

**Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
April 20, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dwight Sowell, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Russell Dixon, Ms. Jane English, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. Tom Poling and Mr. Dwight Sperry.

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

Guests present: Ms. Elizabeth Glenn.

Meeting Agenda

Mr. Sowell presented the agenda. Dr. Joe Alford made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Russell Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Sowell presented the March 23, 2007 minutes. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

While there are some 2007 cases under active investigation, at this point there are no action or advisory items to report to the board regarding those pending cases.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Status Request

Dr. Erin Williams requested supervisor status. She provided a transcript (already on file) showing coursework and three references. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Dwight Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Post Doctoral Experience – Part Time

Jennifer Schember contacted Dr. Alford about a position she was offered at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS) school. The position is part-time for approximately two (2) years and she would do clinical work under licensees Dr. Alan Budney and Dr. Catherine Stanger. Ms. Schember had concerns that with the position being part-time, the experience would not be acceptable as a post-doctoral experience. After discussion, the Board agreed that Ms. Schember must be cautious and to have ten to twelve (10-12) patient contact hours each week over the two (2) years to be accepted as a post-doctoral experience. Dr. Alford stated that he would respond to Ms. Schember.

The Board discussed whether the post-doctoral requirements could or should be changed to make it easier for applicants to find experience. They considered following the medical field process that a person could be licensed after graduating and doing the internship as a resident. However, reciprocity would be affected. The Board would like to make an official statement to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that Arkansas would like to no longer have the post doctoral experience requirement. The Board would also like to know what other states and provinces are thinking.

Dr. Dixon made a motion that a survey be placed on the website for licensees to get opinions if new licensees should be licensed after a pre-doctoral internship. The Board will include a paragraph explaining why there is a survey and formulate the questions. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Act 505 – Independent Practice for Masters Level Licensees Subcommittees

Mr. Sowell requested that the subcommittees work on specific sections to include Act 505 into the Rules and Regulations. He also requested that all of the Rules and Regulations be considered for updating. The Board would like to have input from the psychology associations, especially those involved in Act 505, about the inclusion of the Act. The Board and associations will work together at the May 18, 2007 Board meeting.

Dr. Alford made a motion that Executive Director Janet Welsh invite the associations to participate at the May 18, 2007 Board meeting to include Act 505 into the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed for oral examinations at 10:20 am.

The Board reconvened at 12:50 pm to discuss oral examination results in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

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