

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

May 20, 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, Judy Flaker, and Nancy Steeves

Members Absent: Richard Sawyer, Kathryn Girardin

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

BUSINESS:

**A. Action to be taken on License Applications:**

There were four license applications: Two were pended, one was approved, and one was denied. A motion was made by Norleen Fleming to accept the applications, as reviewed. It was seconded by Nancy Steeves. Vote: 5 in favor; 0-opposed.

**B. Action taken on CPE approved activity number applications:**

Thirteen activities were approved, four were denied and two were pended. A motion was made by Judy Flaker to approve applications as reviewed. It was seconded by Norleen Fleming. Vote: 5 in favor; 0-opposed.

An application for an activity number was received from Theresa Castagna who needs two hours in order to satisfy a consent agreement. The course was for twelve hours. She will be issued two separate numbers (one for two hours towards her Consent Agreement and the other for ten toward the next reporting period).

**C. Action to be taken on CPE reporting forms:**

A motion was made by Ruth Dodge to approve one reporting form as reviewed. It was seconded by Judy Flaker. Vote: 5 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 April minutes.**

Norleen Fleming moved to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Ruth Dodge.  
Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

**G. Correspondence:**

Cheryl Walters will respond to any correspondence pending.

**H. Miscellaneous:**

**CHAIRPERSON'S LOG:** The board continued to deliberate the question of whether-or-not to automatically approve ASHA and AAA-sponsored courses for continuing education credit. One possibility considered was to approve them as meeting the criterion for "professional relevancy," but not for "clinical relevancy"; all courses must fit into one category or the other (if not both), but at least 13 of the 25 credits must be "clinical." The dilemma for the "professional" category, though, is that these associations sponsor programs in such areas as "Computer Operation," "Insurance Billing," and "Office Management," which fall outside of this criterion. At the June meeting, the Board will review the list of sponsors. Cheryl Walters asked the Board members to come back next month with a list of national organizations to be considered for blanket acceptance.

**ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY**

Mike Towe had e-mailed a question about whether "stroboscopy" fell within practitioners' scope-of-practice. Both AAG Carolyn Silsby and the board concurred that it did, because it met the description of "instrumental technology" found in Rule Chapter 5, Section 1, sub-§E.

Elaine related that it had been determined by the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, in consultation with its Assistant Attorney General, that an Occupational Therapist can do dysphasia therapy, and even if this had fallen outside of their scope, any restriction would not apply to a federal facility. (The question emanated from practices at the VA.)

Elaine discussed the 5/13/02 memorandum captioned "Executive Order 05 FY 01/02"; because of the budget shortfall, the June 13, 2002 Board Conference has been postponed, a hiring freeze is in-effect, and out-of-state travel is prohibited. Therefore, representation at the October meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology in St. Louis is uncertain.

**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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