

**Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)
Advisory Council On Hearing Aids
Minutes of August 15, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christopher Gustafson, Chairperson
Scott Frink, Hearing Aid Specialist/Audiologist
Fred Peters, Public Member
Tricia J. Leagjeld-Storch, Hearing Aid Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT

Don Plapinger, Vice Chairperson
Don Cloutier, Hearing Aid Specialist

STAFF PRESENT

Tricia Allbritton, PSPD Manager
Lisa Murphy, Board and Qualification Specialist

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Scott Lawson

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gustafson, Chair, called the telephone conference call meeting of the Advisory Council on Hearing Aids to order at 2:49 p.m. on August 15, 2008, at the Oregon Health Licensing Agency, Rhoades Conference Room, 700 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon under a roll call vote.

BUSINESS

Ms. Allbritton stated the purpose of the meeting is to permanently adopt the administrative rules. She reported Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing was filed with the Secretary of States Office on June 13th 2008 and posted in the Oregon Bulletin on July 1, 2008. She said that OHLA stakeholders were provided opportunity to comment on the fee changes during the administrative rules hearing held on July 23, 2008. She noted that the independent hearing officer's report was available for review.

Ms. Allbritton outlined all the fee changes including a uniform two year license renewal, reduced fees for authorization to practice, an increase in fees for exams and other services, and the aligning of the continuing education requirements with the two year license renewal. She stated that the first phase of implementing the permanent rule adoption was deferred from September 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008 to allow for technical change-over.

Ms. Allbritton stated there was one audiologist representing the board at the hearing on July 23, 2008 who supported the fee changes and two year licensing cycle.

Ms. Allbritton summarized the changes in the rules including duplicate licenses, the new late fees (\$25 for the first month and \$10 for every month thereafter), and the option of placing a license in dormant status which will go into effect January 1, 2010. It was noted the fees for dormant status are still going through the rulemaking process. A placeholder was also inserted outlining the option to take the law and rules exam again instead of paying a civil penalty. The date these rules will be effective is being deferred from September 1, 2008, to October 1, 2008, to allow the infrastructure time to be put in place.

Mr. Gustafson, Chair, called for a motion and it was seconded to accept the adoption of the permanent rules. The motion passed with Mr. Frink, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Leagjeld-Storch, and Mr. Peters voting aye.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2008 at the Rhoades Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

I attest that the Board of Denture Technology Licensing meeting minutes of August 15, 2008, are a true and accurate reflection of the matters discussed and the views of the participants.

Sarah Hoggatt, Board and Qualification Specialist

Date