LOUISIANA BOARD FOR HEARING AID DEALERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2018 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The 77th Official Meeting of the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers was called to order at 5:02pm on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Embassy Suites Baton Rouge, LA by Kirt Loupe, Board Chairman.

Visitor(s): Frederick Billedeaux, Larry Collum, Craig Davidson

The roll was called. Those present were Kirt Loupe, Jeremy Stroud, Emily Goerges, Cherry Collum, Jenelle Sharp, and Mary Christy. Bryan Stinson arrived 5:16pm. Dina Zeevi, the Board’s Administrative Secretary was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 19, 2017 Special Meeting were presented to the Board in form of an advanced email. Kirt Loupe called for additions or corrections; there being none, a motion was made by Mary Christy to approve the minutes, seconded by Cherry Collum. All in favor, approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Presented by Jeremy Stroud. Proposed Budget & Actual Budget 2017-2018 presented. 2018 budget proposed adding expense for online QuickBooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

Presented by Dina Zeevi. Reviewed LABHAD updates regarding cancellation of Monroe, LA office contract, cancellation of Monroe office landline, fax line, voice mail, addition of cellphone and new telephone number assigned LABHAD, progress toward obtaining an la.gov email, required annual one hour Ethics Course by all Board Members, distribution of Tier 2.1 Form, the clearing of past Attorney Firm debt, letter from Governor’s office regarding RS 37:3651-Licensure for Individuals with military training and experience, our Licensing Act in compliance with statute.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Report tabled until the next LABHAD meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ETHICS COMMITTEE: Chair Jenelle Sharp- nothing to report.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE: Chair(s) Mary Christy & Bryan Stinson- nothing to report. Request Practical Examination be reviewed and updated by Board.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Chair Jeremy Stroud- nothing to report.

OFFICE INSPECTION COMMITTEE: Chair Emily Goerges- nothing to report.

AUDIOMETER CALIBRATION COMMITTEE: Chair Dina Zeevi request Office Inspection Committee absorb duties and to dissolve the Audiometer Committee in its entirety. Mary Christy made a motion to approve requested dissolution of Audiometer Committee and absorbing duties within the Office Inspection Committee, seconded by Bryan Stinson. All in favor, approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Office Inspections performed via electronic technology (Facetime, scanned & emailed completed reports with photographs), etc. Chair Kirt Loupe stated Office Inspections are to be performed in person at least once.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jeremy Stroud appointed to represent LABHAD with the Task Force, Senate Resolution #65, Oversight Committee.

**BREAK FROM 6:45PM – 6:55PM**

2A. Temporary Training Permit unanimously approved: L. Jimmerson

2B. Temporary Training Permit approved by all, with one abstention, Emily Goerges: K. Haver

3. License Reinstatement Request for N. G. Williams reviewed- Based on RS 37:2446.1 required fifteen hours of CEU per year, request denied by all, with one abstention, Jeremy Stroud.

4. Suggested Amendments to Licensing Act:

 4A. **Test Date**-no amendment to Licensing Act; will set summer test date at January Meeting.

4B. **CEU Extension**- Bryan Stinson made a motion to table until our next meeting, seconded by Mary Christy. All in favor, approved unanimously.

4C. **Temporary Training Permit Appeals**- Jeremy Stroud made a motion to amend RS 37:2449 E. to allow a 3rd Renewal attempt to pass the examination to become licensed, seconded by Mary Christy, opposed by Kirt Loupe, approved by remaining board members, motion carried.

4D**. CEU clarification/process**- no amendment to Licensing Act; RS 37:2446.1 language clarifies must be a recognized professional institution or educational institution only.

5. Telecare- Jeremy Stroud made a motion to table until more information may be obtained and presented at our next meeting, seconded by Mary Christy, approved by all, with one abstention, Cherry Collum.

6. Annual Criminal History Disclosure- Motion made by Jeremy Stroud to add question on Annual License Renewal Form of Conviction of Moral Turpitude as defined by RS 37:2453, seconded by Mary Christy. All in favor, unanimously approved.

7. Temporary Training Permit and Hearing Aid Dealer License NEW format- Bryan Stinson made a motion to accept new formatting of licenses, seconded by Jeremy Stroud. All in favor, approved unanimously.

8. Corporate Form Additional Information- Motion made by Bryan Stinson to revise Corporate Form to request additional information (audiometer assigned to each store, owner’s name & phone number, etc.), seconded by Jeremy Stroud. All in favor, approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Mary Christy to keep Kirt Loupe as Chair, with Bryan Stinson as alternate, if Kirt Loupe not reappointed to the Board & Jeremy Stroud to continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Jeremy Stroud. Approved by all, with one abstention, Bryan Stinson.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT 2018 MEETING/PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Next Meeting, followed by Board proctored Practical Examination to be held Saturday June 9, 2018 @ 9:00am at Embassy Suites Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Motion made by Jeremy Stroud to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Stinson. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Zeevi

Administrative Secretary-LABHAD