

LOUISIANA STATE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Susan Hammonds-Guarisco called the meeting to order at 11:12am

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Brett Bennett
Edward Bluth, MD
Gregory Bradley
Luke Bujenovic, MD
Elizabeth Frizzell
Susan Hammonds-Guarisco
Jack LaTour, Jr
Dawn Matte

The following Board members were absent with prior excuse:

Abbie Kemper-Martin, MD
Larry Walker

Also present were:

Kenneth Jones, Executive Director

The following were absent with prior excuse but available by telephone:

Katherine Muslow, Counsel

MINUTES

Minutes of January 16, 2013 had been previously circulated to the Board members by mail and were accepted as presented.

MOTION to approve minutes of January 16, 2013 by E.Bluth

SECOND by B.Bennett

ACTION: by Voice Vote: Ayes = 7, Nays = 0 Motion passed unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Review Committee Report

Chairman reported that the committee has had no problems with the monthly reports.

Financial Report by Executive Director

Executive Director discussed the following reports:

- Fiscal Year Comparison: July 1 to March 31, 2013
- Fiscal Year Comparison to Budget
- Calendar Year Comparison: January 1 to March 31, 2013
- Assets and Liabilities

Board requested Executive Director to trend assets and liabilities over 12 months

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman discussed the tremendous amount of time spent by the Executive Director on investigations.
- Attendance at the Board meetings is important along with on-going communication with members and counsel as the time-frame to resolve issues is too long.
- Executive Director gave a very informative presentation at the LSRT Mid-winter meeting held in Lake Charles.

LICENSURE

Executive Director reported on;

- Current licensing statistics as of April 1, 2013.
- Fusion licenses have been broken out to track those that hold Radiography and Nuclear Medicine licenses, and those that hold a Nuclear Medicine license and have become ARRT-CT certified.

B.Bennett will contact State Program Directors to get on-going student enrollment numbers, graduate statistics, and actual graduation dates, and will report back during the July Board meeting.

- 2013 License Renewals.
As of March 30, 2013, 787 out of 3647, or 22% of renewals have been completed.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Internal Affairs Committee Report

No activity reported. Will remove from future agendas unless there is a report.

Continuing Education Committee Report

Several Board members attended the Mid-Winter meeting; their report will be later in the agenda.

Web Site Review Report

Executive Director reported that initial applications are updated to let applicants know that after 6/1/13 new licensee will have to show proof of continued ARRT or NMTCB certification when renewing.

Board Operations

Executive Director reported that employer contribution rate for LASERS (state's retirement fund) continues to increase. For fiscal year 7/1/11 to 6/30/12 it was 25.6%, 7/1/12 to 6/30/13 it is 29.1%, and for fiscal year 7/1/13 to 6/30/14 it will be 31.3%. The budget expense impact will be an increase of \$7200. It was also reported that within the past several months internet service has increased, as did the bi-weekly payroll expenses from PayrollRx.

Staff Vacation/Sick Leave Report

M.Scott and K.Jones accrued and used vacation and sick time was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Law Revisions/Rules and Regulation Revisions

There have been on-going draft changes to the Rules and Regulations, more are required to include but not limited to fees, penalties, cost of issuing subpoenas, copying costs, licensee cost for hearings, and updating continuing education requirements. The Board has always followed ARRT recommendations; therefore CPR will be eliminated as approved continuing education hours.

Discussion has occurred regarding updating the radiologic technologist licensing law. According to K.Muslow the law first needs to be revised, and then a sponsor found to introduce the Bill into legislation. Rules and regulations are revised afterwards.

K.Muslow will call her representative regarding the deadline to file law changes.

Executive Director will make draft revisions to the current law and rules, then distribute to K.Muslow and Dr. Bujenovic.

Board Appointments/Reappointments by Governor Update

The Governor appointed, Brett Bennett as an LSRT technologist. Dr. Sutton's vacant position has not been filled.

K.Muslow Contract Status

Contract was received in Attorney General's office March 4, 2013. Executive Director will check on status.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director attended and reported on the issues discussed at the First Louisiana Licensing Board meeting held in Baton Rouge on March 15, 2013. Board requested the Executive Director to get documentation from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit regarding compliance and reporting obligation.

D.Matte, G.Bradley, B.Bennett, and L.Frizzell attended the LSRT Mid-Winter meeting held in Lake Charles and reported positively to the education sessions, student activities, and Board member availability to answer questions.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 17, 2013 at 11:00am

MOTION made to move into Executive Session and close Business Session by E.Bluth

SECOND by G.Bradley

ACTION: by Voice Vote: Ayes = 7, Nays = 0 Motion passed unanimously

Chair requested a **MOTION** to move out of Executive Session and return to Business Session

MOTION made by G. Bradley

SECOND by B.Bennett

ACTION: by Voice Vote: Ayes = 7, Nays = 0 Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN

Chair requested a **MOTION** to adjourn meeting

MOTION made by L. Bujenovic

SECOND by J.Latour

ACTION: by Voice Vote: Ayes = 7, Nay = 0 Motion passed unanimously, meeting ended at 2:50pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Kenneth W. Jones, MEd,RT(R)
Executive Director