

# IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

December 21, 2012  
Conference Call

Origination Site: 5th Floor Professional Licensure Conference Room 524  
Lucas State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

## **Reason for Conference Call**

This board meeting was held by conference call to ensure timely action by the board on pending matters. It was not feasible to hold an in-person meeting, due to the anticipated short duration of the meeting and the inability of board members to travel to this additional meeting. 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.

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Johnson at 8:08 am.

## **Roll Call**

Members Present:

Mary Johnson, Ph.D.  
Sarah Henderson, Public Member  
John Dilley, Ed. D.  
Ralph Scott, Ph.D.  
Heidi Vermeer-Quist, Psy.D.  
Brandon Davis, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Joan Skogstrom, Public Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive  
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief  
September Lau, AAG

## **Reports**

Mary Johnson reported that the Rules Committee met this week, and they have added amendments to the continuing education chapter. A draft was e-mailed to all members prior to today's meeting. The draft includes the rules that were discussed at the November 16, 2012 meeting. Dozier noted a clarification in the examination requirements. After discussion and assistance from AAG Lau, additional revisions were made in the continuing education rules, to allow a total of 30 hours for scholarly research, preparation of new courses, and presentations to other professionals. There was discussion of the proposed amendment to allow

board members to receive continuing education credit within the category of ethics for serving on the board. The Board of Medicine also provides such credit. Johnson, Davis, Dilley, Vermeer-Quist, and Scott support this amendment. Henderson stated that she feels this is a grey area, and noted that the AG Office does not recommend it. She further stated that she would support this amendment for pre-notice to find out if there are comments. The proposal could appear to the public to be self-serving. Following discussion, there was consensus to pre-notice the proposed rules amendments. The proposed amendments will be sent to the IPA and other interested parties for comments.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Applications**

Petition for waiver: Andrea Nelken, Psy.D., petitioner.

Dr. Nelken is licensed in Pennsylvania, and submitted the petition to waive the 645—IAC 240.2(1)e, the passing score requirement on the national examination. The board previously reviewed her license application. There was discussion of prior precedent and the provision in Chapter 154B for a waiver for holders by examination of licenses from other states whose licensure requirements are substantially equivalent. There was consensus that the petitioner has met the criteria for a waiver. Scott made a motion to grant the petition for waiver submitted by Andrea Nelken. Vermeer-Quist seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HSP application: Clarella Snavely, Ph.D.

Dr. Snavely was licensed with a master's degree in 1986. Scott reported that the Licensure Committee has reviewed the application and the additional information provided by Dozier. Dr. Snavely will be informed that a petition will be needed regarding the supervision requirements if she wishes to pursue the HSP.

A request for approval of a special accommodation on the examination will be discussed in closed session.

### **Complaints and confidential material**

A motion was made by Dilley to enter into closed session to discuss complaints and confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d. A second was received from Vermeer-Quist. Roll call vote:

Henderson - Aye

Dilley - Aye

Davis - Aye

Scott - Aye

Vermeer-Quist - Aye

Johnson – Aye

The motion carried. The board went into closed session at 8:55 am. The board returned to open session at 9:22 am.

A motion was made by Henderson to close Case 12-006. A second was received from Davis. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Scott made a motion to adjourn, and Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The minutes were approved at the April 5, 2013 board meeting.