

APPROVED

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Ridenhour, Acting Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2002 in Board office at 6606 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Present:

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.
Susan Chadwick, Audiologist
Perry Francisco, Citizen Member
Charles M. Johnson, III, MD
Angela Moss, SLP

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

C. Public Comment

Judy Castleman, the lobbyist for SHAV, spoke regarding lowering the caseloads of SLP in the public school system. The proposal is for the caseload to be reduced from 68 cases to 50 cases per SLP. Once funding is available the level of 50 was felt by the Board to be adequate. SHAV has requested the Board's support in the proposed legislation.

D. Election of Officers

Ms. Francisco made a motion, which was seconded, that Michael Ridenhour be elected Chair of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Francisco made a motion, which was seconded, that Dr. Charles Johnson is elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology, which carried unanimously.

Credentials Committee

Susan Chadwick, Chair
Katrina Eid

Special Conference Committee

Perry Francisco, Chair
Angela Moss

Regulatory/Legislative Committee

Michael Ridenhour, Chair
Ted Brown
Susan Chadwick
Angela Moss

Continuing Education

Dr. Charles Johnson, Chair
Perry Francisco
Michael Ridenhour

E. Open Discussion

Licensure of Individuals in Doctorate Programs of Audiology.

Danny Gnewikow, Ph.D, Audiologist, requested that the Audiology candidates from a doctorate program who meet the Master's requires without the conferring of the degree to hold a temporary license as long as they meet the other licensure requirements. Dr. Gnewikow says the need for audiologist is increasing with a shortage of audiologists.

Dr. Johnson made a motion, which was seconded, that the Board reviews each applicant for licensure from an Au.D. program based on the following requirements: complete 45 hours of coursework, complete a clinical practicum and pass Praxis II Exam. If licensed, by the Board, license shall be under the monitoring of two years with monitoring by the Board. The Credentials Committee will review each application. The Board voted unanimously for the licensure procedure.

F. New Business

New State Travel Regulations – Deborah Pearson, DHP

Ms. Pearson presented the changes of the travel regulations that would affect the Board in completing travel vouchers. The two most important changes are in lodging and M&IE and pre-approval for travel. Ms. Young and staff complete most of this information for the Board members.

House Joint Resolution 159

A Joint Subcommittee of the General Assembly reviewed recommendation to combine the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology. The Board noted that there are three Board members who have a license as a Hearing Aid Specialist license. It will be presented to the General Assembly in January 2003.

Dr. Johnson made a motion, which was seconded, that the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology is not opposed to the merge of the boards as long as there is a consideration that the duties of this board are larger and more comprehensive than that

the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists. Further, Dr. Johnson moved that any representation of hearing aid specialists on the merged Board shall reflect the larger duties of the Board of ASLP. And further, the Board is opposed to equal representation on that basis. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Young said the final vote of the Subcommittee is scheduled for November 14, 2002.

Proposed Regulation Change for Board for Hearing Specialists

Dr. Johnson made a motion, which was seconded, the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology is in opposition to the changes proposed in 18 VAC 80-20-230. Fitting and sale of hearing aids for children of the regulations governing hearing aid fitting and dispensing. The Board voted that any hearing aid medical clearance deserves evaluation by a specialist (otolaryngologist) prior to fitting children and the voted carried unanimously.

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Legislative/Regulatory Committee

It was determined by the Board that the Continued Competency Assessment Forms be included on frequently asked questions on the Board's Website.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Young presented licensee statistics, case statistics, information on the budget and the Calendar for next year.

Adjournment:

Michael Ridenhour adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.. The next general meeting will be held on February 13, 2003 in at Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA.

Michael Ridenhour, Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director