

DELAWARE AUTHORITY ON RADIATION PROTECTION
SUMMARY OF MEETING
February 25, 2013
Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy History & Education
27 North Main Street
Smyrna, Delaware

Members Present: (those with checks only)

R. Arm	√	F. Fisher-Tyler	√	K. Musto	√
F. Esposito	√	W. Holden	√	K. Neelans	√
L. Fox	√	I. Turner	√	D. Smith	√
E. De Whitt	√	T. May	√	D. Tilton	√
J. Dill	√	N. Melikechi		R. Wier, Jr.	

Guests:

R. Brinsfield	√	L. Terry-Graham	√	N. Henry	
R. Mims		K. Shaughnessy	√		

W. Fendt

F. Esposito, Authority Chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

I. AGENDA ADOPTED

E. DeWhitt moved to approve the agenda, R. Arm seconded, and all members voted in favor of accepting. The motion was approved.

II. MINUTES

J. Dill moved to approve minutes of the Dec 3, 2012 meeting, D. Tilton seconded, and all members voted in favor of accepting. The motion was approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair F. Esposito thanked the members of the Authority for their continued service and contributions to radiation protection for all Delawareans. She introduced the newest appointee to the Authority, Mr. Ivan Turner of the DuPont Company for the Industry, Non-Medical seat, and then all present introduced themselves. Dr. Esposito briefly reviewed the Authority Accomplishments for 2012, which she described as substantial and quite positive. She also addressed the draft roster of committee assignments and encouraged members to contact the committee chairpersons if they would like to make any changes to their assignments. In addition, she shared that she met with the Deputy Director of the Division of Public Health on Feb 15 to discuss Authority fee

revenue/allocating additional resources to ORC, and would report on progress at the next quarterly meeting.

IV. Informational Updates

Nominating Committee Updates

Committee Chair W. Holden provided an update on the Authority nominating committee activities. He reported that with appointment of Mr. Ivan Turner, the board roster is complete and there are no vacancies. He indicated that new members had been provided copies of recent meeting minutes, the Authority By-laws and Strategic Plan and encouraged all the members to welcome and provide assistance to the newest members of the Authority – Mr. Richard Wier and Mr. Ivan Turner. The members of the Nominating Committee include W. Holden, F. Esposito and R. Arm.

Public Education Committee Update

Committee Chair D. Smith provided an update on the Public Education Committee. He reported that a volunteer Authority webmaster had been identified, and that the group will be starting up in 2013. The members of the Public Education include D. Smith, N. Melikechi, R. Wier and I. Turner.

Certification Committee Update

Committee Chair L. Fox reported that the Certification Committee activities for 2013 will primarily be focused on review and amendment of the Radiation Technologist/Technician Certification Regulation No. 4466. The Certification Committee members include L. Fox, R. Arm, J. Dill and K. Neelans. F. Fisher-Tyler reported that ORC requested a report of state dental exam pass rates, from the Dental Assisting National Board in late 2012, and she would distribute it to the membership.

Mr. Wier shared that in his consulting capacity, he reviewed the Delaware State Dental Society procedures for hiring radiation technologists & technicians, being mindful of the Authority certification requirements. D. Arm shared that the emergence of Cone Beam CT procedures presenting relative radiation dose in excess of routine bite-wing or panorex procedures may not yet be an exposure issue in Delaware. He indicated that the cone beam CT is not covered by medical insurance, and most dental plans do not cover it. He indicated that he would keep the Authority informed of any developments, as they occur.

ACTION ITEM: Distribute report on the Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology Exam comparison with other state exam results with the membership, F. Fisher-Tyler.

Regulations Task Force

F. Fisher-Tyler reported that the task force met on February 15, 2013 to discuss Phase 2 of the comprehensive review of Delaware Radiation Control Regulations, and provided a copy of the task force meeting notes. She reported that the task force agreed to review Part A General Provisions, Part B Registration of Radiation Source

Facilities and Service Providers, and 4466 Certification of Radiation Technologist/Technicians. She reported that the task force reviewed Parts A & B on February 25, identified action items for resolution, and would be meeting again prior to the next quarterly Authority meeting in April.

ACTION ITEMS: Report out on Regulations Task Force – Phase 2 progress at April Authority meeting, Chair F. Esposito

Report out on Regulations Phase 1 proposed rule progress at April Authority meeting, F. Fisher-Tyler

V. Discussion Items:

Authority Chair F. Esposito led a discussion of the Strategic Plan, which the Authority is obligated to review at the first meeting of every calendar year, per the Bylaws. The strategic plan and bylaws were provided in handouts to all present. Wording changes were suggested, and format for change management showing initial approval date and date of each annual review were agreed upon. F. Esposito agreed to provide the revised Strategic Plan in the Annual Report to the Governor, on activities of the Authority in state Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.

ACTION ITEM: Revise Strategic Plan, and circulate to Authority membership for comment, F. Fisher-Tyler

ACTION ITEM: Upon approval, incorporate revised Strategic Plan in Report to Governor, F. Esposito

VI. New Business – Radiation Technologist Sanction

F. Fisher-Tyler led a discussion of two proposed actions for Authority decision-making. A backgrounder on past Authority sanctions actions, and case information on two individuals were handed out for discussion. D. Smith suggested in future that such materials handed out for Authority deliberation be printed on colored paper, to make them simpler to collect after vote is taken. Each case was reviewed by the Authority, with discussion. D. Smith introduced a motion to annul the state Radiologic Technologist certificate for Mr. Bryan Blackburn, L. Fox seconded and all voted in favor. The motion was approved. K. Musto introduced a motion to annul the state Radiologic Technologist certificate for Mr. James Hemric, II, K. Neelans seconded, and all voted in favor. The motion was approved.

ACTION ITEM: Issue letters to the two individuals whose certificates were annulled by the Authority, F. Fisher-Tyler.

VII Public Comments

There were no public comments submitted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

F. Esposito introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting, D. Tilton seconded and all voted in favor. The motion was approved. The Authority on Radiation Protection was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 29, at 5 pm at the Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy History & Education in Smyrna, DE.

Respectfully submitted,

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