

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on January 31, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence M. Jacoby, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
 Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Ms. Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

I. MINUTES –November 15, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 15, 2006 meeting. Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Romajas seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed.

II. EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst reported that at the last examination there were five candidates who passed the practical examination. Two of the candidates were retakes.

III. INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are no active investigations involving licensed electrologists. Mr. Griffin was given information concerning Judith Connors, Clinical Skin Care, Westport, Connecticut for review by the Department of Public Health

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Legislation – An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH), apprised the Board of a proposed bill sponsored by DPH – An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioners. He indicated that a similar bill is being proposed by the Coalition of Health Care Professionals. He outlined the major differences in the bills, and explained the following important key elements in the Department's bill which the Coalition's bill failed to provide.

A motion was made by Ms. Romajas and seconded by Mr. Eirmann to authorize the Board to support this proposed legislation provided the following is emphasized

- There should be confidentiality for practitioners.
- There should be a single organization operating the program and providing assistance to all professionals,
- There should be a contract in place between the Department of Public Health and such organization that specifies the manner in which the services will be provided. Allow for termination in the event that the organization fails to comply with such contract. This will insure accountability.
- There should be clear directives in the law that require referral to the Department of a practitioner who fails to comply with the terms of this program of rehabilitation, even if that person wishes to remain in the program or agrees to refrain from practice.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board continued its discussion concerning laser hair removal issues. The Connecticut State Electrologists Association is pursuing legislation that would allow licensed electrologists to perform hair removal by use of laser technology. The Board supports this initiative provided there is proper training for those who want to offer the procedure and that continuing education is addressed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Romajas moved and Ms. Haralambous seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on May 23, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence M. Jacoby, M.D.
Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT: Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II

Ms. Scranton-Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

I. MINUTES – January 31, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 31, 2007 meeting. Ms. Haralambous moved and Ms. Romajas seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

II. EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst reported that at the last examination one candidate took and passed the examination.

III. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board discussed that the legislation being pursued by the Connecticut State Electrologists Association regarding hair removal by use of laser technology was not acted on during this legislative session. It will be proposed again in 2008.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haralambous moved and Ms. Scranton-Lloyd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on September 19, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence M. Jacoby, M.D.
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of
Public Health

Ms. Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. MINUTES – May 23, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 23, 2007 meeting. Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Romajas seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed.

II. EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst reported that there is one candidate for the next examination. An examination date has not yet been set.

III. INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are no current investigations involving licensed electrologists. The department is reviewing matters involving the American Laser Center in West Hartford, Connecticut and the Laser Center of Connecticut in Milford and Newington, Connecticut

IV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board commented that continuing education requirements need to be updated.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Romajas moved and Ms. Eirmann seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on November 14, 2007 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq. - *via telephone*
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health
 Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison

Ms. Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. MINUTES – September 19, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting. Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Haralambous seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed.

II. EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst reported that there is one candidate took the last examination. Results are pending.

It was requested that Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, attend the next meeting. The Board wants to discuss criteria for the selection of practical examiners as well as examination protocols.

III. INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health, reported there are no current investigations involving licensed electrologists. The department has completed one investigation regarding a laser center; an investigation concerning a second laser center is ongoing,

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates 2008

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2008:

February 6, 2008

May 21, 2008

September 17, 2008

November 19, 2008

All meetings will be held at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board asked if there would be any ethical violation if the Board members made a contribution, collectively in the name of the Board, to the UCONN Children's Cancer Center in memory of Board Chairman Lawrence Jacoby, MD who passed away in October 25, 2007. The Board Liaison will confer with the Department of Public Health's Ethics Officer regarding this question.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Haralambous seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on February 6, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
 Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
 Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II, DPH
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
 Stacy Owens, Esq., Ethics Officer, DPH
 Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
 Lynn Brandner
 Donna Crump
 Karen Kolenda
 Elsie Gasuk

Ms. Eirmann called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. Minutes – November 14, 2007

The board reviewed the minutes from Nov. 14, 2007 meeting. Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Romajas second that the minutes be approved as edited. Motion was passed.

II. Examinations update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH reported that there are two candidates for the practical portions of the next exam and one for the written (one candidate is a first timer).

III. Investigations update

Gary Griffin, reported there are no new investigations currently. The Department of Public Health is still working on the old complaints and will inform us of the outcome of this investigation. Arlene Romajas asked the outcome of the Laser Company operating without a medical director. Gary responded that they were asked to comply with statute and there is now a medical director. Lina Haralambous asked if the medical director (doctor) was on site. Gary responded no but was within 20 miles of the office and was available via phone upon request.

