

STATE OF MAINE
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Minutes of November 20, 2003

Members Present: Dawn Commune, Chair; Linda Woods, Complaint Officer;
Rebecca Comeau, Russell Briggs, William Curtis and Terry Zipper

Others Present: Penny Vaillancourt, Administrator; Dennis Smith, Assistant Attorney
General and Diane Bradstreet, Board Clerk

Members Absent: Brian Brock and Carrie Steele

CALL TO ORDER

Dawn Commune, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by William Curtis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25, 2003 as written.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LIMITED LICENSE TRAINEE STATUS

Nancy W. Kiesman – In order to assess Ms Kiesman's progress in her Limited License Trainee program and before granting a request for an extension, a motion was made by Rebecca Comeau, seconded by Linda Woods, to write and ask for details of the reason(s) why an extension is necessary and to request copies her Glacier Valley Moldule tests as well as an inventory sheet of the clinical procedures that she has performed under supervision.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Under date of August 22, 2002, the Board approved a request for a Special Permit in Nuclear Medicine for MaineGeneral Medical Center. In June 2003, that Special Permit was issued to Anne Bickford. After several months, Ms. Bickford found that she could not continue in this position and therefore, MaineGeneral has submitted correspondence, dated September 30, 2003, requesting that the Board review their previous request and allow them to select another candidate for this position.

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Rebecca Comeau, the Board voted unanimously to write to MaineGeneral and inform them that when they have selected a new applicant for this position, this individual's application will need to be submitted along with documentation of MaineGeneral justification of its current need for this position.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Carolyn Reilly a Clinical Nurse Specialist from Central Maine Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Institute regarding whether or not it is permissible for cardiologists in the cath lab to direct nurses to move the table while the cardiologists is using the C-arm. Ms. Reilly makes reference to the State Board of Nursing website which states that,

“At its June 1993 meeting, the Board determined that while positioning a C-arm over a patient is not nursing, it is certainly permissible for a registered nurse to lend in positioning the machine as long as the physician is actually operating the fluoroscopy C-arm and the nurse has been instructed on how to move the C-arm.” The reference made by the Board of Nursing website is in contradiction to the rules of this Board.

Ms. Vaillancourt will be writing to both Central Maine Medical Center and the Maine State Board of Nursing informing them that it is not permissible for nurses to perform this function.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – PENNY VAILLANCOURT

Penny Vaillancourt presented a financial analysis of the Board’s revenue and expenses at the current fee schedule and at a fee decrease schedule. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is reviewing a proposal to reduce licensing fees for the next renewal cycle. The proposal is to decrease the licensing fees to \$50.00 for Radiologic Technologists, Limited Radiographers and Special Permits and to reduce the application fee to \$50.00. It is anticipated that the public hearing on this matter will be held in December or January.

REVIEW OF BOARD STATUTES

It was suggested that a committee be formed to review the board’s current statutes to determine the changes and/or additions that need to be made. Becky Comeau and Dawn Commune will work with Penny Vaillancourt on this review and will report back to the Board on their progress.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet
Board Clerk