

# Oregon State Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT)

## January 25, 1999 Minutes

State Office Building ☐ 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 407 ☐ Portland, Oregon

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### ATTENDANCE

**Members and Staff:** Lee Flanders, LRT; Darrell Hocken, RT, Advisory Member; Glen Plam, LRTT, Chairman; Chris Stewart, Clerk; Larry Strayer, Investigator; Lianne Thompson, Executive Officer; Doug Van Fleet, Clerk.

**Also Present:** Matt Lang, LRT.

### PUBLIC MEETING FOR FEE-INCREASE DISCUSSION

This meeting (nominally from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.) was occasioned by the board's decision in March 1998 to increase the fee to \$5 per month for all licenses and permits. In the *Roentgen* (board newsletter), volume 1, issue 2, Winter 1999, Mr. Plam announced the meeting to discuss the fee increase. Some prior written and verbal comments had been received; one person attended the meeting.

Mr. Lang reported concerns re temporary-permit issuance, board priorities in issuing certificates and apparent departures from historic expectations re limited permits in rural areas only.

It can be inferred from the statute that the temporary permit is intended for students or recent graduates who wish to quickly capitalize on their new knowledge. In practice, the board has issued permits to such—and to retiring licensees who wish to work for part of a license interval. The board has also issued permits to licensees whose certificates are expired or inactive but who wish to practice and are willing to do so under supervision. In any event, no person may receive more than three of the (six-month) permits.

Questions re the board's certificate-issuing priorities were anticipated in July and August 1997. In October 1997, the board decided **that applications are to be processed in the order received.** That policy is followed.

The location in which a limited permit may be used isn't specified in statute or rule, other than the requirement that there be a supervisor of record. The presence of limited permittees in hospitals or urban areas is beyond the board's authority. Mr. Plam advised that those with limited-permit concerns find their resolution in working with the board to strengthen permittees' competence.

Ms. Thompson spoke to the public's reassurance—gained by seeing their technologist's certificate posted. She also provided instruction re the checks (accountability, purchasing, budgetary, personnel and legislative) placed on state agencies [Attachment 1]. Finally, she thanked Mr. Lang for attending.