

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
December 7, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dwight Sowell, Chair, at 9:25 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Russell Dixon (by teleconference), Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. Tom Poling and Mr. Dwight Sperry.

Staff Members present: Mr. Jim Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, and Ms. Janet Welsh.

Guests present: Dr. Joyce Fowler and Dr. Leslie Riley.

Meeting Agenda

Mr. Dwight Sowell presented the agenda. Mr. Dwight Sperry moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Tom Poling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Sowell presented the November 9, 2007 minutes. Mr. Sperry moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Sabra Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaint Committee Report

There were no new advisory or action items to report at this time.

Dr. Caleb Lack: Appeal of Board's Nov. 9th Oral Exam Results

Dr. Lack was present at the Board Meeting and addressed the Board citing his qualifications for licensure with a revised Statement of Intent. Dr. Lack presented the Board with additional information and documentation of his experiences in teaching Cognitive and Objective Personality Assessment. He also reassured the Board that he was not working with insurance companies but on a sliding fee. Dr. Hassel informed Dr. Lack that the additional information he provided to the Board today was most helpful in helping the Board understand his qualifications. Dr. Hassel moved to grant full licensure to Dr. Lack at this time with the provision Dr. Lack revise his Statement of Intent reflecting today's discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sperry. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Patricia Studer: Appeal of Board's Nov. 9th Oral Exam Results

Dr. Studer appealed the Board's decision to deny the practice of Neuropsychological Assessment independently on her Statement of Intent. The Board discussed Dr. Studer's appeal materials and decided that coursework is essential for practice in any area on one's Statement of Intent to Practice, and training alone does not meet Board requirements for practice. Dr. Hassel moved that there is no way to grant this privilege without formal coursework in this area. Dr. Russell Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Hassel will call Dr. Studer next week and convey the Board's decision.

LPE-I License Certificate Approval

Ms. Janet Welsh modified an existing Psychological Examiner Wall Certificate to be awarded to the new LPE-I licensees and presented it to the Board for approval. The Board's calligrapher, Ms. Becky Carroll, printed two samples for the Board's approval. She informed the Board that the fee for the calligraphy on these certificates will be \$2.00 higher than the \$5.00 fee for regular PE Certificates because of the additional printing involved. Mr. Sperry made the motion to approve the new certificate format. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Revision of LPE-I Statement of Intent Forms, Supervisor Request Forms, and LPE-I Request Forms for Post-1997 Licensees

Dr. Hassel presented suggested revisions to the above forms for the use of pre- and post-1997 licensure of LPE-I licensees. The Board discussed the "note" section of the post-1997 licensee forms and decided to use the same form for pre-1997 licensees with the deletion of the "note" line. Ms. Rebecca Wright will apply the discussed changes to the forms and have sample forms for the Board's review at the January 2008 Board Meeting.

Approval of Occupational History Form

After much discussion it was decided that in lieu of an Occupational History form, the Renewal Questionnaire form questions will be added to the Application. Mr. Jim Ammel suggested some additional questions to also be added to the Application form involving work employment affected by substance abuse, sexual misconduct or mental impairment.

Website and Newsletter Job Listings

Ms. Welsh informed the Board that a licensee has requested a job opportunity be posted on the website as well as in the newsletter. The Board discussed this practice and decided it not appropriate for the Board to list these opportunities on the website or in the newsletter.

Request for Newsletter Articles

Board members discussed several possible newsletter articles and Mr. Sowell requested these articles be submitted at the January 11, 2008, for drafting into the newsletter.

Requests for Supervisor Status: J. Luitjohan and K. Banks

Dr. Jessica Luitjohan has requested supervisory status under supervision. She has submitted letters of recommendation and coursework indicating her abilities to provide this service. Dr. Dixon moved to grant supervisory status. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Krameelah Banks has requested Supervisory Status. She has submitted letters of reference attesting to her abilities in this area. Mr. Sperry moved to grant supervisory status to Dr. Banks. Dr. Poling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update of Statement of Intent to Practice: M. Cole

Ms. Margaret Cole, a Psychological Examiner, requested the update of clinical populations on her Statement of Intent expanding her practice to include emotional, psychosocial problems and learning disabled individuals. Dr. Hassel moved to accept the updated areas. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2008

Mr. Sowell opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chair.

Mr. Sperry nominated Dr. Hassel for Chair. Dr. Dixon seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Sowell congratulated Dr. Hassel as the Board's new Chair.

Dr. Dixon nominated Dr. Poling for the office of Secretary. Mr. Sperry seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dixon nominated Dr. Alford for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Sperry seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sperry wished to compliment Mr. Sowell on his leadership of the Board over the past, oftentimes difficult, year.

Adjourn

Mr. Sperry made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Poling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.