

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

June 10, 2002 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson, Norleen Fleming, Richard Sawyer, and Nancy Steeves

Members Absent: Kathryn Girardin, Ruth Dodge, Judith Flaker,

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 12 license applications: Two were pended and ten were approved. A motion was made by Nancy Steeves to accept the applications, as reviewed. It was seconded by Dick Sawyer. Vote: 4 in favor; 0-opposed.

B. Action taken on CPE approved activity number applications:

Six activities were approved. A motion was made by Dick Sawyer to approve applications as reviewed. It was seconded by Norleen Fleming. Vote: 4 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 toward 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 Dick Sawyer to approve one reporting form as reviewed. It was seconded by Nancy Steeves. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

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

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

F. Caroline Hyde of the American Board of Audiology was scheduled to appear before the board to discuss certification issues at 2:00 p.m. She did not appear, but she later e-mailed the Board Clerk to say she had had a problem with her e-mail and had not received the return message in time. She will appear at the July 15th meeting instead.

G. Action on May minutes.

Dick Sawyer moved to approve the minutes as amended. This was seconded by Norleen Fleming. Vote: 4 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, AAA, and other national organization-sponsored courses for continuing education credit. Cheryl Walters shared with the board the results of research she had done among her contacts at the National Council of State Boards of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology to determine whether a consistent approach emerges from among them with respect to automatic approval of ASHA or AAA-sponsored continuing education courses, and whether these customarily are construed to be professionally (if not clinically) relevant. From the responses received to-date:

Arizona – Does not automatically approve anything; finds some ASHA, AAA, and IJHS courses not to be profession-specific.

Arkansas – Does not automatically approve; courses must meet criteria in rules.

California – ASHA, AAA, and universities are exempt from requirement to submit courses; finding that not all are acceptable. They are wrestling with what to do about it.

Maryland – Currently automatically approves ASHA and AAA, but discussing a possible change.

Rhode Island – Accepts anything endorsed by ASHA, AAA, an accredited institution, or the State Dept. of Education.

Virginia – Used to automatically approve; now applies standards in rules.

Consequently, no clear approach is emerging, so discussion will continue at the July 15th meeting.

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine discussed the Board's finances.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk