

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of May 16, 2000 Board Meeting

Oral exams were administered to 7 people
Written exams were administered to 3 people

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gilbert Poliquin established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Gene Cleaves

Others Present: Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk and Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2000 MINUTES

George Davis, Jr. moved to approve March 21, 2000 minutes. Seconded by Robert Bruder. Vote: Favor-7Opposed-0.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2000 MINUTES

George Davis, Jr. moved to approve April 21, 2000 minutes. Seconded by Robert Bruder. Vote: Favor-7Opposed-0.

COMPLAINT OFFICERS REPORT

None. There will be one for next month.

Joseph Voglund application for reciprocity

Approved.

MaryEllen Toothaker application for reciprocity

Denied.

Susan Hargett request approval of CEUs

Approved.

CEU DESCRIPTION FORM

This discussion was postponed until next meeting due to time constraints.

PREPARE FINAL DRAFT OF MAILING TO LICENSEES

The draft CEU notice was reviewed by the board members, and further changes were made. The revised form will be faxed to Gil Poliquin for final approval and then mailed out with the sample purchase agreement and the seminar flier.

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PROGRESS ON SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Gil Poliquin reported having contacted a representative from the International Hearing Society who is willing to speak if **the board provides his lodging. The cost will be contemplated in the single conference charge to be billed by the Ramada Inn.**

BUSINESS LICENSES-

Board members recommended revisions to the letter. The final version will be faxed to Gil Poliquin for approval prior to mailing.

MISCELLANEOUS

Viewing of the "Ethics in Action" video was postponed until next month due to time constraints. Gil Poliquin stated that he would not be available next meeting. Sally Chisholm was appointed as acting chair.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY

Elaine reported that Dawn Teed had matched the records of businesses with their responsible individuals. This information will be cross-checked and updated through the upcoming mass-mailing, and the computer system will be "flagged" so that businesses will not be renewed without such an individual being designated.

There was a discussion about whether the board wished to consider removing from the statute that provision which requires it to provide the means by which license-holders may meet the continuing education requirement (21 MRSA, §1660-B, sub-12). It was the board's feeling, however, that before this is done, other means to fulfill the requirement must become more available to practitioners. Gil Poliquin is encouraging the Association to become active in Maine, but he anticipates that this may require coordination among Hearing Aid Dealers & Dispensers and Audiologists.

Gene Cleaves' resignation letter of May 8, 2000 was noted. As the number of Dealer/Fitters on the board is being reduced by "An Act to Improve the Regulation of Professions and Occupations" Public Law 2000, Chapter 687 (formerly LD #2558), from five to four through attrition, the vacancy may not be filled. Sallie Chisholm will be training Wanda Creed to administer those components of the practical examination previously conducted by Mr. Cleaves.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is June 20, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau
Board Clerk