



MARYLAND

Department of Health

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Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on April 19, 2018, in Room 110 of the MDH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Sloan called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m. Present for the quorum were Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole, Mr. John Cummins, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Dr. Tinita Kearney, Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan, Dr. Candace Robinson, Mr. John Rouse, Mr. George Sheckells and Ms. Ellen Stein.

Staff Present

Christopher Kelter, Executive Director
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III
Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulation Coordinator

Absent Members

Dr. Scott London
Dr. Jennifer Mertes

Agenda Review and Approval for April 2018

Ms. O'Donovan made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for March 2018

Ms. O'Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kelter introduced Ms. Lillian Reese who is the Legislation and Regulation Coordinator to smaller health occupation boards.

2018 Legislative Session

HB 168: Inactive Status of Licenses

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he testified on March 28, 2018 on behalf of the Board for the bill and that the bill passed unanimously in the House and will become effective on October 1, 2018.

Regulatory Review

None

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Executive Director's Report

2018 Renewal – AUD, SLP and SLP-A

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the online renewal system was opened in late March 2018. Mr. Kelter also informed the Board that there were more small glitches in the online renewal system this year than there was for the 2017 online renewal system and that all issues were being resolved with the Information Technology staff.

2018 Renewal – SLP Continuing Education Audit

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he will have an update with numbers for the 2018 CEU Audit at the May 2018 Board meeting.

Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) Update

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that there are times that both State and Federal reports are not received from Maryland CJIS. Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he and Board staff will contact the individuals affected to follow up with Maryland CJIS on the missing report(s).

Mid-Atlantic Expo – March 22-24, 2018

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he was unable to attend the Mid-Atlantic Expo this year. Mr. Cummins stated that he attended the Expo and gave a brief summary informing the Board that there was ongoing concern with over the counter (OTC) hearing aids. A brief discussion arose with the Board regarding the OTC hearing aid matter. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that until the federal government releases the draft regulations there's not much that can be done. Mr. Cummins advised the Board that he met with the Maryland group to recruit for the upcoming hearing aid dispenser member vacancy.

Maryland Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA) Annual Convention – April 20, 2018

Mr. Kelter and Mr. Sloan will be attending the MSHA Annual Convention on April 20, 2018. Mr. Kelter and Mr. Sloan will be conducting a Questions and Answers session at the convention at 3:30 pm. During the presentation Mr. Kelter and Mr. Sloan will try to help those in attendance to have a better understanding of the role of the Board and other issues before the Board. Mr. Sloan invited all Board members to attend the MSHA Annual Convention at the Annapolis Hilton.

MedStar Presentation at Good Samaritan Hospital & Rehabilitation Center - June 13, 2018

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he will present on behalf of the Board at Good Samaritan Hospital & Rehabilitation Center. Board members are invited to attend.

Interstate Compact

Mr. Sloan informed the Board that there has been one meeting of the Interstate Compact working group since the March 2018 Board meeting. Mr. Sloan advised the Board that the information for the Interstate Compact program has been forwarded to a drafting committee and that the drafting committee will draft the initial proposed language for the Interstate Compact. Mr. Sloan

also informed the Board that the Interstate Compact program will be discussed at the Maryland Speech Hearing Association (MSHA) Convention in late April 2018.

Board Membership Update

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) physician has been appointed to the Board, but that individual had not yet taken the oath and was otherwise unable to attend today's meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cummins reported to the Board for the month of April 2018 the budget is \$376,337.00, the expenditures is 241,673.00, and has available funds in the amount of \$134,664.00.

Review and Approval of IHS International Licensing Examination Agreement

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that it has been five years since the Board has signed the contract. Mr. Kelter will forward the contract to Ms. Boyd for her to review and approval for Mr. Kelter's signature. Mr. Kelter will sign the contract once Ms. Boyd has reviewed it and agrees with the terms of the contract.

Speech-Language Pathologists Applicant Education Requirement

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that, according to regulation, an applicant for a license as a speech-language pathologist assistant must receive a "C" or better in the five core classes that they take for their degree. Mr. Kelter received an application and the applicant received a "D" in one of their core classes. The applicant has been practicing in another state, but not for at least two full years. Mr. Kelter informed the Board that Board has required that an applicant re-take the class that a "D" was received in and attempt to receive a grade of a "C" or better. The applicant graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor's in 2016 and obtained an Arizona license in February 2017. The Arizona supervisor has submitted the competency skills checklist to the Board. Ms. DeLuca made a motion to advise the applicant to re-take the course and attempt to obtain a grade of "C" or better. Dr. Kearney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Hearing Aid Dispenser Restocking Fees

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that Ms. Boyd has obtained the information that he had requested regarding restocking fees. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that the matter will be discussed in the Administrative Session. Ms. Boyd advised the Board that the Board's own statute and regulations mirrored the Commercial Law of another state's regulation which would conflict with that state.

Correspondence & FYI

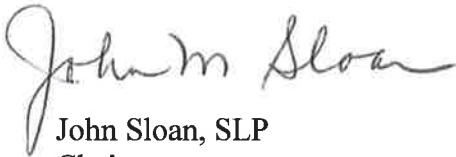
None

Next Board Meeting - May 17, 2018. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that at a future meeting he will discuss the possibility of moving the July 2018 Board meeting to August 2018 due to his family scheduling matters.

Adjournment

The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M Sloan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

John Sloan, SLP
Chair