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Semi-annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was conducted at the office of board member, Charlene Poole. Other board members in attendance were Dr. Summit Kundaria and Margaret Wingate. Lesa Wingate attended as a member of the public.

Dr. Kundaria read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest reminder. All board members indicated no conflict.

Meeting minutes for 7/20/19, 7/23/19, and 8/8/19 were unanimously approved. Several old meeting minutes from 2010 and 2013 are not posted to the website, and Magas is attempting to locate them to be published.

TREASURER REPORT

There is no financial report due to the absence of the treasurer at today's meeting. Magas has not received spreadsheets from the treasurer, though reports to OSC have been pre-certified each month. Magas reported that the fund balance is in excess of \$70K, due, in part, to non-payment of rent. This is due to landlord failure to provide a signed lease, which is required by the state in order to disburse funds. Magas continues to request this from the lessor. NCBEE signed two copies as lessee and provided to lessor late last year. The Board instructed Magas to send a certified, return receipt requested letter to the lessor.

The annual Fee Report is due to be filed next month. A new process for reporting is in place, and information has been provided to the treasurer. The Board instructed Magas to take steps to file this report, including charging the Board for extra hours needed, if the treasurer fails to file the report timely.

RENEWALS

Poole reported that 2020 electrolysis renewals are nearly complete. Care is taken to ensure the new 20-year rule for CEU requirements is being properly documented and recorded. The Board may need to clarify its Rule language regarding prior practice in unlicensed states for those seeking reciprocity in NC.

UNLICENSED PRACTITIONERS

The Board discussed the need to pursue unlicensed practitioners more aggressively. Due to time constraints of Board members and difficulties with Attorney General's office in processing our cases, the Board needs to find new ways to deal with the problem.

It was suggested that perhaps a retired Board member could be recruited to perform investigations of unlawful practitioners, to include reimbursement of expenses and fees for performing investigations. Further, as is done by larger boards, a private law firm could pursue the available legal remedies to bring practitioners into compliance. The feasibility of these options will be investigated by Magas and reported back to the Board.

TESTING

The Board recently tested and approved licenses for the following:

Paula Henriksen
Felecia Hope Edwards
Irina Kharnas
Samantha Aliff

Four additional persons will be ready for testing in March, including an applicant, Shelly Mayo, whose application was approved today. Kayla Bradley will be retested along with Lillian Guarino, who was unable to test recently due to illness. The fourth person is an individual who is slated to complete studies at EINE shortly. Her application has not yet been filed.

MERGER

The prior Legislature did not consider the proposed merger of NCBEE with the Barbers Board. A resolution was passed by NCBEE at its July 2019 meeting and presented to Senator Wells. The urgency seems to have waned because NC Legislature no longer seems focused on dissolution of occupational licensing boards. The Barber Board is still willing to absorb NCBEE, and it was agreed that Dr. Kundaria would contact Rep. Sarah Stevens (current Chair of the legislative APO Committee, and a prior sponsor of last year's bill to merge NCBEE with the Barber Board.)

APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The Board discussed newly enacted legislation that now allows apprentice positions for potential occupational positions requiring licensure. Our Federally accredited school, Electrolysis Institute of New England is interested in developing an apprentice program for us. The Board needs to establish a committee to work on this. Suggested practitioners include Ann Morris, Cheryl Delaney, and Trudy Brown, along with Board member Charlene Poole. Magas has learned that the state of NC also has a department/agency designed to assist with the setup of apprentice programs. More information to follow as it becomes available.

NEW LICENSEES

The Board considered the application of a potential new licensee by reciprocity, Shelly Mayo. She holds a current Florida license, and has been working with a practitioner in South Carolina. She is a resident of NC. The Board voted to accept the application, however, she will be required to test since she has less than 600 hours education and the majority of practice has been in South Carolina, an unlicensed state.

In addition to Mayo, there are three other existing or potential applicants that will be ready for testing in March.

NEW CLINICAL EXAM

An updated clinical exam drafted by Ann Morris and Margaret Wingate was presented for approval by the Board. A similar draft was previously presented in 2018, but final action was not taken due to a question concerning laser. The Board discussed the current draft and approved it unanimously with some modifications to reference the statute (Electrolysis Practice Act - §88A), and impact of tweezing and laser treatment to hair growth.

IACET

Margaret requested that the Board investigate membership with the International Association of Continuing Education and Training. Though we reference it in our rules, we need to be certain we are up to date and in compliance with its precepts. Margaret will secure additional information on membership/resources and present to the board at a later date.

NEXT MEETING

Board members set a tentative date of July 18, 2020 for the next semi-annual meeting at a location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.