IV. New Business

Ethics: Stacy Owens, Ethics Officer, DPH distributed to the board members the 2007 guide to the code of ethics for public officials and state employees. Made a small introduction how as a public officials we may not accept gifts from the regulated donors exceeding the amount of \$10.00- There is also a provision limiting the amount of gifts between public officials and their supervisors or subordinates, of \$99.99. Lina Haralambous mentioned that she received \$100.00 from the Three State Conference (May 18 – 20, 2007) as an electrology speaker on how to treat inverted eyelashes. That was partially to cover the cost of the DVD that was used for the presentation (actually cost \$280.00) she was also promised a room in the hotel for the night before, which she arrange to be donated back to the CSEA. Ms. Owens indicated that the “code” allows for compensation of expenses (Travel Lodging and other related expenses). Ms. Owens recommended that the members of the board take a course in ethics offered by the department. Members should contact her office if they have any suggestions in the future.

V. Process of selection for practical examiners protocols.

Lina Haralambous indicated that to her understanding all board members have an equal role/responsibility on the board, and Ms. Romajas can not be solely responsible for the selection of the examiners. Choosing state examiners should be a united effort. Ms. Romajas said that Anna Kasprak told her that that was her responsibility. Jennifer Filippone indicated that all board members have an equal responsibility and due to the nature of the profession the examiners should be picked by the two professional members. Available names should be given to the department to check for credibility. There should be a pool of examiners that we can pick from and not more then one new examiner should be introduced at a time. The list of examiners be limited to 10-12 people. Lina Haralambous asked if we can try to make it a practice to have different examiners when we have a candidate that is repeating the practical portion of the exam. The next exam would be in April, final date to be determined according to availability of the Vinyl Tech School.

VI. Additional business

The board asked to discuss continued education in the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Eirmann moved and Ms. Lloyd second to adjourn the meeting the meeting at 10:15 am. Motion passed unanimously.

Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on May 21, 2008, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II, DPH
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison
Lynn Brandner
Darlene Burnett
Donna Crump
Marta Cuminoto

The meeting commenced at 9:45 a.m.

I. Minutes – February 6, 2008

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 6, 2008 meeting. The following edits were made:

- Changes to the date of the meeting and to members present.
- Section I regarding the taking of minutes to be stricken.
- Section V, the reference to Arlene Najam to be stricken.
- Section VI, the following is to be added, “the list of examiners be limited to 10-12 people.”

The minutes were approved as edited. Ms. Romajas and Ms. Lloyd voted in favor of all changes. Ms. Haralambous was opposed to the changes in Sections I and V.

II. Examinations update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH reported that two individuals took the written examination. Results are pending.

Three candidates signed up to take the practical examination, however, only two actually took the exam. Both passed.

III. Investigations update

Gary Griffin, reported there are no current investigations at this time

IV. Continuing Education

Ms. Haralambous initiated the discussion regarding continuing education. Ms. Romajas and Ms. Lloyd asked that discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Ms. Haralambous disagreed and quoted Robert's Rules and discussion took place.

Ms. Haralambous asked for an executive session to discuss the last exam. Department of Public Health staff reminded the Board regarding the criteria for an executive session and that this topic need to be discussed in open session.

Ms. Haralambous stated that decisions need to be made regarding contact hours and the approval of CEUs. She explained that she took a two hour course in blood borne pathogens but wasn't able to get approval by the American Electrologist Association (AEA). Ms. Haralambous felt she had followed the correct procedures by sending the AEA the course outline and the certificate of completion. Ms. Haralambous also indicated that CEUs regarding laser technology should be considered and mentioned that an additional national organization to overlook and approve continuing education should also be considered.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health explained the process for regulatory changes.

The current regulations will be provided to the Board members. Suggestions for proposed changes will discussed at the next meeting.

V. Additional business

Mr. Kardys reported that the Governor's Office is searching for someone to fill the vacant physician member position on the Board.

Ms. Romajas made a motion seconded by Ms. Haralambous to add discussion of the practical examination to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the issue of using clients with metal implants during the practical examination. Galvanic current should not be used on these individuals as it poses a risk. Ms. Filippone will research this issue and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Filippone mentioned that a protocol needs to be developed to address problems that may arise during a practical examination. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd, Public Member
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS**

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on September 17, 2008, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2e, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE.
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II, DPH
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
 Lynn Brandner
 Pam Brandner
 Donna Crump
 Jan DiStefano

The meeting commenced at 9:40 a.m.

