

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Minutes of October 15, 2001 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson; Nancy Steeves, Kathryn Girardin, Richard Sawyer and Judith Flaker.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Carolyn Silsby, AAG; Elaine Thibodeau, Administrator; Diane Bradstreet, Board Clerk and Doris Breton, Board Clerk

BUSINESS

Action taken on Complaint #SP-016 and #SP-017

Nancy Steeves moved that the Board did not find any violation of Board Rules in this matter. Seconded by Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Abstained-1*

Kathryn Girardin moved to dismiss Complaint #SP-016 and #SP-017 with a letter of guidance. Seconded by Nancy Steeves. *Vote: Favor-4 and Abstained-1*

Discussion regarding BESPAs activity number applications

The Board discussed what action should be taken on applications for course approvals and BESPAs activity numbers which were received after the October 1st course-submission deadline.

Richard Sawyer moved that the Board offer a Consent Agreement to those individuals who currently have applications pending before the Board for BESPAs activity numbers and that this Consent Agreement include a warning and a \$25.00 fine. Seconded by Kathryn Girardin. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-1*

Discussion regarding ASHA sponsored programs

Michael Towey, former Chair, and current President of the Maine Speech-Language and Hearing Association (MSLHA) attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing with the Board MSLHA's position that if a program is ASHA-approved and clinically relevant, then it should not need to be distinctly-approved by the Board.

The board tentatively decided to not change its requirement for the current CEU reporting period, but agreed to consider it for the next. Its concerns relate not so much to the quality of the courses, which is presumed to be high, as to their "clinical and professional relevancy," because some of them pertain to governmental affairs, computer skills, management, and other areas that are not envisioned by the rules.

Action on September 17, 2001 minutes.

Nancy Steeves moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Richard Sawyer. *Vote: Favor-5 and Opposed-0.*

Action taken on license applications

Judith Flaker moved to act on the following applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board. Seconded by: Nancy Steeves. *Vote: Favor-5 and Opposed-0.*

SLP Temporary Applicants:

Deborah Kallen Approved

SLP Permanent Applicants

Stephanie W. Cook Approved

Laura Hall Approved

Speech-Language Pathology Aide registration applicants:

Christy E. Hutchinson Approved

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant applicants:

Jennifer L. Currier Approved

Action taken on CPE approved activity number applications

Nancy Steeves moved to act on the 70 CPE applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board as follows: 67 approved (65-clinical and 2-professional), 0 pended and 3 denied. Seconded by: Richard Sawyer. *Vote: Favor-5 and Opposed-0.*

Action taken on CPE Audit Requests

This agenda item was tabled.

Action taken on CPE Extension Requests

Nancy Steeves moved to act on the following CPE extension requests as reviewed and recommended by the Board. Seconded by Kathryn Girardin.

Kim L. Watson Approved

Debra Pelletier Approved

Louise Packness Approved

Cynthia Bernstein Approved

Lynette A. Gauthier Approved

Melody Brann Approved

Cheryl L. Dycio Approved

Elizabeth R. Hatch Approved

Dr. John M. Pettit Approved

Beth Ellsworth Approved

LeAnn S. Nark Approved

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Barbara J. Wais	Approved
Karise R. Rupert	Approved
Sara K. Havelka	Approved
Linda A. Gray	Approved
Margot O. Weber	Approved

Correspondence

Cheryl Walters will respond to Polly Camp. She wrote regarding the approval process for ASHA credits.

Miscellaneous

None

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine informed the board that the new Clerk for their Board would be Doris Breton. Doris will begin her full-time duties on Monday, October 22, 2001.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet

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Board Clerk