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**Called Teleconference Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.**

Persons in attendance: Ronda Jones, Charlene Poole, Ashley McCullough, Dr. Kundaria, Jennifer Morris, Susan Magas, Margaret Wingate, Myrtle Hamrick, and Cheryl Delaney.

Chairman Jones read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest reminder. All Board members indicated no conflicts.

Tonight's meeting had one agenda topic – consideration of the application for laser school certification from Southeastern School of Electrology. The application materials were previously sent to Board members for reading in advance of this meeting.

Southeastern is currently certified as an electrolysis school, but is now seeking certification for its laser hair removal program, as well. Jones moved and Morris seconded a motion to bring a discussion to the Board. Board members provided the following observations as a result of their analysis of the application and supporting documents:

McCullough: one document indicates 15 hours of continuing education was delivered in one day (later determined that the course spanned two days). She also questioned that the Ohio physician stated he and "his staff" provided training to one instructor at Southeastern.

Morris: questioned how many instructors were requesting certification? Magas responded that the original application was submitted in 2015. Neither instructor appears to have as much laser hair removal training as our licensed practitioners. Further, one of the potential instructors is the instructor for the other instructor candidate.

Poole: some of the education appears to be fragmented and has been obtained after the fact in order to obtain NCBE approval.

Jones: Southeastern has been a certified electrolysis instructional institution for many years. It may be difficult to find acceptable continuing education.

The Board discussed the possibility of giving provisional approval to the school for its laser program. The State of Ohio has granted the school approval to provide laser education, although their standards are unknown. Dr. Kundaria added that the fact one of the potential instructors has two masters degrees is not indicative of knowledge/expertise in laser. The Board also discussed that any new requirements should be applicable to our existing schools. It is acknowledged that the Board may have to take a leap of faith and continue due diligence

regarding complaints or lawsuits relative to the school's laser program. One of the proposed instructor's has indicated he has a patent (granted or pending) for his curriculum. Dr. Kundaria said he would have an additional comfort level if he could review this material. The Board should develop some criteria for future use regarding instructor training, annual continuing education (this would be in the form of Rules if our statute allows it).

A motion was made and seconded to approve Southeastern School of Electrology application to teach laser. Those in favor: Jones, Kundaria, Poole, McCullough. Opposed: Morris.

A second issue needing Board approval is the submission today of a continuing education request from Natasha Robinson. The Board will have to consider this at another date since materials have not yet been shared with the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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