

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Minutes of April 22, 2002 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson, Norleen Fleming, Ruth Dodge, Richard Sawyer, Kathryn Girardin and Judy Flaker

Members Absent: Nancy Steeves

Others Present: Carolyn Silsby, AAG; and Doris Breton, Board Clerk

BUSINESS:

A. Action to be taken on License Applications:

There were 5 license applications: 3 were pended, the other 2 were approved. Motion was made by Judy Flaker to accept the applications as reviewed. 2nd by Dick Sawyer. Vote: 6 in favor; 0-opposed.

B. Action taken on CPE approved activity number applications:

Motion was made by Dick Sawyer to approve applications as reviewed. 2nd by Ruth Dodge. Vote: 6 in favor; 0-opposed.

C. Action to be taken on CPE reporting forms:

Motion was made by Norleen Fleming to approve 2 reporting forms as reviewed. 2nd by Dick Sawyer. Vote: 6 in favor; 0 opposed.

D. Action taken on CPE Audit Requests: N/A

E. Action taken of CPE Extension Requests: N/A

F. Action on February minutes.

Norleen Fleming moved to approve the minutes. 2nd by Ruth Dodge. Vote: 6 in favor; 0 opposed.

G. Correspondence:

Cheryl Walters will respond to any correspondence pending.

H. Miscellaneous:

Further discussion was had on the blanket acceptance of ASHA and AAA courses. Kathryn suggested that ASHA/AAA courses be automatically considered professionally relevant, but if a licensee wanted the course to be considered clinically relevant, then the Board would have to review the request. No decision was made, but the Board will look further at viable options (i.e. ASHA-sponsored vs. ASHA-approved). A list will be compiled of national organizations whose continuing education programs' primary focus is to enhance the practice of speech pathology and audiology. The discussion will be continued at the May 20, 2002 board meeting.

Things to consider:

1. Licensees need to submit on an "as you go" basis for activity numbers; rather than waiting until the last minute to ask for all the numbers.
2. Limit requests to 25 hours.
3. When information regarding approved courses becomes available on the board's website, course sponsors should consult it for pre-approved courses before sending in an application for an activity number.

CHAIRPERSON'S LOG:

Cheryl Walters has learned of a situation from someone who works for the Veterans' Administration, concerning an Occupational Therapist doing treatments for a person with dysphasia without there being a Speech-Language Pathologist involved. Cheryl explained the Board's point-of-view on scope-of-practice for SLPs. A SLP can work with, and do, swallowing therapy in their scope of practice. Cheryl said that at some point this will be discussed again, and a letter may be drafted to the VA, telling them that a SLP can do swallowing therapy in their scope of practice.

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Counselors Board meeting, Elaine was not able to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris L. Breton

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