

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of May 15, 2001 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Members Absent: Linda Snow, Complaint Officer

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2001 MINUTES

George Davis moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sallie Chisholm. Vote: Favor-6 Opposed-0.

EXAM REVIEW CONTINUATION

Wanda Creed provided a revision for section IV, C

REVIEW CEU APPROVAL REQUESTS

A CEU request was reviewed and approved. A letter will be sent accordingly.

REVIEW LETTER FROM KATHRYN GIRARDIN

Robert Bruder made a motion to delegate to the board clerk the [drafting of](#) a letter to Kathryn Girardin to request more information regarding the process CDS will follow to purchase hearing aids. [Ms. Girardin's letter of April 25, 2001 had sought information about whether this activity would bring CDS under the regulatory jurisdiction of the board.](#) The chairman will review the letter before it is sent out. Seconded by: Sallie Chisholm. Vote: Favor-6 Opposed-0.

STATUS ON HEAR, INC.

Sallie Chisholm recused herself and left the room during this discussion. George Davis made a motion to accept the board's findings of the status of Kristen Pfeifle's license as follows: Kristen Pfeifle was issued a trainee permit in August 1999. She sat for the oral exam and passed in October 1999. The verification form documenting completion of 750 hours of training was submitted in January 2001. The verification form indicates that the training was completed in July 2000. Kristen Pfeifle was issued a dealer license in January 2001. Seconded by: Wanda Creed. Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0.

George Davis made a motion to inform HEAR, Inc. that Kristen Pfeifle [will not](#) be eligible to be the responsible individual on a business license until January 2003. Seconded by: Robert Bruder. Vote: Favor-4 Opposed-0.

Dennis Smith will write a letter to HEAR, Inc. and inform them of their options.

STATUS ON AUDIO'D

The board approved the renewal of the business license for Audio'D, [which provided documentation that it has responsible parties at both business locations.](#)

UPDATE ON SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL SEMINAR

The board will request Jerry Yanz to present his program from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. and Michael Phillips will do his hands-on presentation from 1-5 p.m. at the annual seminar on October 6, 2001. The presenters are willing to speak at no cost and will be allowed to display their products during the lunch break.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine:

-- reviewed the budget status. [The current available cash balance is \\$5,110.00 Transfer costs are posted quarterly, and two will be applied prior to the January, 2002 renewal, at which time most of the board's revenues will accrue. In the interim, however, we may expect to experience a deficit. The fee bill, which will enable rulemaking if enacted, will be designed to reverse this situation.](#)

-- talked about the June 14th board member conference again and encouraged the board members to attend. The \$45 registration fee is waived for board members, who are entitled to per diem reimbursement.

-- gave a legislative update on LD#1484 / An Act to Require Medicare Reimbursement for Hearing Aids and [Dentures](#). The legislative tracking report indicates that the bill had died.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is August 21, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau
Board Clerk