

LOUISIANA STATE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Susan Hammonds-Guarisco called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Susan Hammonds-Guarisco, BSRT(R)
Elizabeth Frizzell, RT(R)
Gregory Bradley, MEd, RT(R)
Dawn Matte, LHA
Curtis Sutton, MD
Connie Young, MEd,RT(R)

The following Board members were absent with prior excuse:

Abbie Kemper-Martin, MD
Edward Bluth, MD
Luke Bujenovic, MD
Jack LaTour, Jr., LHA
Larry Walker, LHA

Also present were:

Kenneth Jones, Executive Director
Katherine Muslow, Counsel

MINUTES

The minutes of July 20, 2011 had been previously circulated to the Board members by mail and were accepted as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Frizzell. **MOTION** to approve minutes of July 20, 2011 by G.Bradley. **SECOND** by D.Matte. **ACTION:** by Voice Vote: Ayes = 6, Nays = 0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair requested a **MOTION** to reorder the agenda and move into Executive Session. **MOTION** made by G.Bradley, **SECOND** by D. Matte. **ACTION:** by Voice Vote: Ayes = 6, Nay = 0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair requested a **MOTION** to move out of Executive Session. **MOTION** made by G.Bradley, **SECOND** by C.Young. **ACTION:** by Voice Vote: Ayes = 6, Nays = 0. Motion passed unanimously.

It is noted that at this time Curtis Sutton, MD left due to a previous commitment, there is no quorum from this point forward. The board attorney informed the board members that discussion could occur with consensus of the board members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Review Committee Report

The Chairman reported that the board received notification on required reports that were to be filed. The Executive Director has taken care of these reports. In addition, the state retirement system (LASERS) has inquired on the payments that made over the past few years on board employees. It was requested that the Executive Director work with the LASERS staff in ensuring correct payments were made. Follow-up will be made to the board.

Financial Report by Executive Director

Financial and office issues that have occurred during the Executive Director's first 75 days in the position were discussed. Compilation Report and Annual Financial Report compiled by Hienz and Macaluso for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 was reviewed and discussed.

The following Profit and Loss statements were reviewed and discussed;
Fiscal Year Comparison, July 1 to June 30, 2010/2011
Calendar Year Comparison, January 1 to September 30, 2010/2011
First Quarter Comparison July 1 to September 30, 2010/2011
Current Budget July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

The July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 budget proposal had been previously circulated to the Board members by email. The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed, and accepted by consensus.

The Board approved by consensus the quote by F1 Solutions for the Executive Director to upgrade computers in the office. The upgrade will be done in phases as outlined in the quote. Furthermore, the Board requested the Executive Director to put together an internal office IT policy.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on the activity that has occurred at the board office within the past several months. This includes training of the Executive Director, review of board files, and filing of required reports. It was noted that Ken Jones is doing an excellent job as the new Executive Director.

LICENSURE

The Executive Director reported on licensing statistics and explained his rationale for the new method of reporting.

The Chairman reported that no further information has been received from the Sub Committee on Boards and Commissions. Therefore, reporting on this matter will be closed with all documents placed in file at the board office.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Internal Affairs Committee Report: No activity reported.

Continuing Education Committee Report was presented by the Chairman. The state society (LSRT) is undergoing changes to their CE reports to eliminate the social security number of the individual on the report, as this is mandated by new regulations. Further communication will be provided to the board on the new format once completed, as a large number of technologists within the state submit these reports with their licensure renewal.

Radiology Education Program Report was presented by the Executive Director. Three programs did not respond to the survey. The survey concluded that between April and September of each year 89% of all radiography students graduates and will be seeking employment.

WEB SITE REPORT

The Executive Director reported the web site usage and plans for upgrading to accommodate Fusion Technology.

ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE REPORT

Previous data reported to the Board was incorrect. Currently nothing has been scanned due to computer problems.

STAFF VACATION/SICK LEAVE REPORT

The Executive Director explained his rationale for the new method of reporting. Past reporting to the Board was inconsistent.

RULES AND REGULATION REVIEW

Discussion was held on the current board policies and procedure in the handling of disciplinary actions. The current policy will be reviewed by the board attorney, K. Muslow, and revisions made if necessary. Follow-up will be provided at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Radiologist's Assistant

G. Bradley presented an historical summary, career ladder, major concerns, and the current status of H.R. 3032 for the Radiologist's Assistant. HR 3032 was introduced in the House recently by Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA) along with Reps. Jim Matheson (D-UT), Ted Olson (R-TX) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ). This bill will reduce supervision levels that RA's must currently meet for their services to be paid through the Medicare program. The bill will also set a reimbursement level for RA services to be paid through the Medicare program. The bill will also set a reimbursement level for RA services at 85% of the physician fee schedule rate. The bill is a collaborative effort between the ASRT, ARRT, ACR, and SRPE. Further discussion to occur with the state society (LSRT) regarding their intention to move forward with state legislation.

Fusion Technologist

The Fusion Technologist was printed in the July 20, 2011 LA Register for public discussion; no public discussion occurred. There was discussion as to the Board's next step. The Executive Director will contact Catherine Brindley as to whether a Summary Report is required to the Oversight Committee. The application for the Fusion Technologist license was reviewed with changes recommended.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethics Questions on Application

Revised questions were developed by legal counsel to more closely mirror ARRT. Revisions to be made as recommended. After all revisions the Executive Director will send out to all Board members for final review.

ARRT Certification

LA licensure requires documentation of ARRT certification for initial licensure. However the current law has multiple interpretations in maintaining ARRT certification. Many LA licensed individuals are dropping their ARRT certification. The Executive Director provided several examples of other State's renewal application requiring ARRT certification. This issue will be brought up for discussion and feedback at the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologist's (LSRT) meeting Saturday, October 22, 2011. Further discussion on this subject will be Tabled until the January 18, 2012 Board meeting.

Radiography Program Update

The Executive Director brought to the Board's attention that the JRCERT is requiring the sponsor of hospital based Radiologic technology programs to have state authorization to operate a post-secondary educational program. This will require application to the LA Board of Regents.

The last time the Executive Director formally survey educational programs for accreditation was September 1989. Since program internal and external demographics continuously change, it was suggested that the Board consider "Board Approved Programs" to be those accredited by United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). This would encompass JRCERT, JRCNMT, and SACS. The Board agreed. The Executive will change the LSRTBE's website with links to the above accreditation sites for "Board Approved Programs."

RT Vacancy Rates by Modality

For informational purposes, RT vacancy rates comparing 2003 and 2011 by modality were shared. This information came from the website Imaging Leaders.

Executive Director Goals

The Executive Director shared his goals with the Board for the first six months, and one, two, and three years out.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The 2012 meeting calendar is as follows;

January 18, 2012

April 18, 2012

July 18, 2012

October 17, 2012

ADJOURN

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by G.Bradley, **SECOND** by L.Frizzell. **ACTION**: by Voice Vote: Ayes = 5, Nays =0. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:00pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Elizabeth Frizzell, RT(R)
Secretary / Treasurer