I. Minutes – May 21, 2008

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 21, 2008 meeting. Ms. Eirmann made a motion seconded by Ms. Haralambous to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed.

II. Examinations update

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH reported that the two candidates who took the last written examination, passed.

III. Investigations update

Gary Griffin, reported there are no current investigations at this time

IV. Old Business

A. Continuing Education

The American Electrology Association (A.E.A) now allows credit for lasers with strict guidelines.

Laser CEUs are not allowed in Connecticut due to State Statutes.

Ms. Haralambous indicated that she would like to see changes to the following sections of the regulations:

- 20-275b-1 Change one year to two years in paragraph (11).
- 20-275B-2 Reduce the minimum number of contact hours from ten to eight in paragraph (a).
- 20-275b-3 To add the addition of courses offered and approved by SCMHR and NEELS to paragraph (a)(1).
- 20-275b-4 Include online courses as being acceptable.

Ms. Romajas reported that she checked with the A.E.A. concerning courses on blood borne pathogens. At the last meeting Ms. Haralambous stated that she took this course and was refused approval for CEUs. A letter from the A.E.A states that Ms. Haralambous never applied for these credits. The A.E.A states there is no reason credits would not have been approved. Ms. Haralambous stated it took place 6 years ago and she did save the papers. Ms. Scranton-Lloyd requested these papers. It was discussed that this was brought up for discussion to question why the A.E.A. would not approve, not to question Ms. Haralambous.

B. Practical Examination - clients with metal implants

There was discussion at the last meeting regarding candidates bringing clients with metal implants to the practical examination. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health checked into this and found data to be inconclusive. Some sources indicate it is acceptable to use galvanic current on individuals with metal implants, other sources indicate it is not. Following discussion the Board recommended that clients of candidates to the practical examination should not have metal implants.

The Board also recommended that the use of cell phones be prohibited at the practical examinations. This would apply to candidates, clients and examiners.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists

MINUTES
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTROLOGISTS

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on November 19, 2008, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tatiana D. Eirmann, Esq.
 Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE
 Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE
 Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Alicia Zalka

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
 Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
 Jessica Baker
 Lynn Brandner
 Rochelle Carabetta
 Janice DeStefano
 Lucy Devino
 Kathy Malitsky

The meeting commenced at 9:32 am

Ms. Haralambous asked, as directed by Mr. Kardys, if she could use a tape recorder for the taking of the minutes.

Ms. Haralambous cited "Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 14". All agreed.

Mr. Kardys made the announcement that Ms. Eirmann was the new Chairperson for this Board. She was appointed by Governor, M. Jodi Rell.

I. Minutes – September 17, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes and several changes were made that need to be incorporated. There were some language problems that Jennifer Filippone will be providing. The minutes will not be voted on for acceptance until the next Board meeting.

Ms. Haralambous submitted her changes to the minutes via hard copy.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Examinations

Maritsa Morales was absent.

B. Investigations

Gary Griffin, Practiotner Investigations Unit, DPH
Reported no investigations at the present time.

III. Old Business

There was a disagreement on opening “Old Business” items that did not appear on the agenda. A motion was made Ms. Haralambous to have the items presented and discussed as requested at the previous meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Scranton-Lloyd. And unanimously agreed to discuss.

Ms. Brandner, President of NEELS, Inc. made the presentation on SCMHR, Inc. (Society of Medical and Clinical Hair Removal, Inc.). SCMHR was formed in 1985 and is incorporated in the state of New York. They have 598 members.

CEU Controversy

Ms. Haralambous presented documentation from Gerrelyn Adams dated July 2nd 2002, which denied her 2001 CEU credits for Infection Control and Bloodborne Pathogens and apologized for the rudeness she saw in Ken Millay’s (Director, AEA office of continuing education) message to her on July 1st 2002. This course is taught by Health Educators, Inc., which uses OSHA certified instructors. Their medical director is licensed among others the State of Connecticut.

Ms. Haralambous also presented an email by Ken Millay dated July 1, 2001 in which he stated that Ms. Haralambous’ CEUs were denied because the Infection Control course came from a course she took at a micropigmentation convention. In this email Ken claims to have lost the documentation as well as the rules governing the criteria for approval.

Discussion took place about CEUs accepted by DPH. DPH uses AEA as an education provider, but the only courses that are accepted for credit are the ones that are directly related to the scope of practice of electrolysis.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates 2009

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2009:

February 18, 2009

May 20, 2009

September 23, 2009

November 18, 2009

All meetings will be held at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Lina Haralambous, B.S., CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists