

West Virginia Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

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BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alice S. Belmont, Chairperson
Susan Bellomy, Secretary
Alva Deardorff, M. D.
Mark Wilcox
Judith Schreiman (telephone)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Larry Heck
Gary Marano, M. D.
Jeanne Morris

STAFF

Grady Bowyer, Exec. Director
Mary Casto, Admin. Secretary
Carol Blosser, Secretary

Attorney: David Cleek

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Alice Belmont at 5:10 P. M.

The minutes from the April 5, 2001 meeting was approved.

The financial reports had been read by each board member prior to the meeting was approved.

Alice Belmont asked Grady Bowyer for his comments on the JRCERT and WV site visit at Wheeling Hospital on May 17-19, 2001. Pat Wolfe from Baltimore was chairperson and Courtney Glenn was the other JRCERT representative. The site visit went very well. The inspection was one day only and they dealt with minor areas of non-compliance on the second day. We will wait for JRCERT to make it's recommendation.

The complaints are as follow:

#12-00: No action. The union became involved and the charges against the technologist was dropped and she was reinstated.

#01-01: Was discussed at the April meeting. The Board of Medicine was sent copies of the information we had on file regarding this complaint from a previous infraction. Pending before the Board of Medicine.

#02-01: Consent agreement was signed and the case was resolved. Mr. Bowyer thanked the attorney David Cleek and his paralegal, Mona Cantley, for the excellent work they had done on this case.

#05-01: Explanation on reason for termination sent to ARRT by facility. The individual's license has expired. When or if application for renewal received, we will deny request and will have hearing if necessary.

A complaint was received after this material was bound. It was reported that a physicians assistant was taking x-rays. Letter will be written and matter forwarded to the Board of Medicine for their consideration.

The board took a five minute break so that the Chairperson, since Larry Heck had not come, could call Dr. Schreiman so that we would have a quorum.

A discussion was held regarding our having ARRT administer the WV Examination. A new agreement was signed between our Board and the ARRT. We submitted an application from a student who had failed the ARRT Examination 3 times which is the limit for ARRT. Dr. Deardorff asked why she had failed the ARRT

examination 3 times. Mr. Bowyer said, according to her mother, she had test anxiety. Dr. Deardorff said that this should enter in to how many examinations we will allow. In discussing the passing score, the Board decided that we must have 75% as passing as do the ARRT. David Cleek said one way we could give her special consideration was to allow her to take the examination on our computer and for longer than 3 hours. The board felt this would not be a viable solution. A proposal was made that we ask the student how we could help her pass the examination.

Mark Wilcox felt that she should come to us, and we should have more proof of test anxiety than her mother's opinion. Dr. Schreiman agreed with Mark. Susie Bellomy suggested we write the student a letter asking her to suggest what we could do to help her pass the exam. Alice Belmont agreed to write the letter and send it to David Cleek for his opinion.

Next, Mr. Bowyer gave names of facilities inspected. Some had no 5"X7" licenses posted, only copies of the wallet card instead, and some did not have license posted but had it at home. As a whole, everyone was in compliance with our code regarding licenses.

The deadline date for the modifications of Rule 18-1 to be presented to our membership for public comment was to be 6/20/01. We will be sending 500 post cards to all the facilities with x-ray equipment and request they be posted where the technologists could see them. The last day for the Rule to be filed with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Rule-Making Committee after public comment is 7/27/01.

Mr. Bowyer met with Joseph Patti, Dept. of Health & Human Services. Mr. Patti asked if we had taken any action re: Medicare-Medicaid. He asked for a synopsis of our complaints. Mr. Bowyer asked that this be tabled until the next board meeting. Susie Belmont made motion, Mr. Wilcox second. Motion passed.

Questions were raised as to whether or not we continue to be members of CLEAR. Mr. Wilcox thought that we should remain members and that Mr. Bowyer attend it's next meeting in September 2001. Motion made for him to attend the meeting and was seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to re-elect Ms. Belmont as Chairperson and Susie Bellomy as Board Secretary. Dr. Deardorff seconded it. Mark asked if any of the board members could suggest a physician to fill Dr. Marano's place on the board to let Mr. Bowyer know. Mr. Bowyer also said that Glora Crouch will represent the Dept. Of Health, Environmental Health Services.

For new business, Mr. Wilcox asked if we could send copies of licenses to employers ahead of time to enable to the technologists to start employment as quickly as possible. The board agreed that we could do this under special circumstances.

Next under new business, Mr. Bowyer stated that an individual from Guam had requested information on obtaining a WV license. This situation had come up in the past. At that time, Mr. Wilcox and Dan Shock had researched another school from which an individual had graduated and came to the conclusion that it could be considered an approved school by our board.

Mr. Wilcox requested that Ms. Casto furnish copies of this file. Dr. Schreiman suggested that Ms. Belmont, Mr. Wilcox and Ms. Bellomy, as a committee, go over the information from the school in question and e-mail their findings on whether or not the school should be approved. Mr. Bowyer will contact individual and request a course description from his school.

The next item to be discussed under new business was to give the staff a salary increase. A motion was made and seconded that a 3% increase take effect July 1, 2001. Motion passed.

Mr. Wilcox said we needed to formalize a criteria for increasing wages. Alice needed a range and asked Mr. Cleek for his opinion and he suggested a scale of 1-10. Dr. Deardorff said that the board should decide on raises and it should not be left up to Mr. Bowyer. Dr. Schreiman asked Ms. Casto to obtain the information on job descriptions from the Department of Personnel for current guidelines. Mr. Bowyer has a job description in place and he will go over duties with Ms. Casto and Ms. Blosser to set up job descriptions for them. These will be sent to Ms. Belmont and she will present her findings to the Board at the September meeting for consideration of an

additional increase of 2%.

Dr. Deardorff asked if we needed Nuclear Medicine included in our law. There are 3 levels of nuclear medicine and they are very strict. Ms. Bellomy made a motion that this be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Wilcox seconded it. Tabled for further study.

Under other business, it has been asked that the Board would consider North Central for an accrediting body for the radiologic technology schools in West Virginia. Mr. Wilcox said there was no comparison between JRCERT and North Central. North Central accredits the schools, not the individual programs. Ms. Bellomy said the JRCERT has begun to be too strict & it was also putting a financial bind on the programs. Ms. Holder stated that they have no plans at this time to withdraw from JRCERT. She just wants the board to accept it as an accrediting body. Mr. Wilcox would like to talk with someone who has been through the accrediting process with Northcentral. Dr. Schreiman motioned that a committee should go over JRCERT and North Central to compare requirements between the two. Mr. Wilcox and Dr. Schreiman are to look at the two programs and report at the next meeting. Laid over until next meeting.

Meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Casto
Administrative Secretary