

WV RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

NEWSLETTER 1999

This is the fourth newsletter to be published and mailed to the licensees so that they may be better informed of the operations of the Board. We anticipate that the newsletter will be published annually and mailed during January of each year. We encourage you to submit your comments and recommendations to the address above.

HISTORY OF THE BOARD

Purpose: Chapter 30, Article 23, Section 1 of the West Virginia Code was passed by HB 483 on July 1, 1977. Our Rules and Regulations were promulgated on July 1, 1978.

30-23-1 "The Legislature finds and declares that in the interest of public health, the people of this state should be protected from excessive and improper exposure to ionizing radiation. It is the purpose of this article to establish minimum standards of education, training and experience for radiologic technologists and to prescribe means for assuring that the standards are met".

Title 18-Legislative Rules and Regulations

18-1-1 Scope: Except as otherwise specifically provided, these regulations apply to all persons in West Virginia who apply x-rays or assist in the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes under the supervision of a licensed practitioner. The regulations establish the general rule for licensure of radiologic technologists in West Virginia.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE YEAR 2000

On January 1, 2000, all those who are renewing their licenses must have met the C/E requirements set forth by the Board (Series 2 - Continuing Education). Those who are ARRT certified need only to submit, with their renewal application, a copy of their current ARRT wallet card showing that they have met ARRT C/E requirements. Those who are not ARRT certified must with their renewal application, submit documentation that they have met 12 credit hours of continuing education. PLEASE CONSULT OUR WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Because of the increased work load in our office, it has been necessary for us to hire a part-time secretary. She works 3 days per week.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1998	\$ 7,214.87
Income Received FY 1998-99	<u>71,799.28</u>
Total Revenue for FY 1998-99	79,014.15
Disbursements for FY 1998-99	<u>45,684.48</u>
Balance in account as of 6/30/99	\$33,329.67

FISCAL YEAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting held on November 12, 1998

1. New Board members were introduced and reappointments were made. Financial report given by Mary Casto. Balance in the account as of October, 1998 was \$24,242.55. Copier leased. Part-time secretary has been hired. Mary is now using the Purchasing Card for stamps. Grady Bowyer will draft a letter to the licensees regarding the C/E requirements to begin in the year 2000.

Meeting held on June 15, 1999

1. Reappointments were made to the WV Board of Examiners. They are Alice Belmont and Dr. Gary Marano. A task force committee consisting of Mark Wilcox, Grady Bowyer, Eva Hallis and Dennis Roebuck will investigate and discuss the logistics of hiring a licensing inspector i.e. job description, pay scale and research other states' policies and procedures. Financial report as of 4/30/99 showed a balance of \$29,278.47. Postage for the mailing of the newsletter and annual report was \$1,140.00. A survey sent to the licensees resulted in the present system of determining expiration dates of licenses kept in place. The Board voted for a web page to be established and E-mail and Internet access. Upon recommendation of the Board's attorney, an exemption to the Board's Rules & Regulations was granted to two (2) nurses operating bone densitometry equipment at the Greenbrier Clinic.

School Inspections held FY 1998-99

United Hospital Center - Granted an extension of accreditation to five years.

Ohio Valley Medical Center - Granted accreditation of three years with an opportunity to bring the accreditation up to five years after correcting the areas of non-compliance.

Southern WV Community College - awaiting results of accreditation.

Summary of Complaints/Investigations

1. Case #03-98: Physician using a nurse to take x-rays. The doctor changed his policies so that he will be taking the x-rays from now on or have a licensed radiologic technologist take the x-rays. This case was referred to the Nursing Board who took action against the nurse who had been taking x-rays. Case Dismissed.

2. Case #01-99: Technologist convicted of a felony. Licensed revoked. Case Dismissed.

3. Case #02-99. Physician using unlicensed personnel to operate bone densitometry unit. The physician operating this unit. Case Dismissed.

4. Case #5-99: Physician using lab technician to operate bone densitometry unit. When notified that this was against the law, the doctor said he did not realize this and would be operating the unit from now on. Case Dismissed.

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Licenses issued FY 1998-99

Permanent Licenses:	166 issued
Renewal Licenses:	1,118 issued
Reciprocity Licenses:	2 issued
Temporary Licenses:	84 issued
Duplicate Licenses:	5 issued
Reinstatement Fees:	55
Name change Fees:	9
Roster of Licensees	2

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