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BOARD MEETING

March 25, 2004

Members Present

Mark Wilcox, Chairman
Susan Bellomy, Secretary
Alice Belmont
Jeanne Morris
Grace Peters
Jamie Browning

Members Excused

Jeffrey C. Dameron, M.D.
Shawn Reesman, M.D.

Office Staff

Grady Bowyer
Carol Blosser
Greg Skinner (Attorney)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Wilcox, at 5:05 P.M.. Mr. Wilcox welcomed new Board member Jamie Browning as the representative of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health.

Minutes: Ms. Bellomy made a motion to accept the minutes of December 2, 2003 as presented. Ms. Belmont seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The financial report was presented by Ms. Blosser. Ms. Bellomy questioned the excessive postage expenditure in February. Ms. Blosser informed her this was for the mass mailing of the newsletter. Ms. Bellomy asked if we need to send out newsletters or could we just put them on the web page. Ms. Browning made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Bellomy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaints: (A) Misdemeanor convictions - Tech had multiple misdemeanor convictions in Putnam county. Technologist surrender license to office. Case dismissed.

(B) Technologist practicing medicine without a license - A nurse made a complaint against a Technologist for receiving prescription medication from a physician and distributing to a third person. Our Attorney Mr. Skinner drafted a letter to the Technologist. The Technologist responded with a letter and copies of x-ray results, doctor's findings, and insurance information to confirm that the prescription medication was for her personal use. The Ethic's committee, and Mr. Skinner has reviewed the information and recommends the charges be dismissed as unfounded. Ms. Belmont made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Ethic's's Committee to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Belmont made a motion to forward information back to the RN Board concerning the frivolous complaint made against the Technologist on the recommendation of Mr. Skinner. Ms. Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Bowyer will send a letter to the Technologist advising of the dismissal of the charges.

Interpretative Ruling: A Committee appointed by Mr. Wilcox met and drafted an Interpretative Ruling Definition of Radiologic Technology to present to the Board. After a lengthy discussion, the Board with recommendations from Mr. Skinner made specific changes to the draft. Mr. Skinner advised the Board that the definition should now be implemented into the Code of State Rules, which could be done by interpretive rule. Ms. Browning made a motion to accept the Interpretative Ruling Definition of Radiologic Technology with the changes and additions made by the Board. Ms. Bellomy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board requested Mr. Bowyer start the process to have the Interpretative Ruling Definition of Radiologic Technology implemented into the Code of State Rules by interpretive rule.

Legislation: Series 1 - Mr. Bowyer advised the Board of changes needed in Series 1 rules. Most are additional or changing of wording. Mr. Bowyer informed the Board that an increase of some fees is needed at the present time in order to curtail the ever increasing expenses. Ms. Blosser gave a report of the increase of running the office for last year and the increases known for the coming year. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to increase all fees except the renewal fee at this time. Ms. Bellomy suggested that a notice be put on the web page of a possible increase in renewal fees at a future date, with an explanation as to why the fees need to be increased (i.e. - increase in office operations, fees lost in credit card transactions, unfunded mandates, etc.).

Ms. Belmont made a motion to move forward with the filing of Series 1 with the increased fees included for the 2004 deadline. Ms. Bellomy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointments: Mr. Bowyer advised the Board that Dr. Schreiman resigned from the Board. Dr. Dameron has also informed Mr. Bowyer that because of his work schedule he will have to resign from the Board. Mr. Bowyer informed the Board that Dr. Elaine Moore expressed interest in being appointed a Board member to replace Dr. Schreiman, and that Dr. Reesman had recommended Dr. Terry Shank to replace Dr. Dameron. Dr. Shank will be approached concerning an appointment to the Board. Ms. Belmont and Ms. Browning have expressed their desire to be reappointed at the completion of their terms. Mr. Bowyer will send a letter to the Governor of the reappointments and the possible appointments to the Board.

Radiology Assistant: Dr. Robert Smith, who was to attend the meeting could not attend. Discussion tabled to a future time when Dr. Smith can attend.

Old Business: Credit Cards - 28% have been done on line since July.

New Business: Possible Lawsuit: A possible lawsuit being served against the office was discussed. An attorney in Kanawha County is possibly going to bring a lawsuit against all Boards not in the city limits of Charleston. Mr. Skinner advised the Board that a lawsuit has not been started because everyone is waiting to see the out come of the current law suit against the Lottery Board moving from the city limits of Charleston.

Web Page - Mr. Bowyer informed the Board the web page is being redone and should be in place shortly. The new web page will also include a "Frequently Asked Question" section, and a "Complaint Form" for anyone with a complaint to complete and return.

Graduating Class' of 2004 - 136 will be graduating this spring from Radiologic Technology schools in West Virginia and one in Ohio.

June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10th at Elkview.

Minutes submitted by Carol Blosser, Administrative Secretary