



NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS

Pinehurst Building, Suite 60, 2 Centerview Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407

Minutes of Called Virtual Meeting
September 14, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Wingate called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance for the Board: Margaret Wingate, Charlene Poole, Stacy Miller, Dr. Craig Burkhart, Susan Magas, Dennis Seavers, Jack Nichols, Mary Evangelista (Electrolysis Institute of New England)

Attendance for the Public: Nick Fountain, Attorney for GPEA, Lesa Wingate (EANC), Andrea Arnold (GPEA), Alice Saintsing (GPEA), April Cobb, Autumn Ulrich, Kavita Micciche, Latoya Mosley, Lisa Royale.

Wingate read the Conflict-of-Interest reminder, and all board members indicated no conflicts.

Meeting Minutes - Minutes for the 7/23/22 semi-annual meeting and the 9/9/22 public hearing were approved.

GPEA Seminar - The Board has not received the follow-up documentation for the seminar scheduled for 8/13/22. For attendees to receive CEU credit, this deficiency will need to be corrected. Arnold said she would resolve it.

Scope of Practice – Nichols has communicated with an unlicensed electrologist via letter. She has indicated she will comply; however, Nichols said another contact should be made since the deadline for submitting an application, documents, and fee has expired. As the delinquent licensee had also contacted the Chairman, Wingate will call her to remind her of what is required.

Continuing Education – Over 40 new home studies were approved at the last two meetings, and information for all has been posted on the Board website. Several courses provide credit for both electrologists and laser practitioners.

Testing for Electrolysis Applicant – an applicant was tested and passed on 8/26/22. Two or three additional applicants are expected to test in the next 30-60 days.

ADOPTING PROPOSED RULES

The Board proposed several rules repeal/amendment/addition in the NC Register from July 15, 2022. Due to technical difficulties, the public hearing scheduled for 8/1/22 had to be rescheduled and republished in the Register. This hearing was conducted on 9/9/22. The 60-day comment

period has ended, and this evening the Board heard about the public hearing feedback so that it may determine if changes are needed to the proposed rules or whether they may be adopted as published. Hearing moderator Magas recapped the changed rule and the feedback received during the hearing. Dennis Seavers, Executive Director for the Barber Board, suggested how some feedback may be incorporated into the rules to be sent to the Rules Commission. Magas, the moderator for the public hearing, presented the hearing feedback, and the Board discussed and voted on each proposed rule as follows:

0103 – This section is proposed for repeal because its contents, with some modifications, are proposed for relocation to .0404. The Board had no further input, and **the proposed repeal was adopted.**

.0404 – The proposed amendment incorporates the continuing education unit (CEU) definition, formerly in .0103. The amendment also changes the valuation of one CEU from ten (10) contact hours to one (1) contact hour. Subsequent rule requirements have also been updated to reflect the new definition. CEU hourly requirements have not been increased, but the updated definition makes it easier to understand and less confusing to calculate. Further, the amendment defines an *in-person* seminar. Virtual educational courses are addressed in .0701, discussed later. Public hearing comments suggested a process for “after the fact” approvals; however, the Board did not incorporate the suggestion. The approval process for CEU submissions is increased from 30 to 60 days before an event. The remaining changes correct style requirements or reformat/renumber some paragraphs, as required by the Rules Review Commission (RRC). **The proposed rule was adopted unanimously.**

.0701 – This section updates the reference to the required number of CEUs to sync with the .0404 amendment discussed earlier. The CEU requirements are increased for licensees with 20-29 years of practice and add a requirement of *uninterrupted* practice in the longevity computation. Clarification is provided regarding the measurement of the 5-year skip period. The carryover of excess educational credit is no longer limited to in-person seminars; however, the carryover of virtual seminars/home studies is subject to restrictions to qualify for carryover. Finally, new licensees must be inspected before initial licensing and are also subject to renewal fees for the subsequent year, regardless of when the initial license was issued. Mary Evangelista, school director for the Electrolysis Institute of New England, offered comments regarding the importance of continuing education. Ten hours is the accepted national standard. A one-person licensee needs to remain current as there is little peer interaction otherwise. Consumer protection is important in the industry, and continuing education helps reinforce that. The professions that do not require continuing education have many more customer complaints. **The Board unanimously adopted the proposed amendments to the rule.**

.0702 - This section tightens up requirements of entities or applicants that submit continuing education courses for Board approval. Outlines of course content and hours of study for each topic are now required. Though suggested in the public hearing, the Board did not approve an “after the fact” approval for a course. **The Board unanimously adopted the proposed amendments to the rule.**

.0703 – As discussed earlier, this section revises how CEU credits are computed. One CEU equals one hour. Ten CEUs or ten hours of continuing education are required for license renewal. **The Board unanimously adopted the proposed amendment of the rule.**

.0704 – This section deals with the deletion of a reference to .0701(c), which was previously deleted. **The Board unanimously adopted the proposed amendment.**

.0705 – This section provides the elements required for submitting a continuing education request for approval. **The Board adopted the proposed amendment with the rule.**

.0706 – This section covers instances where the Board may waive the rules of this chapter under specific circumstances. **The Board adopted the proposed amendment with the rule.**

The next step in the rule adoption process is to present before the Rules Review Commission on September 20, 2022.

As there was no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted:

Susan Magas, Administrative Assistant /for/
Margaret Wingate, LE
Chairman