

# **BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**20 August 2007**

### **Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Athletic Trainers was called to order at 9:00 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Three Capital Hill, Providence pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the state of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.**

### **Board members in attendance:**

**Mr. George Finn**

**Dr. James Sullivan**

**Mr. Paul Ullucci**

**Mr. Gerald Shellard**

### **Staff in attendance:**

**Ms. Michelle Arrighi**

**Mr. Charles Alexandre**

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**The Board discussed the procedure for license application review/approval. Presently the Board Administrator reviews and approves applications with the exception of those with questionable credentials and/or disciplinary or criminal histories. After discussion, the members expressed a desire to review all applications. Effective immediately two (2) Board members will review applicant credentials and recommend licensure to staff. A list of recent licensees will be presented to the Board at each meeting.**

**Mr. Alexandre informed the Board that pending board appointments have been resubmitted to the Governor's office for approval.**

**Board members again discussed the need to review the enabling statute (§ 5-60) and the rules and regulations. Under consideration are temporary licensure for endorsement candidates and a review of the duties and powers of the Board. The members were provided with a copy of the temporary permit language from the physical therapy and nursing practice acts for review. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.**

**The Board briefly discussed section 8.0 of the rules and regulations regarding continuing education requirements. Specifically the Board may reconsider continuing acceptance of National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification as an acceptable means of meeting the continuing education requirements for renewal. This may be discussed again at a future meeting.**

**The Board expressed continued concerns that school departments are not aware of the licensure requirements for athletic trainers in Rhode Island. They discussed a number of ways to address this issue deciding that education of school administrators is the most effective strategy that falls within the scope of the powers of the Board. The following actions will be taken:**

- The Board revised the annual letter defining the statutory role of the athletic trainer to school administrators adding contact information (email addresses) for the Board members. Mr. Finn will distribute the letter via email to all school departments, and**
- Dr. Sullivan volunteered to develop a brief PowerPoint presentation for an upcoming meeting of school administrators and athletic directors to further reinforce the content of the letter.**

**The minutes of the 7 August 2006, 4 December 2006 and 12 June 1007 meetings were reviewed and approved. Business for the next meeting will be e-mailed to the Board Administrator by members.**

**Having no further business the Chair called for a motion on adjourn the Open Session of the Board. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the Open Session at 10:00 am. The next meeting will be scheduled for November 2007.**

**Respectively submitted,**

**Michelle A. Arrighi**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professions Regulation**