

## **BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS**

*Minutes of October 14, 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, Sallie Chisholm, Robert Bruder, Wanda Creed, and Linda Snow

Members Absent: Dawn Dufkin-Britt

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

### **APPROVAL OF August 19, 2003 MINUTES**

Sallie Chisholm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Linda Snow. **Vote: 3 - In favor 0 – Opposed 2 – Recused (absent at August meeting)**

### **COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS:**

Review of HEA-068 Consent Agreement – Licensee submitted the costs of the investigation timely as required by the Consent Agreement.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

The Board discussed Christopher Clukey's audiologist licensure by reciprocity from New Brunswick and requested additional information regarding NB regulations.

The Board discussed Jaleen Nadeau's application for audiologist licensure by reciprocity from New Hampshire. New Hampshire's hearing aid dispensing and selling laws are not the equivalent to Maine's laws; therefore, Ms. Nadeau needs to apply as a trainee and take both the written and practical examinations.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board reviewed Eric Risch correspondence requesting the Board's consideration of his training at the VA to be equivalent to Maine's trainee requirements for licensure. The Board cannot deviate from the requirements of the trainee permit for applicants seeking licensure as a hearing aid dealer & fitter pursuant to 32 MRSA § 1658-J of its statute.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Kristie Dion to be allowed to sit for the practical exam at its November meeting. The board has agreed to allow her to sit for the November exam along with the payment of the examination fee.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Gil spoke to the board regarding the seminar evaluations and reported that he reserved the date of October 9, 2004 for the next year's conference date. There were 32 attendees and most reporting on the evaluations that they would like to see more marketing presentations at the next conference.

The Board reviewed its meeting scheduled for 2004.

The Board held discussions regarding the use of "satellite offices" and branch offices and whether the Board will require a separate license for a satellite or branch will be based upon whether or not each location constitutes a separate and distinct business entity. Business licensees should indicate at the time of renewal the names of licensed hearing aid dealers & fitters and the various business locations.

The Board also determined that ownership of a business sold to another owner does not include a transfer of the business license. A license issued at the time of an application is non-transferable and expires with the original applicant.

**ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY:**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss; Wanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m., seconded by Robert. **Vote: 5 – In Favor**

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McAllister  
Acting Board Clerk