

## **BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS**

*Minutes of January 18, 2000 Board Meeting*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gilbert Poliquin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gilbert Poliquin, Chairperson; Sallie Chisholm, Secretary; Robert Bruder, Public Member; Gene Cleaves; Linda Snow, Complaint Officer; Wanda Creed and George M. Davis, Jr., Public Member.

Members Absent: Dawn Dufkin Britt

Others Present: James Bowie, Assistant Attorney General; Torrey Gray, Board Clerk and Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator

### **2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 1999 MINUTES**

George Davis moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Sallie Chisholm.  
Vote: Favor-7 and Opposed-0.

### **3. COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Complaint Officer Linda Snow reported that there were no new complaints to be presented.

The Board discussed an advertisement regarding Earcraft. There is a question as to whether or not the Company is a retail manufacturer and whether or not they should be licensed as a Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitters Business as, they are not currently licensed by the Board. Linda Snow moved to allow the Assistant Attorney General to follow up further to determine if the Company is selling wholesale or resale. Seconded by Wanda Creed. Vote: Favor-7 and Opposed-0.

### **4. REVIEW OF NEW CONTRACT**

The Board discussed and made recommendations regarding the drafting of the sample disclosure form. Wanda Creed volunteered to prepare this form for presentation at the February meeting

5. **REVIEW OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The Board discussed adding language to the Board Rules regarding Trainee Sponsors need to be licensed by the Board for a minimum of two years before the can sponsor a trainee.

6. **REVIEW OF TRAINEE VERIFICATION FORM**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Verification of Trainee Instruction Form. The forms will be mailed along with a cover letter to all new Trainee applicants.

7. **REVIEW OF ORAL EXAM**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

8. **ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY**

Elaine Thibodeau was not in attendance, due to a schedule-conflict.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS**

**CEU Review and Approval**

- The Board reviewed CEUS. Letters will be sent to license holders accordingly.
- The Board discussed the possibility of creating a reporting form for future tracking of CEUS.

10. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. in a motion by George Davis. Seconded by Linda Snow.

Vote: Favor-7 and Opposed-0.

The next scheduled meeting is February 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Torrey J. Gray  
Board Clerk