

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of May 18, 2004 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gilbert Poliquin, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Sallie Chisholm
Wanda Creed left at 11:45

Others Present: Dennis Smith, AAG; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Jessica Doody, Board Clerk

II. EXAMS

Practical Exams:
Christy Morrison
Kimberly Starkey
Karen Manley

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wanda Creed made a motion to accept the minutes of January 20, 2004 as written, seconded by Robert Bruder.

Vote: 5-in favor

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

B. APPLICATION REVIEW: No applications to be reviewed this month.

C. CEU REQUESTS REVIEW: No CEU requests

D. CORRESPONDENCE

HEA-071: The board reviewed and approved the sample purchase agreement as submitted by the licensee.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

Wanda Creed provided the board with a local newspaper article capturing the signing of LD 1908. She also provided the board with information regarding the last legislative session.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Gilbert Poliquin made a motion to send Sallie Chisholm to the IHS Convention August 25-28, 2004 pending department approval of out of state travel. The motion was seconded by Wanda Creed.

Vote: 5-in favor

A. ADMINISTRATORS Report:

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with an update on L.D. 1908. The effective date of the legislation will be on or near July 30th, 2004. The board discussed the implementation of L.D. 1908 & possible issues regarding statutory interpretation of whether or not a temporary audiologist who be similarly exempt from licensure requirements with the HAD board. Also, there was discussion of whether a non-audiologist business who designates a licensed audiologist with less than 2 years' experience as a fitter would be covered under the new legislation.

A financial update was provided to the board. Additionally, the department is preparing for the next legislation session and will begin its review of potential departmental legislation that will be submitted to the Governor's Office.

The board was notified that Commissioner Robert E. Murray, Jr. will be leaving the Department sometime in June as he was recently nominated by the Governor to serve as a district court judge.

VI. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m. Motion made by Robert Bruder, seconded by Linda Snow.

Vote: 4-In favor

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Doody
Board Clerk