

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of May 20, 2003 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Gilbert Poliquin, Chair, established that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Linda Snow

Others Present: Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator, Doris Breton, Board Clerk and Dennis Smith, AAG

APPROVAL OF April 15, 2003 MINUTES

Bob Bruder made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 5-in favor**

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS:

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

Hearing on Complaint #HEA-064: Ruth McNiff acted as Hearing Officer. Licensee was not present for the hearing. Sallie Chisholm made a motion to suspend license and impose a \$325 fine. Bob Bruder seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-in favor 1- recused (Wanda)**

A Motion was made by Wanda Creed to have the Chair, Gil Poliquin, delegated to sign the Decision when it is completed instead of waiting until next board meeting. Motion was seconded by Bob Bruder. **Vote: 5-in favor**

Informal conference:

HEA-068. Informal conference presented by Wanda Creed, Complaint Officer. Licensee was present. AAG Dennis Smith explained to the licensee how the informal conference process works. Licensee explained to the Board how the appointment book is kept. Issues were violations of 1658 (b) 1 trial period And 1658 (n) 1 & 2 fraud & deceit and unethical conduct.

A motion was made by Bob Bruder to offer a consent agreement, a fine of \$500 suspended, and costs of investigation by Kevin Cookson, complaint investigator. Seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 4-in favor 1-recused (Wanda)**

CEU REQUESTS: Siemens conference on May 15, 2003 in New Jersey was approved for 6.5 hours.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Next Agenda:

Audiologists Assistant Training Program

Discussion on Rulemaking

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY:

Penny Vaillancourt discussed the SBI fee increase to \$15.00 and the CEU Audits.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss; Sallie Chisholm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m., seconded by Bob Bruder. **Vote: 5-in favor**

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Breton
Board Clerk