West Virginia Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

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BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT MEMBERS EXCUSED **STAFF GUESTS** Grady Bowyer Dennis Roebuck Alice Belmont, Chairperson Larry Heck Mary Casto Susan Bellomy, Secretary W. Alva Deardorff, M.D. Mary Holder ATTORNEY Glora Crouch Gary Marano, M.D. Pam Alderman M. Imani, D.P.M. Jeanne Morris Shirley Skaggs Judith Schreiman, M.D. Mark Wilcox

The meeting was called to order by Alice Belmont, Chairperson at 5:00 PM. Minutes were approved as circulated.

The 2nd item on the agenda was the JRCERT versus North Central accreditation of programs. Mark Wilcox was the spokesperson for the Committee which reviewed the documentation submitted to them by Mary Holder, Program Director of SWCC and had also done an indepth research. They had also contacted other state programs and none of them accepted any other accreditation body except JRCERT. They came to the decision that there were significant differences between JRCERT and North Central, the main one being one was institutional and one was programmatic. The committe felt that the institutional accreditation did not look into programs in depth enough to evaluate whether the public is being protected. A motion was made to deny the request that the Board recognize regional accreditation in lieu of JRCERT accreditation. Motion seconded and was carried.

Mark Wilcox made a motion that the radiologic programs should not reimburse the Board representative for expenses such as travel, room, etc. Mr. Wilcox felt that the programs should not be responsible for these expenses. Since some of the board members were not aware that this was happening, Dr. Schreiman asked to discuss this. Mr. Wilcox stated that at one of the previous board meetings it had been voted to allow the programs to reimburse the board representative if they wished to do so. He said that, at that time, Board Members were doing the inspections and were taking off from their jobs and should be reimbursed but since Mr. Bowyer as Executive Director was now doing those inspections and since this was part of his job description should not be reimbursed. No more often than board members made these inspections, the Board could easily afford to pay their expenses. Motion remade that the programs not be responsible for any expenses incurred by our Board. Motion seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda was the retirement of Mary Casto as administrative secretary as of 6/30/02 and Carol Blosser, who has been secretary for the past three years ,be hired to replace Mary as administrative secretary. Mr. Bowyer asked that the office be left in Cool Ridge & suggested that Ms. Blosser be brought on as full time on 4/01/02 so that she could learn the remainder of the duties done by Mary. He suggested she continue at her present salary until she begins as administrative secretary on 7/01/01 at which time she would be paid \$18,468.00 per year. He said that we will still need a part time person and since Ms. Casto has expressed interest in working part time that she be hired for 2 days per week or 8 days per month as needed. She would be paid \$8.00 per hour and she would begin working as a contract employee as of 9/01/01. Mark Wilcox moved that Carol Blosser be hired as administrative secretary as of 7/01/01 and Mary Casto would be hired as a contract employee at \$8.00 per hour the first of September. The motion was seconded and passed.

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This ended all the items on the agenda that needed to be voted on.

Next, Mr. Bowyer introduced Dr. Imani of the WV Podiatry Association who wanted the podiatry assistants be exempt from our law as the dental assistants are. He said he wished to present this to the Board before their Association submit this proposal to the legislature in January. He explained that the podiatry x-ray equipment used by podiatrists was equal or better than the equipment used by dentists. He had the specs. and information on this machine, which he said were used by 99% of the podiatrists in the state. He would like for the podiatry association work with the board on this. Ms. Casto took the specs. from Dr. Imani and will copy and send to all the board members and mail the originals back to Dr. Imani.

The schools that have been inspected this year are as follows:

University of Charleston - Alice Belmont on October 25 & 26, 2001 - Ms. Belmont said that they had a very impressive program, only minor deficiencies - expected accreditation.

Southern WV Community & Technical College - Grady Bowyer on November 26 & 27, 2001. Mr. Bowyer was very impressed with the program and congratulated Mary Holder, Program Director for an excellent job..

Bluefield State College - 8 year accreditation

Wheeling Hospital - 5 year accreditation

Camden Clark is closing it's program. WVU - Parkersburg is considering starting a program. Mr. Bowyer will write a letter to Jean Minard saying the Board will assist them in any way it can. He will send the letter to Ms. Belmont for her approval.

Mr. Bowyer brought up the subject of purchasing our copier which we have been leasing for 3 years. We have had all kinds of problems with the vendor in making our payments. If we buy the copier, Sharp Electronics will sell it for 15% of the purchase amount which will be around \$750.00. We would continue our maintenance agreement with Charleston Cash Register for \$300.00 per year.

On the next few items, there were no complaints for this time period, Mr. Bowyer inspected 700 licenses since May 1, 2001 for current, expired or not posted licenses.

Mr. Bowyer attended the CLEAR conference on investigations and is now a certified inspector.

Board Meetings are scheduled for March 14, June 13, September 12 and December 12, 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Submitted by Mary Casto Administrative Secretary