



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR January 13, 2020 Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Reder, President
Dan Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Todd Decker, (Newly elected President)
Norman Sorensen, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Oldenkamp, Lay Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Jill Lesselyoung, Executive Assistant
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Assistant
Scott Roetzel, Office of the Attorney General
Jennifer Schultz, SDSLHA
Marni Johnson, SDSLHA

President Reder called the meeting to order at 12:06PM CT.

ROLL CALL: Reder asked Lesselyoung to call the roll. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes. A quorum was present.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Decker made a motion to approve the agenda. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Reder called for public comment. Jennifer Schultz advised she had information regarding the proposed Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact she would like to share with the Board. She advised she had attended meetings on the compact and only certain states will be introducing legislation during this current session. The compact is similar to nursing and the proposed physical therapy compact. Neighboring states of Nebraska and Wyoming have plans to introduce legislation. The first states to join will have a voice in writing the rules. Reder advised the compact is an agenda item and Schultz is welcome to present further comments at that time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Reder made a motion to elect Decker as President. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes. Reder made a motion to re-elect Smith as Secretary/Treasurer. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Decker made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2019. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote; Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Lesselyoung reported fiscal year-end figures as of June 30, 2019; revenue of \$28,410.71, expenses of \$25,698.70 and cash balance of \$93,932.06 and year to date figures as of November 30, 2019; revenue of \$7,870.94, expenses of \$11,469.62 and cash balance of \$90,333.38. Decker questioned the cash balance reserve. Tellinghuisen advised a cash balance is necessary to fund legal counsel if needed on complaints/investigations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SDCL 1-25-2: Decker made a motion to enter executive session at 12:25PM. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote; Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes. Schultz exited the meeting. Decker made a motion to exit executive session at 12:21PM. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote; Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes. Schultz re-joined the meeting. Johnson joined the meeting at 12:39PM.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT: Decker made a motion to approve the current contract with Tellinghuisen with the stipulation of including a state cost of living increase if granted by the state. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

DISCUSSION OF ONLINE HEARING AIDS AND TELEPRACTICE: Decker made a motion to table the agenda items until the next meeting. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT: Reder called for discussion and allotted Schultz 10 minutes for further comment. She advised the Association is pursuing legislation to present the compact this session as they feel South Dakota would like to have a seat at the table to make the rules. They had conducted several surveys of the membership and there is good support in the field at this time. Concerns are the unknown costs at this point in time. She advised there are national associations that could possibly contribute financial support. Decker thanked Schultz for presenting to the Board. He put forth several concerns regarding the investigation of complaints on out of state licensees and how it would be handled for out of state licensees to dispense hearing aids in SD. Smith questioned why Hearing Aid Dispensers are not included in the compact. Reder questioned if there has been word of a shortage of hearing aid dispensers/audiologists. Tellinghuisen advised the SLP Board is aware there are concerns on a shortage of practitioners for Speech Language Pathology. The Board members questioned whether SLP could join the compact and AUD opt out. Schultz advised it must be the same in all states. Schultz advised she will find answers to the Board's questions. The Board expressed concerns on the short timeline to research.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING: There was no other business.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for July 13^h, 2020 via teleconference at 11:00MT/12:00CT.

Decker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00PM CT. Sorensen seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by roll call vote, Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Decker, yes; Sorensen, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer