

IOWA BOARD OF DIETETICS

**Conference Call
December 10, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

**Origination Site:
Lucas State Office Building
5th Floor Professional Licensure Board Room**

Reason for the Conference Call

This meeting was held by conference call due to the limited meeting agenda and the need to ensure the efficient use of board resources and board members' 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Rob Schweers, board chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Schweers
Christine O'Brien, LD
Susan Reams, LD
Janet Johnson, MS, RD, LD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jonathan Taylor

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Sharon Dozier, board executive
Tammy Hidlebaugh, clerk specialist
Barb Huey, bureau chief

PUBLIC PRESENT

Sandi Ryan, Iowa Dietetic Association (IDA)

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Revisions: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dozier reported two revisions in the September 17, 2010 minutes: under Bureau Chief Report, the sentence ending with "...the vacant administrative assistant position will be filled" should state: "...has been filled." Under Administrative Rules, in the first sentence, the words "...in the common rules Chapter 4....." should be stricken. O'Brien moved, and Reams seconded, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2010 as amended. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Administrator- Sharon Dozier: reported on the board's prenotice rules, which were provided to interested persons following the September 17, 2010 board meeting. Contact information was provided by Sandi Ryan for IDA officers Monica Lursen, director, and Molly Pelzer, president. Dozier noted that Ryan also provided her with a draft of the article Ryan submitted to the IDA. Dozier also noted that Pelzer inquired about whether Susan Reams will be able to continue serving on the licensure board if Reams is elected as president of the IDA. Dozier noted that with Ensign being absent, the planned follow up discussion [from Reams' announcement at the September meeting] needs to be deferred. Reams will plan to meet by phone with Ensign to further discuss this item.

June 10, 2011 board meeting: Dozier asked if it would be possible to reschedule this meeting, as she may have a schedule conflict. Board members will confirm whether they can meet on June 24, 2011 instead.

Bureau Chief- Barb Huey: The new software system called AMANDA is being developed for the Bureau as well as the licensure boards in the Department of Commerce. This system has been developed for other state agencies, and the Boards of Medicine, Dental and Nursing. The system will allow the licensure and reactivation processes to be completed online. Huey will continue to provide updates to the boards as this system progresses.

AAG- Kris Ensign: Ensign was not present, so there was no report

Board Chair: No report was given.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Dozier noted that Molly Pelzer, IDA president, commented that the IDA has no concerns on the prenotice rule amendments, and that the IDA appreciates the changes and additional clarity provided in the proposed amendments. There was consensus approval to notice the rules amendments. Approval was also given to remove the 60-day notice of renewal consistent with changes in Iowa Code Chapter 147 and the new online licensure program.

APPLICATIONS

Ten licenses were issued; there were none for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Schweers noted as a follow up item from the previous discussion of "nutritionist" advertising, the importance of assuring that only appropriately credentialed and licensed dietitians are serving persons with chronic health conditions, to assure that all issues relative to such conditions are appropriately assessed and addressed.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandi Ryan stated that she appreciates the comments provided by the board members on the issues related to non-licensed persons, at the last meeting and today's meeting. Ryan thanked Dozier and the board members for the clarity provided in the rules amendments and the board's careful discussion of possible questions.

HEARINGS

None

COMPLAINTS

There were no complaints for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Johnson moved, and O'Brien seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The minutes were approved by the board on March 11, 2011.