

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of August 17, 2004 Board Meeting

I. 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, Wanda Creed, Sallie Chisholm, Dawn Dufkin-Britt and Linda Snow

Members Absent: None

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Robert Bruder made a motion to accept the minutes of May 18, 2004 as written, seconded by Linda Snowe.

Vote: 5-in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

HEA – 072 – Linda Snowe made a motion to offer a consent agreement in that the board determined that violations of Title 32 subsection 1658-B (1) and Title 32 subsections 1658-C (2), (4)(B), (6), & (8), Title 32 1658 - N (5), and Chapter 1 section 3 (c) of the rules did in fact occur.

The consent agreement shall include the following conditions:

Admission of violations within 30 days;

Issue a formal reprimand;

Business is required to send a refund to the complainant in the amount of \$200.00 within 30 days;

Business will be required to submit for board approval an updated sample purchase agreement that is in compliance with statute within 30 days; and

Fine in the amount of \$200.00 to be made payable within 30 days.

The motion was seconded by Robert Bruder.

Vote: 4 – In favor 1 – Recused (Wanda Creed)

B. COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

No report given this month.

C. APPLICATION REVIEW:

No applications to review this month.

D. CEU REQUESTS REVIEW:

No CEU requests this month.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Ellen Toothaker – Wanda Creed made a motion to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Toothaker's application for licensure as a hearing aid dealer and fitter. The motion was seconded by Sallie Chisholm.

Vote: 5 – In favor

F. MISCELLANEOUS

G. Discussion on Public Law 2003, Chapter 609

Penny Vaillancourt also provided to the board updated applications. The applications were updated to reflect recent legislative changes. The dealer & fitter applications were also updated to clarify the licensing process for trainees. She also notified the board that temporary audiologist licenses are not considered to be permanent licenses. Therefore an audiologist with a temporary license would not be eligible to apply for a hearing aid dealer and fitter license without obtaining the 750 hours of training.

H. Review of Hearing Aid October Conference Materials

Board reviewed and approved October Conference materials and forwarded to Speech Board for approval of continuing education activities.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATORS Report:

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with a financial update for FY 2004. There was a reduction in revenue due to a decrease in renewals. However, there was an increase in license applications. She will continue to provide an update on a quarterly basis.

Jessica Doody will provide a list of individuals and businesses that have been licensed since the last board meeting.

The board will send a mailer to all hearing aid businesses regarding purchase agreements and statute. The mailer will include notification of recent legislative changes as well as copy of the sample contract and a cover letter explaining the board's concern as to the lack of compliance and consistency in the sample contracts used by business. The notification will make reference to statute as well as provide a website address to access further information.

Penny Vaillancourt notified the board that a new commissioner is anticipated to be named and appointed during the next legislative session.

Linda Snowe will not be seeking re-appointment to the board. Her term will run out in January 2005.

V. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.
Motion made by Robert Bruder, seconded by Linda Snow.

Vote: 5-In favor

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Doody
Board Clerk