

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of March 19, 2002 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: Gilbert Poliquin – Chairperson, Wanda Creed, Sallie Chisholm, Robert Bruder, Linda Snow

Members Absent: Dawn Dufkin-Britt

Others Present: Dennis Smith, AAG; Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator; Doris Breton, Board Clerk

REVIEW OF MAY EXAM REQUESTS:

1. Amy Boland – will be taking just the oral (practical) exam
2. Melissa Vandenburg-passed the practical exam in October 2001 and will be taking just Section 2 of the old written exam.
3. Heather Boland- will be taking just the oral (practical) exam
4. Amanda Samoluk- will be taking just the oral (practical) exam
5. Cynthia Stapleton- will be taking just the oral (practical) exam

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Bryce Cropper-reciprocity. Motion to grant reciprocity was made by Wanda Creed. 2nd by Robert Bruder. **Vote: 5-in favor, 0-opposed**

SEMINAR UPDATE:

Gil advised the Board that he has spoken to Siemens. He will speak to them again and advise them about what he would like them to talk about at the seminar. Gil went on-line to check out Oticon, Siemens and Beltone to see what these companies will offer for the Seminar. He mentioned having marketing be a topic of discussion for the morning session.

CEUs: CEU requests were approved for Marty Layne and Linda Kirk.

Vote: 5-in favor, 0-opposed

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2002 MINUTES

Robert Bruder made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 2nd by Wanda Creed. **Vote: 5-in favor, 0-opposed**

MISCELLANEOUS

The April meeting date was changed from April 16 to April 30, 2002.

Wanda Creed will be keeping an ongoing list of changes that need to be made to the rules.

The new testing contract with NIHIS involves a new practical testing format and testing fees, so the Board discussed revisions being made to the applicant instruction sheet that is mailed with the packets.

The Board also discussed the administration protocol for the IHS Practical Exam, which is being introduced for the May exams scheduled for May 21, 2002.

Dennis Smith has filed a complaint (HEA-064) against Licensed Dealer, who failed to indicate on his renewal application that he had been criminally convicted of "reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon." The board voted to non-renew, and to deny any future application for licensure. The Board plans to have both the license-denial and complaint hearings the same day. (The individual had had a Speech/Audiology license, which he did not renew.) A motion was made by Wanda Creed to preliminarily deny relicensure due to the pending complaint. Robert Bruder 2nd the motion. **Vote: 4-in favor 1-recused 0-opposed**

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

In conjunction with the regular budget-update, Elaine advised each member of the amount owed them, thus-far, for expense vouchers being held. She also explained the new across-the-board OLR protocol, in which license-verifications will no longer be given by phone, now that this information is available online at: http://www.state.me.us/pfr/olr/olr_disclaimer.htm, and still in writing, upon receipt of a written request and payment of a \$10 fee. She announced that Karen Linscott has left her post as Director of Appointments at the Governor's Office to accept a position with the Office of Tourism and has not yet been replaced; Dawn, Linda and Wanda will let the Governor's Office know if they wish to be re-appointed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris L. Breton
Board Clerk

