

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of March 18, 2003 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Gilbert Poliquin, Robert Bruder, Linda Snow, Sallie Chisholm, Wanda Creed and Dawn Dufkin-Britt

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator, Diane Bradstreet, Acting Board Clerk and Dennis Smith, AAG

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2002 MINUTES

Bob Bruder made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 6-in favor**

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS:

The following complaints were presented by Dennis Smith, AAG and Wanda Creed, Complaint Officer:

Complaint #HEA-069 – Sallie Chisholm made a motion to schedule an Informal Conference, seconded by Robert Bruder. **Vote: 6-in favor**

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Complaint #HEA-68 – Robert Bruder made a motion to table pending further investigation, seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 6-in favor**

Complaint #HEA-064 – Linda Snow made a motion to schedule an adjudicatory hearing, seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 6-in favor**

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Carol Manning: Ms. Manning's application for licensure by reciprocity was not approved as it was determined that the licenses she holds from the State of Massachusetts and New Hampshire are not equivalent or higher than those in effect for the State of Maine pursuant to 32 MRSA §1658-H. In order to become licensed in the State of Maine, it will be necessary for Ms. Manning to first apply for a trainee permit.

Lisa Tessier: Ms. Tessier's application for licensure by reciprocity was not approved as it was determined that the license Ms. Tessier holds in the State of New Hampshire is not equivalent or higher than that in effect for the State of Maine pursuant to 32 MRSA §1658-H. In order to become licensed in the State of Maine, it will be necessary for Ms. Tessier to first apply for a trainee permit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was received from Eric C. Risch requesting a reinstatement of his Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter's license which expired on January 31, 2002.

Pursuant to 32 MRSA §1658M(1), licensees who let their license lapse more than 90 days after licensure expiration are required to meet the current requirements for licensure. Mr. Risch will need to complete a new application and meet the current licensure requirements that apply to all new applicants.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sallie Chisholm made a motion to refund the renewal fee of \$325.00 paid by Gene E. Cleaves on December 31, 2002 as Mr. Cleaves passed away on January 26, 2003. Robert Bruder seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-in favor.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss; Bob Bruder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Wanda Creed. **Vote: 6-in favor**

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bradstreet
Acting Board Clerk