

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

*Minutes of April 18, 2000 Board Meeting*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gilbert Poliquin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. A quorum was not present at this meeting; therefore, formal board actions were not taken.

Members Present: Gilbert Poliquin, Chairperson; Dawn Dufkin Britt; Wanda Creed and George M. Davis, Jr., Public Member.

Members Absent: Linda Snow, Complaint Officer; Sallie Chisholm, Secretary; Gene Cleaves and Robert Bruder, Public Member

Others Present: James Bowie, Assistant Attorney General; Diane J. Bradstreet, Board Clerk and Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2000 MINUTES**

This matter was tabled until the May meeting.

### **COMPLAINT OFFICER**

Since Complaint Officer, Linda Snow, is not present, there is nothing to report.

### **ANNUAL BOARD SEMINAR**

There was discussion regarding speakers and topics for the 2000 seminar. The Board discussed the difficulty they were encountering in recruiting free speakers, and due to their financial situation, they are not able to consider buying a different slate of speakers. In the past, most of the speakers have been representatives of hearing aid manufacturers who used this as an occasion to feature their state-of-the-art devices. The Board will need to rely mainly on group-participation activities for the November seminar.

Elaine Thibodeau recommended that they should consider deleting 32 MRSA, § 1660-B (12) as the requirement that they provide the training seems to be a fairly unique one, and alternative sources of continuing education are becoming available.

### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

There was a discussion regarding mailing a letter to businesses asking them to identify the individual at the establishment who satisfies the requirement of Rule Chapter 2, §4 (2 years/3,000 hours experience or Hearing Instrument Sciences certification).

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**PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR ANNE HEAD**

An update was given by Anne Head regarding LD2558, "Improve Regulation of Occupations & Professions. This bill was signed by the Governor and will become law ninety (90) days after legislative adjournment. She recommended that the Board begin to consider what it might want to have by way of guidelines for staff review of applications.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is May 16, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet  
Board Clerk