.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that she would review with the commission each of the applicants completed checklists. Mr. Molloy advised the commission that in the future they would receive a copy of the completed checklist with their agenda materials. Ms. Patterson stated that following the meeting she would provide a copy of each of the checklist to the commission and to the applicants.

Ms. Patterson reviewed USMTA application checklist and deficiencies were noted. Mr. Molloy recommended the application be denied due to deficiencies of health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant if denied would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff and deny United States Muay Thai (USMTA) application for an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

World Kickboxing Association USA, LLC

Mr. Brian Crenshaw, of the World Kickboxing Association USA, LLC participated by telephone and briefly provided the Commission with an overview of the organization.

Ms. Patterson reviewed World Kickboxing Association USA, LLC application checklist and deficiencies of the health and safety standards were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to health and safety standards deficiencies.
Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff to deny World Kickboxing Association USA, LLC application for an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Karate Without Borders (kickboxing)

Mr. Bart Vale and Mr. Castillo, of Karate Without Borders participated by telephone and briefly provided the Commission with an overview of their organization.

Ms. Patterson stated Karate Without Borders had applied for both kickboxing and mixed martial arts amateur sanctioning organization.

Ms. Patterson reviewed Karate Without Borders application checklist for kickboxing and deficiencies of health and safety standards were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to deficiencies of health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff to deny Karate Without Borders application for an amateur kickboxing sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Karate Without Borders (mixed martial arts)

Ms. Patterson reviewed Karate Without Borders amateur mixed martial arts application checklist and deficiencies were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to deficiencies of health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the
Commission staff to deny Karate Without Borders application for an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kick International

Mr. Franklin Babcock of Kick International participated by telephone and briefly provided the Commission with an overview of the organization.

Ms Patterson stated Kick International had applied for both kickboxing and mixed martial arts amateur sanctioning organization.

Ms. Patterson reviewed Kick International amateur mixed martial arts checklist and deficiencies were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to deficiencies of health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff to deny Kick International application for an amateur mixed martial arts sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kick International

Ms. Patterson reviewed Kick International amateur kickboxing application checklist and deficiencies were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to deficiencies of health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies.

Mr. Babcock stated he would revamp the materials and resubmit the application for both mixed martial arts and kickboxing.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff to deny Kick International application for an amateur kickboxing sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
American Muay Thai Association

Mr. Dominique Simmons, of the American Muay Thai Association participated by telephone and briefly provided the Commission with an overview of the organization.

Ms. Patterson reviewed American Muay Thai Association amateur kickboxing application checklist and deficiencies were found. Mr. Molloy stated that he would recommend that the application be denied due to deficiencies of the health and safety standards.

Ms. Patterson advised the commission that the applicant would receive a notice of intent to deny by certified mail and the notice would provide detail of the health and safety standards deficiencies

Mr. Simmons mentioned he had attended several competitions where the wrong size gloves were used. He was unaware of the glove regulations.

Dr. Jurado stated that 12 oz. gloves were mandatory for the State. Mr. Simmons again stated that he knew of amateur organizations that use the wrong size gloves. Mr. Molloy advised Mr. Simmons to notify the Commission anytime he knows of any wrong doings and the issue(s) will be investigated.

After discussion by the Commission, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commission staff to deny American Muay Thai Association application for an amateur kickboxing sanctioning organization.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RULES REPORT – ADDRESS RULES TO DETERMINE IF SERC IS REQUIRE

Mr. Barnhart provided the Commission with an overview of the JAPC memorandum regarding rules and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Stelnicki made a motion to approve the Attorney General draft response to JAPC regarding the commission rules.

SECOND: Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Ms. Patterson advised the Commission that the following legislative items would be submitted to the Department for consideration for the 2011 legislative session and a copy of the bill draft was included in their material.

- Reduction of the permit fee for boxing and kickboxing to $800. Mixed martial arts would remain at $1,800.
- Increase penalty to a felony if someone conducts an unsanctioned event.
- Professional fighters fighting in the amateur ranks.
Dr. Jurado advised the Commission and staff that she was pleased to see the request for to lower the boxing permit fee was included in the package.

Dr. Williams asked Mr. Molloy for clarification of the qualifications necessary to become a ringside physician and if continuing education credits were required. Mr. Molloy stated the American Association of Ringside Physician (AAPRP) offers continuing education courses and offers an annual conference. Mr. Molloy reported that the annual conference provides ringside physicians the opportunity to share health and safety care at ringside and to discuss new techniques being used by physicians at ringside. The next AAPRP conference is November 2010 and all of the Ringside Physicians have been notified of the location and provided a copy of the agenda.

Dr. Jurado asked the commissioners by way of email, to provide Mr. Molloy and or Ms. Patterson with their legislative contacts by the end of the day.

**Pension Fund Update**

Dr. Jurado advised Commissioners that the pension fund study was still in progress. Dr. Jurado stated that California at present was the only state that has a pension plan for the fighters. Dr. Jurado stated she would continue the pension fund study.

Youth Program Dr. Jurado asked the Commissioners if they were interested in developing a youth program that the Commission would be involved in. Dr. Stelnicki stated a youth program would be a good idea. Mr. Curry stated he was involved with PAL. Dr. Williams stated he was not familiar with PAL. Mr. Curry stated that the Police Athletic League (PAL) works with the youth and the local police department within a community. Mr. Molloy stated he is currently working with several local police departments with regards to illegal unsanctioned events and the issue of the education of the youth concerning fighting has been discussed.

Dr. Jurado stated the Commission would work towards supporting a youth program.

**Finance Statement**

Ms. Patterson advised the Commission that the financial statement was included in their agenda materials. Ms. Patterson stated that Ms. Cohea was unable to attend the meeting. The Commission reviewed the report and did not have any comment.

**Executive Director Report**

Mr. Molloy reported the resignation of former chair Mr. Ramiro Ortiz. Mr. Molloy recognized the outstanding job Mr. Ortiz carried out for the Commission during his tenure.

**Prosecuting Attorney Report**

Mr. Eric Hurst and Mr. Jason White, Prosecuting Attorneys, were present by phone and advised the Commission of one disciplinary case from the International Kickboxing, that they are working on and will be presented at the face-to-face meeting in January 2011.

Dr. Jurado asked if there was any other business to discuss before the meeting was adjourned.
Dr. Stelnicki congratulated Dr. Jurado on her first Commission meeting as Chair and stated, “Great job”.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.