

**STATE OF MAINE
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Minutes of May 19, 2005

Members Present: Dawn Commune, Chair; Linda Woods, Complaint Officer;
Terry Zipper, Brian Brock and William Curtis

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

Members Absent: Carrie Steele

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNE HEAD, DIRECTOR

Director Anne Head presented the Board with an update on L.D. 1427, "An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist."

Ms. Head also discussed with the Board how today's current scope of practice differs from the Board's current statute and what changes need to be proposed to accurately reflect current practice standards in statute. It is the Board's goal today to collect information about current practice standards in order to draft, with the help of a working group, proposed statutory revisions to Title 32, Chapter 103 "Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act" for submission to the 122nd Legislature – Second Regular Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by William Curtis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 17, 2005 minutes as written.

APPLICATION APPROVAL

The application of Frank Cross requesting licensure as a Radiologic Technologist (Radiography) was reviewed. In completing his application, Mr. Cross answered "No" to the conviction question; however, the Board received the results from the State Bureau of Identification (SBI check) which indicated that he had a prior conviction. In a letter received from Mr. Cross, he indicated that he had previously submitted his conviction information to the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) and, therefore, because he submitted this information once, he made the assumption that it would be on file.

In a motion by Linda Woods, seconded by Brian Brock, the Board voted unanimously to approve the issuance of Mr. Cross' license, however, a letter will be written to Mr. Cross to inform him that the board is a separate entity from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and that the ARRT does not share this information with the Board. Also, it must be explained to Mr. Cross that when applying for a license, if he is asked about any arrests and convictions, this information must be disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PRACTICE STANDARDS OF A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST

The Board sent out a mailing to all licensees inviting them to today's meeting to provide public comment regarding the issue of expanding the scope of practice of a radiologic technologist to include the ability to administer medications such as narcotics. Because amendments to the Board's statute require legislative approval and in order for a working group to be able to study this matter thoroughly, this meeting was scheduled to collect information about current practice standards, including, but not limited to, the identification of medications used in the practice setting, as well as the latest technologies in radiologic technology. The working group will consist of board members, staff and interested parties

The Board had several guests in attendance at today's meeting; they provided both oral and written comments pursuant to this invitation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – PENNY VAILLANCOURT

Ms. Vaillancourt provided the following information:

- Financial Analysis Report
- Announcement of the Department's new Commissioner -- Christine Bruenn
- Update on L.D. 1283, "An Act to Allow Applicants for Limited Radiographer Licenses to Take Qualifying Views"

ADJOURN

In a motion by Linda Woods, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet
Board Clerk