

Executive Director Update

The IMLC had an exciting, busy, and successful 2021. The number of applications and licenses issued saw a 57% and 62% increase respectively from the calendar year 2020 to 2021. The lingering effects of the COVID pandemic continue to create a need for flexibility for physicians and states. The IMLC provided that flexibility.

In 2021, IMLC staff installed a new phone system, completed our data mapping project and completed audits for FY2019 and FY2020. The audit for FY2021 will be completed shortly – meaning that we initiated and completed 3 audits in a 12-month period of time. The revenue model that was requested by the Budget Committee to be an interactive model that can make revenue projections and assist in determining appropriate fee levels will be available shortly.

We are fully staffed with 9 full-time positions. Our member board training went from lectures, presentations, and discussions – to a virtual “sandbox” where member board staff work through the actual process in a test environment. This enhances the training experience and puts the power in the hands of the member board staff.

It has been an eventful 2021, with 2022 promising even more progress. It is expected that the following boards will go live over the course of the year (in alphabetical order):

- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Oklahoma (MD and DO boards becoming SPLs)
- Texas

Legislation has been introduced or has been reactivated in:

- Indiana
- Missouri
- New York
- North Carolina

Connecticut and Virginia have completed their legislative studies and hopefully will be introducing bills this legislative session.

Budget Update

by Commissioner and Treasurer Karen Silas (Alabama)

The FY 2022 budget cycle is halfway completed. Budget spending is on target, and revenue projections are being adjusted upward to reflect the increased volume of applications and license requests. Renewal volume has been significantly higher than the previous year.

The IMLCC will not levy fees or assessments to member states for FY2022. The IMLC has created a reserve level that represents over 3 years of future operations. This means that if all revenue stopped, the IMLC would be able to function and meet its obligations for 3 years without any revenue or without levying fees or assessments.

Planning for the FY2023 budget process is underway and includes a new method to move IT projects off the annual budget cycle and onto an agreement cycle. The new method relies on stabilized operational costs and contributions to an IT fund every month from funds collected more than those for operational costs. Additional information will be made available when the Commissioners meet in May to review and finalize the FY2023 budget.

**Interested in having your
state become part of the
Compact?**

Contact Marschall Smith at

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Member Profile:

West Virginia

In 2015 the West Virginia Legislature established West Virginia's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). The law was effective June 10, 2015. The West Virginia Board of Medicine and the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine began issuing licenses through this expedited process soon thereafter.

Throughout the years the boards have had the opportunity to contribute to the compact through participation in the compact's committees and various leadership positions. The West Virginia boards have collectively issued 698 licenses and 223 Letters of Qualification through the IMLC process.

Licensure portability has become more necessary than ever as the healthcare provider community responds to the ever-growing needs of patients. This is especially pertinent to rural communities throughout the nation, and West Virginia is no exception. The state's response to the current pandemic has been augmented using the compact, and there has been an increase in its usage as a result. West Virginians are afforded access to a variety of qualified healthcare providers with the assurances that the IMLC pathway provides. West Virginia's participation in the IMLC has positioned the state to respond to the growing need for licensure portability and West Virginian patients are reaping the benefits as a result.

IMLCC Annual Meeting: November 2021

The most recent meeting of the Commissioners was held in Denver, Colorado, and by all accounts, it was a successful 2 days. All the committees met on Monday, November 15th, and the full commission met on Tuesday, November 16th. A new slate of officers was elected:

- Chair – Commissioner Mark Spangler (WV)
- Vice-Chair – Commissioner Christine Farrelly (MD)
- Treasurer – Commissioner Karen Silas (AL)

Commissioner Jesse Cushman assumes the role of Past Chair.

The commissioners voted to amend IMLC Rule, Chapters 2 and 7, and amended Policy #9.

The commissioners voted to hold the next in-person meeting on November 7 and 8, 2022 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The meeting will also have a virtual component.

The 2023 meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado.