

# Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT) Quarterly Board Meeting

## January 12, 2007 MINUTES

State Office Building      800 NE Oregon Street, Room 140      Portland, Oregon

### ATTENDANCE

**Members and Staff:** Ernest Wick, LRT, Board Chair; Lorraine Bevacqua, LRT; Frank Erickson, MD; Richard Fucillo, LRT; Debbie Powell, LPH; Peter-Jon Chin, CNMT; Bob Rapcinski, RPS (Advisory Member); Linda Russell, Executive Director; Heidi Park, Staff; Bernice Fox, Staff

**Members Absent:** David Hamby, PhD, Vice-Chair; Carrie Whitlock, LRT, LRTT

**Also Present:** Thomas King, Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT); Monica Quintero-DeVlaeminck, Pioneer Pacific College; Rees Stuteville, LRT.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ORS 192.660 (1) (K)

The Executive Session is pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(K). Chair Ernest Wick, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM to discuss confidential Board discipline and investigative cases that are confidential according to ORS 676.175.

### PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

The OBRT Board meeting was held Friday, January 12, 2007 in Conference Room 140, Portland State Office Building (PSOB), Portland, OR. Board Chair, Ernest Wick called Public Session to order at 9:47 AM and welcomed guests.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 13, 2006 Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, Richard Fucillo made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting; seconded by Frank Erickson; vote was unanimous.

## RATIFICATION OF LICENSES ISSUED

Board approved the following licenses that have been issued: Permanent Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses 106504 to 106605; Permanent Initial Limited Permit 3680 to 3707; Temporary Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses and Temporary Initial Limited Permit licenses L03542 to L03608 (motion presented by Richard Fucillo; seconded by Lorraine Bevacqua; vote unanimous).

## INVESTIGATIONS CASE

Frank Erickson read the investigative case roster.

**01-08-04** The Board voted to close the case. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-01-03** The Board voted to close the case. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-03-03** Licensee did not appear before the Board. The Board moved to apply procedural rule 337-010-0060 (3)(c), Unprofessional Conduct. The Board imposed a fine of \$1000.00, citing Failure to Cooperate, 337-010-0060 (2)(h). The licensee will be notified that attendance at the April 20, 2007 Board meeting is mandatory. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-08-02** The Board voted to close the case. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-11-01** Applicant appeared before the Board. The Board voted to grant licensure and close the case. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-11-02** Applicant did not appear before the Board. No action taken. The licensee will be notified that attendance at the April 20, 2007 Board meeting is mandatory. (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

**06-11-03** Licensee appeared before the Board. The Board imposed a fine of \$500 for violation of 337-010-0060 (3)(g). The Board imposed a fine of \$500 for violation of 337-010-0060(3)(i). (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

No action was taken by the Board on the following monitored probationary case:

**03-05-01**      **05-06-04**

No action was taken on the following monitored case for payment of Civil Penalty:

**05-06-03**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director, Linda Russell presented and clarified details of the OBRT 2005-2007 Budget Summary that concludes June 30, 2007. The new budget for 2007-2009 is scheduled for February 19, 2007 before the Ways and Means Committee and has been approved by Budget and Management (BAM). The OBRT budget is included in HB 5029, Section 6, of the 2007-2009 State Biennial Budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the options when an applicant or licensee is called to appear before the Board and leaves a phone message on the day of the meeting that they are unable to be present at the meeting. The Board agreed that when a letter is sent to an applicant/licensee to appear, it should include a statement that if an emergency occurs and the applicant/licensee is unable to appear, they are to give the Board 24 hours notice.

Radiation Protection Services' (RPS) Bob Rapcinski discussed the specific training needed for ARRT, Oregon licensed radiologic technologists to operate Computed Tomography (CT) and Positron Emission Computed Tomography (PET-CT) equipment. He expressed his desire to be in line with the Board on proposed rule 337-010-0011 that clarifies PET/CT certification. A motion was made by Lorraine Bevacqua to refer any questions regarding PET/CT to RPS; seconded by Peter Jon-Chin; vote was unanimous.

Rees Stuteville came before the Board to discuss introductory level radiologic technology distance learning programs for regional accreditation. Chair Wick shared his experience regarding a student of a distance learning program at Blue Mountain Community College who currently practices at his facility four hours a week. He also stated that this type of program is taking place in Bend and Coos Bay. At this point, Rees shared the accreditation history of radiologic technology programs, originally sanctioned by the American Medical Association in the 1960's in hospital-based programs and then by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) in the 1990's, mainly in college-based programs. In the last 10 years, the colleges have relied solely on regional accreditation in which there is no programmatic oversight by the JRCERT. The concern is the students are not receiving adequate lab time with hands-on positioning in a facility setting. Richard Fucillo stated in his facility in Albany, they are getting students from Oregon Institute of Technology and Linn-Benton Community College and added that the impact of these distance learning programs will likely become apparent in the next few years as the students sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exams.

Thomas King stated he would be representing the Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists in Washington, DC from March 18-20 to voice support in reintroducing the CARE Bill, which will authorize mandatory licensure in all 50 states. He is asking the Board to submit a letter he can take to Congress in support of the CARE bill, to establish national standards and protect the public. A motion was made by Frank Erickson and seconded by Richard Fucillo to submit a letter of support for the CARE Bill to include the Board members names and to be signed by Chair Wick. The vote was unanimous.

Monica Quintero-DeVlaeminck had questions regarding the practical experience evaluations requirements for the limited scope students. Her concern was that some of the position requirements are not done in the facilities where many of the students are working, namely in clinics. It was pointed out by the Board; there is enough latitude within the practical experience requirements for the evaluator to observe the positioning if films are unavailable. There was also a question as to whether a student needs to take and pass the Core module/section exam every time an area exam is taken. It was clarified that a student only needs to take and pass the Core module/section exam once within the one year from the date of the course completion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Ernest Wick asked if there was any other business or public comment. Hearing none, he thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 12:25.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2007 in Conference Room 135 at the Portland State Office Building.