

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2013

The 586th Open Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:17 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.
Myra Waters, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member

Board member absent:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator
Linda Bethman, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Public present:

Paula Hollinger - DHMH
Kristin Neville - DHMH
Robert B. Cohen, Ph.D. – MPA

Interpreters:

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 14, 2013 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and a vote called: Five – For, three - Abstentions. The minutes were approved.**

B. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Sobelman welcomed two new board members, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D. and James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP.

C. Announcements

Executive Director - Ms. Smith reported that of the 20 individuals who took the law exam on June 21, 2013, three failed. The list of registrants for the July 21, 2013 exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others who may register for the exam later.**

Ms. Smith stated that the remote online law exam would be tested during the summer and a report would be made at the September meeting.

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman announced that Sue Brown, Robert Brown's wife, passed on July 11, 2013. A memorial service was said to be scheduled for Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia, Maryland.

Dr. Sobelman distributed a summary sheet of the Board's committees and responsibilities and highlighted the Board's accomplishments. Board members were asked to inform Ms. Smith of the two committees that they wanted to serve on by August 16, 2013. Dr. Sobelman stated that the new member orientation training would be held in November and Drs. Leigh, Gormally and Bishop would need to attend. Also, the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) online board member training would begin in January.

Dr. Sobelman stated that a letter was received from the ASPPB indicating that the joint venture between the ASPPB and the National Register to approve doctoral psychology programs would terminate in September of 2019. It was decided that more information pertaining to the National Register's plan would be obtained before any action was taken.

D. Committee Reports

Disciplinary – Dr. Barnett stated that the new members will be provided with the model liaison reports.

Public Affairs – A copy of the summer 2013 Newsletter was distributed. The newsletter will be available on the Board's website. New board members were asked to submit a brief biography and photo for the winter newsletter.

E. Public Comment

Dr. Cohen reported that the July meeting was his last meeting as MPA representative. His new role with MPA would be Chair of the Finance Committee. Georgia Royalty will move to senior representative and Katherine Killeen will be the junior representative. Dr. Cohen added that the new officers of MPA are, Rudolph Patrick Savage, Ph.D. - President; Laura Estupinan-Kane, Ph.D.-President-Elect; and, Alison Dunton, Psy.D.-Secretary.

F. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in a medical review deliberations regarding information in the licensing application of Xi Besha and the reinstatement application of Scott Buehler, Ph.D. The Board entered into closed session at 10:20 a.m. and came out at 10:28 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 10:36 a.m. to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The Board entered into administrative session at 11:16 a.m., came out at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson