

West Virginia Board of Osteopathy



Sixteen years after West Virginia adopted its first Medical Practice Act, the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy was established in 1923. J.H. Robinett, D.O., served as the first board president; Donna G. Russell, D.O. was the first vice president; and G.E. Morris, D.O., was the first secretary.

For 25 years, board offices were located in Weirton, W.Va. In the 1940s, the board met regularly in the historic Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston, W.Va., as shown in [minutes from a 1942 board meeting](#). In 1972, the board began traveling to different cities within the state for its meetings. In 2009, the board office moved back permanently to the Daniel Boone Hotel, which had been extensively renovated in the early 1980s into an office building.

The board is composed of three licensed physicians with at least five years of practice and two lay members. The governor appoints board members with the consent of the West Virginia Senate.