

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
April 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stephen Shry, Chair, at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Russell Dixon, Mr. Larry Lawrence, and Dr. Michael Wyrick.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, Ms. Janet Welsh, and Ms. Rebecca Wright.

Guests present: Dr. Robert Doyle, Mr. Arnie Jochums, and Dr. Gary Souheaver.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Shry presented the agenda. Dr. Russell Dixon requested that his item be removed. Dr. Michael Wyrick made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Shry presented the March 18, 2005 minutes. Ms. Janet Welsh stated that Dr. Sabra Hassel would like the minutes to reflect that the Board will reimburse her for the Petit Jean ham that was auctioned at the October ASPPB meeting. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. James Ammel stated that there was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Session Update

Dr. Shry stated that SB 1194 and HB 1234 did not make it out of committee. HB 2105, the neuropsychologist technician bill, did pass. Dr. Dixon stated that he would like the Board to proceed with implementing HB 2105 into the Rules and Regulations so that it may be ready for the effective date.

Dr. Shry stated that he would like the Board to consider fighting this bill in the next legislative session. He would also like to have a survey in the next two years to get the opinions of the

licensees concerning this bill. Dr. Betty Davis agreed that input from the licensees was a good idea.

Dr. Wyrick stated that a committee be formed to work on implementing the technician bill. He requested that Dr. Dixon head the committee because he is a neuropsychologist and would have great input. Dr. Wyrick requested that Dr. Dixon produce an outline and have a co-reader and the Board could finalize it during a Board meeting, before August. Dr. Dixon stated that if he is not reappointed by the Governor, he would turn the task over to Dr. Betty Hoffman because she is also a neuropsychologist. He stated that he would consult other neuropsychologists to create the outline. Dr. Shry declared the committee formed.

Dr. Shry stated that some Boards in Arkansas have lobbyists at the Capitol and that it would be helpful to have one. Dr. Dixon suggested that the Board look into what it would entail to retain a lobbyist for the next Legislative Session.

Ms. Amy Ford stated that the bill concerning criminal background checks, now Act 1923, will need to be acknowledged in the Board's law. She said that the language could simply be stated that the Board is following the amended statute. Dr. Dixon made a motion to accept Ms. Ford's recommendation. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wyrick commented that during this Legislative Session, he experienced a lack of professionalism from many sides. He stated that at the next Session, he hoped that everyone involved would be more professional and cease unseemly actions and words.

ASPPB Winter Meeting

Mr. Lawrence stated that the main topic was discontinuing oral exams in the Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) mobility program. He stated that the oral exams that Arkansas has are more in line with interviews.

Mr. Lawrence spoke with members of other licensing Boards concerning being involved in legislative session actions. He stated that there was a unanimous agreement that the licensing boards be involved when there are changes being proposed concerning the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisory Status – D. Bevill

Dr. Wyrick made a motion to grant Dr. Bevill supervisory status. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Extension – A. Kahn, H. Thompson

Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant Dr. Kahn a provisional license extension until January 2006. Dr. Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant Dr. Thompson a provisional license extension. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY06 Board Meeting Dates

Ms. Welsh presented the dates for FY 06 for a hearing and the Board meeting dates: July 14 – hearing, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 16. The Board accepted these dates.

Credential Review Committee

Dr. Dixon stated that he would not like to see action taken at this time on an applicant until the Pacifica program could be reviewed.

ADJOURN

Dr. Wyrick made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.