

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of May 21, 2002 Board Meeting

1 WRITTEN EXAM WAS GIVEN AT 8:00 AM

4 ORAL EXAMS WERE HELD BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 1 1:15 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Wanda Creed established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

Members Present:, Wanda Creed, Robert Bruder, Linda Snow and Dawn Dufkin-Britt

Members Absent: Gilbert Poliquin – Chairperson and Sallie Chisholm

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

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Louise McLaughlin-reciprocity. Motion to grant reciprocity was made by Linda Snow. 2nd by Dawn Dufkin-Britt. **Vote: 4-in favor, 0-opposed**

SEMINAR UPDATE:

Due to the absence of Chairperson Gil Poliquin, this was tabled until the next meeting, to be held on July 16th.

CEUs: Request by Beltone was approved.

Vote: 4-in favor, 0-opposed

APPROVAL OF April 30, 2002 MINUTES

Linda Snow made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 2nd by Bob Bruder.

Vote: 4-in favor, 0-opposed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wanda Creed had received a brochure from Clarity Hearing Instruments regarding an IHS-approved course on “In-Office Shell Repair and Modification” it was offering, and which the owner, Steven Dunn, had taken and submitted in fulfillment of his own continuing education requirement. While this invokes some question of propriety, the wording in Rule Chapter 3, §2 does not appear to explicitly prohibit this.

Linda Snow made comments on the new exams. It was decided that Doris would draft a new audiogram sheet for candidates to use, as the test booklet does not instruct them to bring one with them. Wanda Creed volunteered to supply an earmold, in case one is needed.

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine discussed "Executive Order 05", which responds to the State's current budget deficit; for the time-being, all out-of-state travel is being disallowed. For the same reason, the Annual Board Conference, which had been scheduled for June 13, 2002, has been postponed.

As respects the Board's own budget, she advised members of the amount of reimbursement owed to each member for the meetings of 8/21/01 through 4/30/02 and indicated that, as the board now had a positive cash balance of \$20,107, she would be able to submit their expense vouchers for this meeting for reimbursement out of the FY-02 fourth quarter Per-Diem and General Operating (Meals & Mileage) allotment. Moreover, if the number of meetings could be minimized on a go-forward basis, then this would open the possibility of making further reimbursements out of unspent allotment. She recommended, to this end, that the June 18th meeting be cancelled.

A motion was made by Bob Bruder to cancel the June meeting due to budget restraints and was 2nd by Linda Snow.

Vote: 4-in favor, 0-opposed.

Finally, she passed-along an announcement from the Dept. of Human Services that, through legislation, the names of its various health insurance programs were being subsumed under the moniker "MaineCare."

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris L. Breton
Board Clerk