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NEWSLETTER 1997

Members of the WV Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners have authorized publication of a newsletter to licensees so that they may be better informed of the operations of the Board. This is the second of such publications. We anticipate that the newsletter will be published annually and mailed during January of each year. We encourage you to submit recommendations you may have about information you would like to see included in the newsletter. Submit your comments & recommendations to the address above.

HISTORY OF THE BOARD

Purpose: Chapter 30, Article 23, Section 1 of the West Virginia Code was passed by HB 483 on July 1, 1977. Our Rule and Regulations were promulgated July 1, 1978.

30-23-1 "The Legislature finds and declares that in the interest of public health the people of this state should be protected from excessive and improper exposure to ionizing radiation. It is the purpose of the article to establish minimum standards of education, training, and experience for radiologic technologists and to prescribe means for assuring that the standards are met".

Title 18 - Legislative Rules for Radiologic Technologists:

18-1-1 Scope: Except as otherwise specifically provided, these regulations apply to all persons in West Virginia who apply x-rays or assist in the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes under the supervision of a licensed practitioner. These regulations establish the general rule for licensure of Radiologic Technologists in West Virginia.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On March 9, 1996, Senate Bill 258 was passed. Several provisions of this bill will impact Radiologic Technologists practicing in the State of West Virginia.

Legislative Findings and Declarations:

1. As a matter of public policy the practice of Radiologic Technology is a privilege and not a natural right of individuals. The fundamental purpose of licensure is to protect the public and any license issued to Radiologic Technologist is a revocable privilege.
2. Any person licensed by the Board has a duty to report to the Board any observed violation of practice act of the Board's

Rules and Regulations by any person licensed by the Board.

3. The Board is authorized to suspend or revoke, enter into a consent agreement, to reprimand, enter in probation orders. Any person who violates any provision of this article, any Rules and Regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$ 1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail not more than six months or both fined and imprisoned.
4. The Board may set by rules fees relating to the licensing of individuals which shall be sufficient to enable the Board to carry out effectively it's responsibility of licensure and discipline of individuals subject to it's authority.
5. Each Board shall establish continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to license renewal.

1997 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. The Board has proposed changes in the fees required for licensure, continuing education as a prerequisite for license renewal, and also propose to seek the employment of a private investigator to substantiate claims and gather evidence in disciplinary matters.
2. A Public Hearing was held on June 10, 1997, after a period of written comments, to hear verbal comments on the proposed changes to the code.
3. The suggested changes (see # 6 above) with supporting documentation, the written and verbal comments, other supporting material and justifications were submitted to the Legislative Rule Making Committee for appropriate action.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Beginning balance as of July 1, 1996	\$ 26,613.40
Income Received FY 1996-97	\$ <u>28,346.00</u>
Total Revenue for FY 1996-97	\$ 54,959.40
Disbursements for FY 1996-97	\$ <u>37,543.70</u>
Balance in account as of 6/30/97	\$ 17,415.70

FISCAL YEAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting held November 19, 1996

1. Accepted annual financial report for FY 96-97
2. IRS requirement to report taxes electronically
3. Discussion on preparing for proposed Rules and Regulations.
4. Board rules that Licensed Radiologic Technologists must operate Bone Densitometry Units.

Meeting held June 10, 1997

1. Accepted annual financial report for FY 96-97
2. Board office relocated to Cool Ridge, WV. Former office did not meet the Federal American Disabilities Act. New address is P.O. Box 638, Cool Ridge, WV 25825. Telephone number is (304) 787-4398. This is also the FAX number.
3. Computer & printer purchased. Grady Bowyer trained Mary Casto on the basics of processing applications. Further training will be required.
4. Grady Bowyer elected as new Chairman. Alice Belmont re-elected as Secretary.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS

1. Clinic using unlicensed personnel to administer x-rays.
 - A. Investigated by Disciplinary Committee
 - B. Physician takes all x-rays & is not using unlicensed personnel
 - C. Case Dismissed
2. Clinic using unlicensed personnel to administer x-rays.
 - A. Investigated by Disciplinary Committee
 - B. Facility using two licensed radiologic technologist to administer x-rays/ Our records indicate they have active licenses.
 - C. Case Dismissed.
3. Physician using unlicensed personnel to administer x-rays.
 - A. Investigated by Disciplinary Committee.
 - B. Physician employs a licensed radiologic technologist to operate Bone Densitometry unit. Physician operates in her absence.
 - C. Case Dismissed.
4. Clinic using unlicensed personnel to administer x-rays
 - A. Under investigation by Disciplinary Committee

LICENSE ISSUED

Permanent Licenses:	190
Renewal Licenses:	1,040
Temporary Permits:	81

Average scores on ARRT Examinations ranged from 80% to 92 %.

OTHER INFORMATION

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The WV Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners is required to hold two meetings in a fiscal year (July 1-June 30). One of the meetings must be held in June for election of officers, and others can be held as needed. Please call the office for Board meeting dates or with any questions concerning the operations of the Board. Direct all inquires to:

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