

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2013

The 589th meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Interpreters:

Meg Klein and Shifra Steinberg

Public present:

Paula Hollinger, Liaison, DHMH
Sharon Bloom, Assistant Liaison, DHMH
Kristin Neville, DHMH
Kim Bennardi, DHMH
Tara Simpson, Psy.D, (MPA)
John Beetar, Ph.D.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on October 11, 2013 were reviewed and **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 17 individuals who took the law exam on October 18, 2013, two failed. The list of registrants for the November exam was reviewed and **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that may register for the exam later.**

Ms. Smith reported that the Board of Physicians may submit legislation during the 2014 session that will establish a formal process to evaluate the appropriateness of issuing a license to a new profession under an existing Board. The physicians' board is frequently approached with this request, and believes that the implementation of such a bill will standardize the process for all boards. The bill will be disseminated once it is available.

Dr. Morris and Ms. Smith gave a brief report on the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) meeting they attended in October. Ms. Smith reported that at the Executive Directors' session discussions centered on behavior analysts that are regulated under psychology boards; the complaint process in varies jurisdictions ; and ASPPBs' initiatives.

Dr. Morris reported that the theme of the meeting was License Risks and Disciplinary Strategies. Topics discussed included that ASPPB can now report disciplinary activities to the national database; the EPPP exam is now available in French and a Spanish version will be available next year; and ASPPB now has the capacity to function as the broker between applicants and jurisdictions regarding the licensing process.

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman reported that arrangements for the Board's training scheduled for December 6, 2013 have been finalized.

Dr. Sobelman reported that although the joint designed doctoral program of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and the National Register will end in 2017, the National Register has stated that they will continue to evaluate foreign programs as stated in law.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – Dr. Waters reported that the committee continues to review new applications. The committee will meet after the board meeting.

Operations – Dr. Morris reported that the renewal period will begin on December 1, 2013. The regulation to charge \$100 for a temporary exception was approved.

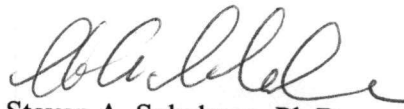
Public Affairs – Dr. Barnett asked to receive articles for the newsletter by November 22, 2013.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Simpson stated that it would be good for the Board to meet with MPA and discuss MPA's role in the nomination of names for Board vacancies.

- E. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment**
A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in medical review deliberations regarding information in the licensing applications of Ronald Grace, Margo Genderson, and Ronald Gloston. The Board entered into closed session at 10:45 a.m. and came out at 11:00 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The Board entered into administrative session at 11:15 a.m., came out at 2:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson