

Minutes of Meeting

**VIRGINIA AUCTIONEER BOARD
INFORMAL FACT-FINDING CONFERENCES
MAY 27, 2003 (10:00 a.m.)**

The Virginia Auctioneer Board convened in Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of holding an Informal Fact-Finding Conference pursuant to the Administrative Process Act.

J. Hartwell Perkinson, Board Member, Presided. No other Board Member presided.

Jennifer Kazzie appeared for the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

The conference was recorded by Inge Snead & Associates, LTD., and the Summary is attached.

Lic=Licensing Application

A=Applicant

10:00 AM

Participants

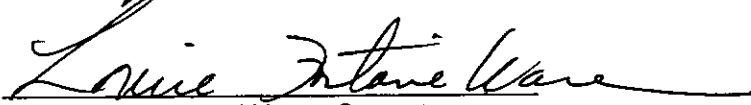
Charles H. Strickler
File Number 2003-02875 (Lic)

Charles Strickler – A

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Virginia Auctioneer Board


Larry J. Linkous, Chairman


Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

AUCTIONEERS BOARD

IN RE: CHARLES H. STRICKLER
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AUCTIONEERS LICENSE

FILE NUMBER: 2003-02875

Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference

An Informal Fact-Finding Conference (IFF) was convened on May 27, 2003, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to a Notice of Informal Fact-Finding Conference sent by certified mail to Charles H. Strickler on May 13, 2003. The following individuals participated at the conference: Charles H. Strickler, Applicant; Jennifer Kazzi, Staff Member; and J. Hartwell Perkinson, Presiding Board Member.

Summation of Facts

1. Mr. Strickler's auctioneer license expired September 30, 2000.
2. The Department received Mr. Strickler's renewal fee for the renewal cycle of September 30, 2000 on August 25, 2000; however, the required bond was not submitted as outlined in Board regulation 18 VAC 25-21-30.

Board regulation 18 VAC 25-21-30 states, "All applicants shall submit evidence that a surety bond, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth and in at least the amount of \$10,000, has been obtained. Proof of current bond must be submitted in order to obtain or renew the license. The bond must commence no later than the effective date of the license and shall expire no sooner than the date of expiration of the license."

3. Mr. Strickler's letter dated March 20, 2003, explains the matter regarding the bond requirement for that renewal cycle.

The following are excerpts from that letter:

"Enclosed are auction bonds for Charles H. Strickler October 2000 to October 2002, and October 2002 to October 2004. Also enclosed is an auctioneer license reinstatement application and check for \$120.00 fee."

"In the fall of 2000 I received your letter asking for my surety bond. Mrs. Eddins who wrote the bond was not in the office when I called. Her daughter calls the following day and said all was taken care. Mrs. Eddins also writes my bond for a Contracted Postal Unit for the last 15 years..

4. During the IFF, Mr. Strickler stated that the Bond was to be for a two year period, not for the one year period as written on the Bond. Strickler stated that he paid for two-year bonds in 2000 and in 2002. Strickler provided proof from Zurich North America, that the 2002 Bond was for a period of two years, ending September 30, 2004.

5. Mr. Strickler advised at the IFF that he did not conduct auctions on his own, and only works for other Auctioneers. Strickler stated he is a ring man, and only a second line auctioneer on an if needed basis, and therefore, not responsible for money or records.

6. Current regulations effective February 1, 2002, were used for the review of Mr. Strickler's application.

Conclusion and Recommendation

After reviewing Mr. Strickler's file, and with the information provided at the IFF, I recommend his reinstatement application for his Auctioneers license be approved, provided that Mr. Strickler furnishes the Board with satisfactory proof of a Bond, which meets the requirements of the 2002 Regulations 18 VAC 25-21-80 and 18 VAC 25-21-30 for the Auctioneers Board.

By: _____

**J. Hartwell Perkinson
Presiding IFF Board Member
Auctioneers Board**

Date: May 27, 2003