

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of August 19, 2003 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Gilbert Poliquin, Chair, established that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gilbert Poliquin, Dawn Dufkin-Britt, Sallie Chisholm, and Linda Snow

Members Absent: Robert Brunder, Wanda Creed

Others Present: Dennis Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Angela McAllister, Acting Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF June 10, 2003 MINUTES

Dawn Dufkin-Britt made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Linda Snow. **Vote: 4-in favor**

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS:

No complaints this month

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Kimberly Konkell's application was pended receipt of fees. Lisa Tessier's application was pended receipt of \$15.00 SBI fee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Paul Klingaman wrote to the Board and requested to sell Hearing Aids through mail order without obtaining a license. The Board concluded that hearing aids cannot be sold without personal contact/fitting – therefore, requires a license.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Board discussed whether or not an individual can open a private business repairing hearing aids without either a business or dealer's license. The Board concluded that a non-licensee can perform the repairs, but needs a licensee to distribute them back to the public.

The Board discussed advertisements of diagnostic hearing test.

The Board discussed the issuance of business licenses and whether corporations should obtain separate business licenses for each branch location. More information is needed from individual businesses.

The Board discussed Calibration/Recalibration reports and indicated that they should be submitted annually to the Board.

The Board reviewed the conference materials, including the brochure. The Board decided to reduce the registration fee to \$60.00 for each registrant – last year the fee was \$75.00.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY:

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss; Linda Snow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m., seconded by Sallie Chisholm. **Vote: 4 – In Favor**

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McAllister
Acting Board Clerk