

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of December 19, 2000 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gilbert Poliquin established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Smith, AAG; Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2000 MINUTES

George Davis moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda Snow. Vote: Favor-7 Opposed-0.

APPROVAL OF 2001 MEETING SCHEDULE

George Davis moved to adopt the revised 2001 meeting schedule. Seconded by: Sallie Chisholm. Vote: Favor-7 Opposed-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wanda Creed moved to retain the current officers. Seconded by: George Davis. Vote: Favor-7 Opposed-0.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FORMS

Gilbert Poliquin reviewed and approved continuing education forms

REVIEW MELISSA VANDEBURGH APPLICATION

Melissa Vandeburgh was approved for a trainee permit

FEEDBACK ON ANNUAL SEMINAR

Gil handed out a recap that he put together from the responses that were received from the seminar attendees. The comments were discussed for guidance in planning the next seminar, which has been scheduled for October 6, 2001.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTARY – BUDGET PRESENTATION

(Elaine was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict, and deferred her time slot to Anne Head and Carol Leighton.)

Anne Head and Carol Leighton provided the board members with a copy of PFR-11 Section 21 page 6, which transfers the fee setting function from the board to the department. Through proposed legislation, a recommendation will be presented to the legislature to increase the fee cap to \$325. For this board; fee cap increases also are being proposed for several other boards. A decision will not be made at this time as to

the amount by which the fees will have to be increased through rulemaking in order to enable the board to operate without a deficiency balance; this will depend upon how revenues track. Expenses will be minimized to the extent possible, and suggestions are welcomed. The Administration will consult with the affected boards prior to establishing new fees.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
The next scheduled meeting is February 27, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau
Board Clerk