

**Open Session Conference Call Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS**

November 4, 2013

**Origination Site: Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m., by Dotty Walters, Chairperson.

Reason for the Conference Call:

This meeting was held by conference call to ensure efficiency in the use of board resources. An in-person board meeting was not practical, due to the short meeting time. In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8, access to the meeting was provided to members of the public through attendance at the origination site.

Roll Call and Introductions:

Members Present:

Jon McAvoy, Public Member

Dotty Walters, Au.D., HAD

Jamie Secory, Public Member

Catherine Dangelser, Au.D., HAD

Members Absent:

Jerry Smith, HAD

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Pam Griebel, AAG

Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist

Barb Christiansen, Administration Assistant

Review Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by McAvoy to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2013. A second was received from Dangelser. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Reports:

Board Executive: Sharon Dozier reported that there are 11 candidates scheduled to take the exam today at DMAACC. The International Hearing Society is ready to implement the computerized exam for Iowa candidates. The computerized exam will likely go live after January 1, 2014. Information will be posted on the Board's web pages with instructions for the candidates. The exam fee will be \$225.00; exam sites may also charge a nominal fee. The 2013 exam results for the February, May and August exams show a 39 % passing rate for the 23 candidates.

Administrative rules: The rules that were adopted on August 9, 2013 and became effective on October 9, 2013 are posted on the web.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey reported that the new online licensure application will go live in December 2013. This will include license reactivations and verifications. At a later date, Board members will be able to access confidential information. Huey has finalized the financial information and at the next meeting will present the actual FY 2013 expenditures and the proposed budget for FY 2014.

AAG: Pam Griebel – No report.

Chair: Dotty Walters – No report.

Rules Committee: Dangelser reported that the committee met on August 5, 2013. The committee will recommend that the practical exam be reinstated after it becomes available from IHS. Jerry Smith had indicated that he would attend the International Hearing Society meeting and plans to attend the licensing board part of the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Rules: None

Applications: None for review

Old Business:

There was discussion of the correspondence and advertisement received from Ronald Schauer, who is a member of the North Dakota licensure board. AAG Griebel discussed the advertisement with an attorney for the Consumer Protection Division. They concluded that the device in the advertisements is not a hearing aid. It is possible that the “not shipped to” statement is included because Florida and Iowa have a high proportion of elder citizens and also have active state consumer protection divisions. The statement does not relate to a state law. Dozier will inform Mr. Schauer that the AAG for this board believes this is a precautionary type of disclaimer in the ads.

Correspondence was reviewed from the International Hearing Society (IHS), regarding the recommendations for a name change of licensees to the term “Hearing Aid Specialists,” and the recommendation to accept only continuing education that is approved by the IHS. Dozier stated that the Board may want to consider whether to request a name change for the 2015 legislative session.

New Business:

Correspondence was reviewed from Elizabeth McCleary, Au.D, regarding her request to have the continuing education biennium dates match for the Board of Speech and Audiology, and the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers. The consensus was that a change is not necessary at this time.

Future agenda items: Sharon Dozier asked board members to let her know of any items they want to include on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Complaints:

No closed session was held.

A motion to adopt the closed session meeting minutes from August 5, 2013 was made by McAvoy. A second was received from Walters. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

2014 Board Meetings:

February 3, May 5, August 4, and November 3, 2014.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dangelser to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved at the February 3, 2014 board meeting.