

Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT) Special Board Meeting

July 13th, 2006 MINUTES

State Office Building 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 120C Portland, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Members and Staff: Ernest Wick, LRT, Board Chair; David Hamby, PhD, Vice-Chair; Carrie Whitlock, LRT, LRTT; Lorraine Bevacqua, LRT; Frank Erickson, MD; Richard Fucillo, LRT; Debbie Powell, LPH; J.R.(Bob) Ropcinski, Manager of X-Ray Program, RPS (Advisory Member); Linda Russell, Executive Director; Heidi Park, Staff;

Members Absent: Peter-Jon Chin, CNMT

Also Present: Bradlee Crocker, LRT, CNMT; Dixie Aaring, CNMT; Steve Lettner, Nuclear Medicine; Kirk Gray, Nuclear Medicine; Barb Smith, OSRT, PCC.

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 8:42 AM to discuss Confidential Board business.

PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

The OBRT Special Board meeting was held Friday, July 13, 2006 in Conference Room 120C, Portland State Office Building (PSOB), Portland, OR. Board Chair, Ernest Wick called Public Session to order at 9:40 AM and welcomed guests.

OLD BUSINESS

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 688.405, the Board shall define the qualifications of Computed Tomography equipment operators and merged technology equipment operators as part of the “2007-2009 Legislative Concept (LC)”- Addition Discussion” with reference to Oregon Administrative Rules 337-010-0011:

- (1) An operator of computed tomography equipment must be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in Computed Tomography or in Radiography, or
- (2) In addition to qualifications to operate radionuclide imaging devices, Nuclear Medicine technologists seeking restricted licensing must submit evidence of completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours training in the use of computed tomography for use only in conjunction with merged or “fusion” technology exams from an approved source as determined by the board, or

(3) In addition to qualifications to operate radiation therapy devices, Radiation Therapy technologists seeking restricted licensing must submit evidence of completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours training in the operation of computed tomography scanners only for use in non-diagnostic radiation therapy simulation from an approved source as determined by the board.

The end result was the Board approved the draft language of qualifications for Computed Tomography equipment operators and merged technology equipment operators' licensing. (Motion made by Richard Fucillo; seconded by Frank Erickson).

Board Chair Ernest Wick asked Board member Carrie Whitlock to clarify the use of CT Simulators in radiation therapy; followed by a Board discussion. Ms. Whitlock currently works in the Oncology Department at Salem Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director, Linda Russell proposed the Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT) participate in HB 2157, which gives agencies the ability to conduct nationwide criminal records checks through the FBI. Those subject to the nationwide background check would be employees, service contractors, applicants and licensees. The motion to approve this proposal was made by David Hamby; seconded by Richard Fucillo.

The Nuclear Medicine Department of Sacred Heart Medical Center asked to appear before the Board. Those in attendance were: Brad Crocker, Dixie Aaring, Steve Lettner, Kirk Gray. The Sacred Heart Nuclear Medicine Technologists presented an information packet and made suggestions to simplify and improve Oregon Law involving the operator process for Positron Emission Tomography combined with Computed Tomography (PET/CT) and SPECT/CT. They support the current proposed regulations for Oregon licensure, ORS 688.405 to 688.605, along with the didactic learning and clinical training requirements for technologists to obtain certification to operate the new hybrid imaging equipment. The Board members expressed interest in collaborative efforts that would benefit all concerned.

Ernest Wick was re-elected by a majority vote as Chair of the OBRT David Hamby was re-elected by a majority vote as Vice-Chair of the OBRT

Bob Rapcinski, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) presented an update on two pieces of new industry equipment: The CereTom – 8 Row MultiSlice CT Scanner and the Dual-Energy Vertebral Assessment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair, Ernest Wick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 24th, 2006 Board meetings minutes. Hearing none, Chair Wick made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Frank Erickson; vote was unanimous.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES ISSUE

Board approved the following licenses that have been issued: Permanent Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses 106315 to 106405; Permanent Initial Limited Permit to 3629 to 3648; Temporary Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses and Temporary Initial Limited Permit licenses R03336 to L03464 (motion presented by Frank Erickson; seconded by Board Vice-Chair David Hamby; vote unanimous).

PUBLIC COMMENT AND 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 special Board meeting at 3:05 PM.

The next quarterly scheduled Board meeting will be Friday July 14, 2006 at 8:30 AM in Conference Room 120C at the Portland State Office Building.