

West Virginia Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

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BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alice Belmont, Chairperson
Susan Bellomy, Secretary
Mark Wilcox
Gloria Crouch
W. Alva Deardorff, M.D.
Jeanne Morris

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Judith Schreiman, M.D.
Gary Marano, M.D.
Larry Heck

STAFF

Grady Bowyer

GUEST

Dennis Roebuck
Denise Smith
Mary Holder
Pam Alderman
Laura Westerman

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Belmont at 5:10 pm.

The minutes from the June 14, 2001 meeting were corrected and approved.

The financial reported was read by each member. Mr. Wilcox asked why the American Electric Power amount was so much higher for May, 2001 than the other months. After looking at the April, 2001 statement, it was noted that AEP was not paid for that month. Therefore, this amount represents two (2) months of winter heating.

Mr. Bowyer introduced Gloria Crouch as the new Board member. Ms. Crouch replaced Mr. Bowyer as representative from the Office of Environmental Health Services' Radiologic Health Program. Mr. Bowyer reported that Chip Slaven with the Governor's office had reported that the recommendations of the Board for member's appointment and re-appointments have not been done. He stated that they should be done before the next Board meeting. Mr. Bowyer also extended a welcome to our guest.

The functional job descriptions and salary increases for the staff were discussed. Mr. Bowyer had provided Chairperson Belmont with functional job descriptions he had written for Mrs. Casto and Mrs. Blosser. Motion was made and passed that Mr. Bowyer would incorporate the functional job descriptions into a formal job description for each staff position, evaluate the salary scales using the State's pay scales, do an evaluation of the staff using the performance evaluation forms used by the Office of Personnel, and make a recommendation to the Board as to a salary range and additional increase, if applicable.

Mr. Bowyer reported that he will be participating in the JRCERT Site Visit at the University of Charleston on October 25-26, 2001. The JRCERT representatives are from the States of California and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wilcox reported the committees feelings and recommendation on the JRCERT vs. North Central Accreditation issue. Their feelings were that since JRCERT did a programmatic evaluation as opposed to an institutional evaluation by North Central, these bodies were not equivalent. The recommendation of the committee was that the Board not accept North Central as an additional accrediting body. If the Board should agree to accept North Central as an Accreditation Body, they will need to develop standards for the schools and do a separate, programmatic inspection to insure that all of the programs in West Virginia are being evaluated on an equal basis. Ms. Holder and Ms. Alderman asked to be recognized to address this matter. They asked that North Central be recognized as an additional accrediting body by the Board. They stated that their college did not have any intention of dropping JRCERT, however, they felt that since the ARRT recognized North Central, the State of West Virginia should also. They stated that the JRCERT's fees and criteria for accreditation causes a hardship on the colleges within West Virginia. Since they cannot increase student fees without legislative approval, recovering the cost of maintaining accreditation is impossible. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Bellomy and approved that Chairperson Belmont would appoint a committee to talk with other states and get a clear understanding of North Central accreditation process.

Mr. Bowyer reported on the status of the complaints.

01-00 - was referred to the Board of Medicine (BOM) and closed by the BOM. They had the doctor appear before them at their September 8th meeting and gave him a warning that this was a violation of case law, and if another complaint was filed and substantiated, he would face disciplinary action.

12-00 - case was investigated by the ARRT. Case is closed since the technologist was reinstated by their employer and violations could not be substantiated.

1-01 - Referred to the Board of Medicine. Case under investigation.

Mr. Bowyer reported on the length of Radiologic Technology programs. The ARRT leaves the length of programs to the Accreditation Bodies. Eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination is now based on competency. Our Code section specifically states that graduation must be from a twenty-four month program. This was the norm when the Code was originated, however is not the case now. Therefore, Mr. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Ms. Bellomy and passed by the Board that Mr. Bowyer would review the Code for any changes deemed necessary and ask that legislation be introduced to strike the twenty-four month provision and any other changes he determines are required.

Mr. Bowyer reported that the Series 1 Modified Rule has been cleared by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee and filed with the Secretary of State for introduction during the next Legislative session.

Mr. Bowyer explained the necessity for and displayed the Probationary Temporary License and the Provisional Temporary License.

Mr. Bowyer stated that 259 licenses had been inspected since the last Board meeting. A total of 525 licenses have been inspected since the beginning of the inspections on May 1, 2001. There have been four cases of persons working on expired licenses, but they have been corrected immediately. The technologist were suspended from work until they obtained their licenses.

Other business -

Mr. Bowyer stated that the individuals from Guam and India have not submitted the information requested in order to evaluate whether they are eligible to sit for the WV Examination.

Letter was sent to the American College of Radiology asking them to rescind their Resolution 55. This resolution would allow a person to receive minimum training and work under supervision of a trained technologists. A resolution of this type would lead to the introduction of limited licensure, which the Board has historically opposed. Due to the overwhelming, nationwide opposition to this resolution, the ACR has rescinded it.

Mr. Bowyer announced that Ms. Casto has stated that she intends to retire in June, 2002. Mr. Bowyer asked the Board to consider leaving the office in Cool Ridge and hire Ms. Blosser full-time the first of April, 2002. The reasoning behind these recommendations was that the office is well maintained, rent and utilities are very affordable, Ms. Blosser is familiar with the operations of the office and protocol, and the office is accessible. He asked that this matter be brought before the next Board meeting for discussion and decision.

Mr. Wilcox stated that he had a discussion with Jim Wilson concerning Nuclear Medicine technologists. Mr. Wilson had heard that our Board was going to ask that Nuclear Medicine technologist in WV be licensed. Mr. Wilcox stated that he was unaware of any movement of this type and stated that any movement towards licensure of Nuclear Medicine technologist should come from the Nuclear Medicine community, not our Board. Mr. Wilson stated that the Nuclear Medicine Association has a meeting the weekend of September 22, 2001. He will report the feelings and desires of the Nuclear Medicine technologists to Mr. Wilcox after that meeting.

Ms. Belmont reported on her attendance at the Auditor's Required Seminar for Licensing Boards. She stated that it was a very informative meeting, and she met several people that has helped our office in the past. She specifically mentioned Judy Cooper with the Secretary of State's Administrative Law Division and Opal Burgess with the Travel Auditing Section for the State.

Ms. Belmont reported that a letter was sent to Rachel Donley asking if there was anything the Board could do to help her pass the WV Examination. She told her of a tape that is available through ASRT concerning test-taking methods and how to cope with test anxiety.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Grady Bowyer
Executive Director