

# Oregon State Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT)

## October 8th, 1999 Minutes

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

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### ATTENDANCE

**Members and Staff:** Brian Buckingham, LRT; Lee Flanders, LRT; Darrell Hocken, RT, Advisory Member; Erica Hovet, LCSW, Public Member; Betty Palmer, LRT; Glen Plam, LRTT, Chairman; Ken Stevens, MD, Radiologist; Lianne Thompson, Executive Officer; Chris Stewart, Staff.

**Members Absent:** (Mercedes Herrera, LRT)

**Also Present:** Steve Uroshevich, LRT, Apollo College, and X-ray Education Services; Anne Warden, OSRT; Joe Hertzberg, Decisions Decisions Consulting; Nancy Beers, Decisions Decisions Consulting; Patricia Stoddard, Concorde Career Institute; Debbie Biddle, PCC; Mike Leith, BAM;

Board called to order: 9:35 am

### MINUTES APPROVAL [Attachment 1]

August 20th, 1999: Mr. Plam moved the minutes' approval; Ms. Palmer seconded; **unanimously favorable**.

### BOARD DEVELOPMENT

#### Board Development

There was recently a survey sent out trying to capture people's perceptions of the board.

Survey responses to date:

2,800 Sent out  
700 Returned Timely  
75 Returned Late

The conclusion from the survey is that the board should communicate more to its stakeholders in the areas of its purpose, finances, and activities.

Dr. Stevens suggested the board add a policy and procedure manual on-line to the board's website. In addition to that, also adding links to CE offerings as well as other professional organizations, such as the ASRT, ARRT, and the OSRT.

Board Development (Continued)

**In order for our licensees and stakeholders to receive that level of service, the board would need to obtain a grant, or possibly have volunteers from the OSRT do some of the work.**

Mr. Hertzberg asked the board members for ideas or comments that would help them reach their vision:

- Be more collaborative with major stakeholders, people, and intelligence
- Have a frequently asked question brochure
- Access to more staff and funding
- Semi-independent status
- Have a definite policy and procedure manual available with an index
- Revisit and improve CE for the new millenium
- Education for people to help them understand the differences between the professional organizations (OBRT, OSRT, ASRT, ARRT, and Radiation Protection Services)
- Communication of relevant information

### Semi-independent Status

Mr. Buckingham mentioned cautiously that it would too hard to accomplish semi-independent status.

Ms. Warden stated that the OSRT **wants** to work with the OBRT to accomplish semi-independent status.

### Selecting new Board Members

The OBRT is in need of several new board members. The board has discussed what they are looking for in new board members:

- Grant writing
- Web design
- Long time stakeholder in the profession
- Time and commitment to attend meetings and participate
- Managerial skills
- Educational understanding
- Confidentiality

Mrs. Palmer suggested that the board should add a Limited Permit holder to the board. Ms. Warden suggested that the board should possibly add another public member.

**Note: Both proposed changes require statutory amendments**

Morning adjourned at 12:05 PM, reconvened at 12:15 PM

## CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

In order to promote Continuing Education better, Mr. Plam suggested that the board put the approved CE offerings on the web site with phone numbers for the person to call and register.

Dr. Stevens commented that the CE committee receives a lot more feedback forms. Mrs. Palmer pointed out that the OBRT now requires feedback forms. There was a memo from Mr. Van Fleet regarding LP grads re-taking LP course for CE credit. Dr. Stevens felt that re-education may be better than other CE offerings. Mrs. Palmer stated that the LP courses would need to get approval numbers to ensure the CE fits their LP anatomical area. [01/05/2000: "Policy on Continuing Education for Limited Permit Holders, 1998...": "The initial course of instruction in radiation use and safety and/or positioning/techniques required for the limited permit examination **DOES NOT** qualify as continuing education *when used to meet the limited permit examination requirements* [italics added].”dv]

Ms. Flanders suggested that on the LP course evaluation form, an item could be added asking, "Could your course be used for CE?" If so, the course would need to be evaluated and assigned a number.

Why should the OBRT work on CE approval:

- A) To be sure that CE is approved for licensees
- B) ARRT gives category A credit for OBRT approved courses
- C) Not all RT's are ARRT registered and we also handle LP's

Mr. Plam states that the OBRT must come to an agreement on whether or not to accept the ARRT card; probably yes, but that will downgrade CE standards for all Oregon licensees. Mr. Hocken agrees and feels that it's not right at all.

It was mentioned that the OBRT might be able to work with the ARRT to improve the CE standards, and possibly pass-on the responsibility for CE to the OSRT.

## INVESTIGATIONS

NOTE: In accordance with ORS 688.605(2), the identities of some individuals and facilities are confidential and withheld from public disclosure during the period of investigation.

Except as indicated, **the motion and second originated with Mr. Plam and Ms. Palmer, respectively; all board decisions were unanimous.**

**Case 99-07-04: Consent order approved.**

**Case 99-07-05: Consent order approved.**

**Case 99-08-01: Issue a warning letter.**

**Case 99-09-01: Consent order approved.**

**Case 99-09-02: Hold until next meeting.**

**Case 99-09-03: Report to the police.**

**Case 99-09-04: Advisory**

**Case 99-09-05: Advisory**

**Case 99-09-06: No conclusion.**

### **Limited Permit Committee**

Committee has gone to the approved schools for inspections, as required by OAR 337-010-0031(3). The Committee reported that for:

**Allied:** The committee would like to go back and speak with the students. The committee also has concerns for other businesses operating in the same building. They would like to go back and inspect the clinical site.

**Southern Exposure:** Good size classroom. Energized lab area: Good. Ms. Walbridge did a good job preparing the curriculum. Conditionally approved, subject to the committee's interview of the school's currently enrolled students.

**Apollo:** Students and Grads said that there is so much material to learn and not enough time to learn it... They would like more Lab time. Committee approves.

**Concorde:** The committee would like to see the school make the library and computers more accessible. The students at Concorde also believe that there is too much material to learn and not enough time to learn it.

**PSR:** Conditionally approved, subject to the committee's interview of the school's currently enrolled students and further inspection.

All schools are subject to further inspection at a later time.

### **Concerns or Suggestions:**

- 1) A copy of the OAR should be sent to each of the schools to notify them that the OBRT has the right to inspect any school at the board's discretion.
- 2) The OBRT should wear badges to identify themselves so that everyone knows who and what they do.
- 3) The approval form for inspecting schools needs to be updated.
- 4) Possible certificate for schools being approved.

## **BOARD OFFICE REPORT**

Ms. Thompson reported that she was researching options to provide the Board's entire operation with new Information Technology (IT), because that is the technological basis of the entire board. The database is the foundation of all of the information that is kept here at the office. Without being able to extract or find certain information within the database, the board is not able to give or provide answers to the questions being asked. (Please see attached)

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Mr. Plam moves, Mrs. Palmer seconds, Unanimous acceptance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.