

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

*Minutes of June 20, 2000 Board Meeting*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairperson Sallie Chisholm established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Sallie Chisholm; Dawn Dufkin Britt; George M. Davis, Jr., Public Member; Linda Snow, Complaint Officer; Robert Bruder, Public Member

Members Absent: Gilbert Poliquin, Chairperson; Wanda Creed

Others Present: James Bowie, Assistant Attorney General; Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk; Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator

### **APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2000 MINUTES**

George Davis moved to approve May 16, 2000 minutes. Seconded by Robert Bruder  
Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0.

### **COMPLAINT OFFICERS REPORT**

HEA-062 George Davis moved to dismiss complaint with a letter of guidance to the licensee regarding proper protocol for written contracts. Seconded by: Robert Bruder  
Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0

### **PROGRESS ON SEMINAR SPEAKERS**

Dawn Dufkin-Britt confirmed that Janet Green would be speaking about assisted listening devices (ALD) and their benefits, availability, etc. for approximately 1.5 hours. Wanda Creed was not present to give an update on the speaker that she is making contact with.

### **BUSINESS LICENSES-**

The majority of the businesses have submitted the form requesting that they identify [their key individual](#). They have until June 30 to submit.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The board members [who](#) were present viewed the Ethics in Action video [and provided some constructive feedback: It should have been captioned](#), and a "correct" scenario should have also been included.

Sallie Chisholm presented some issues that she has been having regarding the [existence of any ethical obligation for a practitioner to follow a client through from start to finish and offer a fitting / impression if an audiogram has been performed and vice-versa](#). There was a consensus among the board that it is not unethical -- but perhaps not wise -- to fit a hearing aid based on an audiogram done by another dealer.

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The Board voted to send Sallie Chishlom to the NHIS Convention on September 13-17, 2000 being held in Anaheim, CA for a cost **not to exceed** \$1,500. The alternate would be Wanda Creed.

**ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY**

Elaine recommended that the number of meetings be reduced. She suggested going to a quarterly or **alternating** month schedule. The Board decided to make this determination on a month-by-month basis for now. The meeting in July has been cancelled.

Elaine distributed copies of the “Conflict of Interest Policy **for the Teaching of Continuing Education Courses**” to all board members.

She excerpted an article from [The Hearing Journal](#) “ASHA, AFA Settle out of Court.” The American Speech-Language Hearing Association had brought suit against the Audiology Foundation of America, which had intended to award the AuD. Designation (Doctor of Audiology) through Earned Entitlement, rather than to reserve the credential for persons who have completed a university-based program of course work. AFA has agreed to discontinue the practice; consequently, going forward, the credentials will have to be earned through a university.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m. The next scheduled meeting is August 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau  
Board Clerk