

**ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR  
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

**MINUTES**

**February 13, 2009**

The February meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Larry Molt, Chair, at the Board office in Montgomery. Board members present were Margaret Hemm, Amanda Blaszczyński, Elisabeth Via, Thomasyne Smith, and Denise Heffel. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon and Executive Secretary Wanda Rawlinson. Absent: Dot Moore and Doreen Oyadomari, SHAA Liaison.

Dr. Molt presented the agenda for the February meeting and asked for corrections or additions. Dr Molt recommended the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Hemm seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted as amended.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Rawlinson reported the following:

- ◆ 1449 renewal has been processed – 896 online and 553 mailed.
- ◆ 25 licensees requested inactive status
- ◆ Statements of Economic Interest were distributed to the Board members with request that the forms are mailed to the Board's office for Ms. Rawlinson to take to the Ethic Commission's office. Forms must be returned prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ SHAA registration forms were distributed.
- ◆ Meeting room for the Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Board meeting has be confirmed per Gary Copeland

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Ms. Saxon provided new Board member training for new and existing Board members. In addition,, she had researched the Interpreters and Transliterators Board with regard to questions from this Board during the previous meeting. There is no conflict with this Board and the services provided by ABESPA. They offer sign-language to individuals. A copy of the law and rules/regulations are now on file at the Board's office.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS: BLASZCZYNSKI**

Dr. Blaszczyński reviewed the notes in the rules/regulations file for each chairperson to look over and made assignments for areas recommended for changes to our rules/regulations. Chairpersons are to have suggested revisions ready for the Board to hear at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Blaszczyński moved that this report be accepted. Ms. Via seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPLICATIONS REVIEW: HEFFEL**

### **APPROVED LICENSE:**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Laneta Hayes       | SLP |
| Rachel Lunsford    | SLP |
| Lisa Mercado       | SLP |
| Emily Prestridge   | SLP |
| Stephanie Richards | SLP |
| Brenda Ricketson   | SLP |
| Rhonda Varnum      | SLP |
| Katherine Searcy   | SLP |
| Lori Giles         | SLP |

### **APPROVED REGISTRATION AS CFY:**

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| Aleah Gothard    | CFY/SLP |
| Sushannah Hanson | CFY/SLP |
| Amanda Mennen    | CFY/SLP |
| Jennifer Morgan  | CFY/SLP |
| Kendal Purcell   | CFY/SLP |
| Megan Reeves     | CFY/SLP |
| Kaci Williams    | CFY/SLP |
| Lane Schmitt     | CFY/SLP |
| Leslie Latino    | CFY/SLP |
| Kimberly Parton  | CFY/SLP |

**APPROVED REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT:**

None

**TO BE REVIEWED:**

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|-----------------|---------|
| Amy Allen       | CFY/SLP |
| Mary Collins    | CFY/SLP |
| Allison Garrick | CFY/SLP |
| Emily Hefner    | CFY/SLP |

Dr. Hemm made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET:VIA**

Ms. Via reviewed the budget. The budget was balanced.

Ms. Via made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: MOORE**

Administrative Monthly report by Dr. Molt – January 31, 2009, did note that new rules for Medicaid regarding Augmentative Communication were passed. Ms. Rawlinson will get a copy of the new rule and make copies for the March meeting.

Dr. Molt made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES AND WEBSITE: HEMM**

The minutes from the January 9, 2009, board meeting were emailed to each Board member prior to the February meeting. Dr. Hemm made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION: SMITH**

Fifteen continuing education audits were received. Fourteen were approved, one pending documentation.

Ten continuing education preapprovals were received, all were approved.

Dr. Smith made a motion that this report be accepted. Ms. Via seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ABESPA LIAISON TO SHAA: MOLT**

SHAA's Executive Board will be meeting Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Molt will attend prior to ABESPA meeting.

### **CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT: VIA**

- One hundred-fifty-seven cease/desist letters were mailed in January.
- Fifty-five have not responded – certified cease/desist letter will be mailed in March. Ms. Saxon recommended that a copy of letter is mailed to employer of licensee.
- Ms. Rawlinson was asked to bring to the March meeting a list of employers, with mailing addresses, of the fifty-five licensees that have not renewed.

2008-1TGR – no decision. A Waiver of Anonymity will be mailed.

2008-2PTC – waiting for response from the Department of Public Health.

Ms. Via made a motion that this report be accepted. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SHAA LIAISON: DOREEN OYADOMARI**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussed topics for the ABESPA Forum at the SHAA Convention.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Margaret Hemm  
Recording Secretary

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Larry Molt  
Chairperson