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NEWSLETTER 2000

This is the fifth newsletter to be published and mailed to the licensees so that they may be better informed of the operations of the Board. We encourage you to submit your comments and recommendations to the address above.

NEW EMPLOYEE

On October 23, 2000, Grady M. Bowyer, R.T. (R) assumed his duties as Executive Director of the Board. Grady brings a wide range of experience to this position. He graduated from the Charleston Memorial Hospital Radiologic Technology training program in 1970. He sat for the boards and became registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in 1970. He worked in the field of Radiologic Technology in Special Procedures at Memorial until August, 1972. At that time, he accepted a position with the West Virginia Department of Health's Radiological Health Program as an inspector of Radiation equipment. In 1992, Grady initiated the inspection protocol for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. In 1994, he became certified as a Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) inspector and performed the FDA's Mammography Inspections in WV. In 1998, he changed positions to the information technology-computer section in his office, where he was responsible for setting up computer networks in the main and regional offices. He voluntarily designed and updated the WVRTBOE's web page.

Grady has served as the representative of his office on the Board since 1992. He served two (2) years as chairman during the recent periods when legislation was being considered. He attended numerous legislative committee meetings during those sessions. He followed the movement of legislation through the process and made himself available on short notice to represent the board.

Members of the Board would like to welcome Grady to this position and ask that the licensees give him their full support.

IMPORTANT CE CHANGES FOR THE YEAR 2001

All licensed technologists are required to submit evidence of **twenty-four (24) hours** of continuing education before licenses are renewed in 2001. To determine what is required, please read the statements below.

If you are **ARRT**, make a copy of your **active ARRT card** showing continuing education requirements have been met. Submit the copy of the card with your application for renewal and fee. This is the only documentation you will need to submit for continuing education.

If you are **non-ARRT**, you must present documentation that you have obtained twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education credit since January 1, 1999. Your two-year window for obtaining the twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education began on January 1, 1999 and ended on December 31, 2000. Therefore, once the CE documentation is submitted for 2001 renewal, you will need to obtain your next twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education sometime between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2003. **The next bi-annum reporting period for continuing education documentation for non-ARRT's after the 2001 renewal will run from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003.**

If the appropriate documentation is not submitted with the renewal application and fee, a renewal license will not be issued until the requirements are met.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Series 3 and 4 were filed in the Secretary of state's office as Procedural Rules instead of Legislative Rules. This was done based on legislation passed by the WV Legislature on November 14, 2000. These rules will become effective on January 15, 2001. These are the same Series 3 and 4 we had out for Public Comment during the month of July, 2000.

Series 1 Rules will be presented to the Legislature next session. The main area of focus for this rule is the establishment of fines for working without a license, working on an expired license or improper display of a license. Not only could the Technologist be fined, but the facility could also be fined.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1999	\$ 33,329.67
Income Received FY 1998-99	<u>109,665.00</u>
Total Revenue for FY 1998-99	\$ 142,994.67
Disbursements for FY 1998-99	<u>64,356.62</u>
Balance in account as of 6/30/00	\$ 78,638.05

FISCAL YEAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting held on November 16, 1999

New Board members introduced. Judith Schreiman, M.D. was appointed from the medical community. Larry Heck and Jean Morris were appointed as Lay members. Minutes and financial statements were approved. Carol's hours were extended to 18 hours per week. Pay raise of 5% were approved for Mary & Carol. Office purchases included a new FAX machine due to Y2K. Lengthy discussion was held

on hiring an inspector/investigator. It was decided Mary would choose the color, paper quality and design for the new licenses.

Meeting held on June 28, 2000

Minutes and financial statement were approved as amended. Mary presented sample of new license design. Will be issued upon renewal of licenses. Travel expense information was clarified to Board members. The hiring of an inspector / investigator was again discussed. The possibility of hiring an Executive Director to perform all functions of the Board was also discussed briefly. Temporary permits will be issued based on the date of application and payment of the required fee. They will be good for twenty-four weeks (6 months) and are not renewable. Attorney Houdeyschell discussed the importance of amending and correcting our Series 1 Rules. It was decided to have a working meeting in July to suggest changes to the Rules and Code. Alice Belmont was elected Chairperson and Susie Bellomy was elected Secretary.

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS HELD FY 1999-00

Camden Clark Memorial Hospital - Granted accreditation to five years, later reduced to three years.

Ohio Valley Medical Center - Request to receive an additional two years of accreditation was denied.

WV University - Granted accreditation for eight years..

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS

1. Case #07-99: Physician using an unlicensed person to take x-rays. Found that person was a licensed technologist. Case dismissed.

2. Case #01-00: Physician using an unlicensed person to take x-rays. Presented copy of individuals license. Case Dismissed.

3. Case #02-00. Notified by ARRT that one of our licensees had his certificate revoked due to a felony conviction. His license in WV is inactive. Notice will be put in his file that his license will be denied if and when he tries to obtain new license.

4. Case #03-00: Physician using unlicensed individual to administer x-rays. Physician takes all of his x-rays. Case Dismissed.

5. Case #04-00: Complaint that Pharmacist was operating Bone Densitometry unit. Unit uses ultrasound, not x-rays. Case Dismissed.

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LICENSES ISSUED FY99-2000

Permanent Licenses:	162 issued
Renewal Licenses:	1,871 issued
Reciprocity Licenses:	0 issued
Temporary Licenses:	85 issued
Duplicate Licenses:	5 issued
Reinstatement Fees:	97
Name change Fees:	5
Roster of Licensees	3

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