

DELAWARE AUTHORITY ON RADIATION PROTECTION
SUMMARY OF MEETING
February 27, 2012
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	√	C. Krikelis	√	D. Smith	√
E. De Whitt	√	T. May	√	D. Tilton	√
J. Dill	√	N. Melikechi	√		

Others Present:

R. Brinsfield	√	L. Terry-Graham	√	N. Henry	√
R. Mims	√	W. Fendt	√	C. Milazzo	√

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

I. AGENDA ADOPTED

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

II. MINUTES

C. Krikelis moved to approve minutes of the November 14, 2011 Authority meeting, R. Arm introduced a friendly amendment to make a correction, 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 informed the attendees that a letter was written to Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Secretary Rita Landgraf in January 2012, requesting a meeting to discuss allocation of Authority fee revenue and continuing resource needs for the Office of Radiation Control. She indicated that a meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2012 with Deputy Secretary Henry Smith. She also asked all present to introduce themselves, for the benefit of guests and newcomers.

Action Item: Distribute Chair Esposito January 2012 letter to Secretary Landgraf to the membership, F. Fisher-Tyler.

IV. OFFICE OF RADIATION CONTROL (ORC)

F. Fisher-Tyler provided an overview of ORC activities and monitoring reports. She briefly summarized the reports as follows: Radiation Control Program Report, Inspection Report for calendar years 2010, 2011 and 2012 YTD, and ORC Monitoring Reports addressing regulatory/permit & licensure activities for calendar year 2011, and 2012 YTD. She provided an overview the newly revised inspection report format, and directed the members to the summary text on initiative to improve inspection performance metrics in the Radiation Control Program Report. She indicated that she would be happy to entertain questions at the meeting, or via email after the meeting. She also commended R. Brinsfield for preparing the detailed inspection reports.

The Authority meeting dates were confirmed for 2012: same meeting venue and time as this meeting: April 2, September 10, December 3, at the Harry Levin Center in Smyrna, Delaware, 6-8 pm.

V. Informational Updates

W. Holden, Chair of the Nominating Task Force, introduced Mr. Charles Milazzo, who was invited to observe the Authority proceedings in prelude to becoming a nominee for appointment to the Industry/Non-medical vacancy. Mr. Milazzo has 40 years of experience in the insurance industry, working in risk management and loss control for multiple insurance carriers, agencies, and independent consulting firms. He has considerable experience in radiation protection matters and medical malpractice insurance. His educational background includes degrees in chemistry, mathematics and safety sciences. Mr. Milazzo is a Certified Safety Professional, a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, and is currently Chairman of the local section of the American Society of Safety Engineers in northern Delaware.

T. May, representative of the Secretary, Health & Social Services, introduced Ms. Rae Mims to the Authority membership. Ms. Mims is the newly assigned Deputy Attorney General who will provide legal counsel to the Authority on Radiation-Protection. Ms. Mims was born and raised here in Dover, and now lives in Milford. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park and a JD degree from the Widener School of Law. Ms. Mims has been a Deputy Attorney General for over four years, and before that time, she prosecuted misdemeanor and felony criminal cases in both Kent and Sussex Counties. Prior to joining the Delaware Attorney General's Office, she worked for the national disability law firm of Binder & Binder out of their Philadelphia office.

N. Melikechi, Past Chair of the Authority, reported that the student volunteer "webmaster" for the Authority webpage (www.deradiationprotection.org) has graduated and moved on in life. He reported that he would identify another candidate. The question was asked whether the student had received recognition for her contributions to the Authority, and Dr. Esposito reported that she donated an Amazon Gift Card to go with the Certificate of Appreciation signed by Dr. Melikechi. Current members of the

Public Education Task Force that review content to be posted to the webpage include K. Neelans, J. Dill, Dr. Melikechi and Dr. Esposito.

Action Item: A member willing to take the lead for review of new content is needed, contact N. Melikechi if interested. In the meantime, another student willing to act as webmaster will be identified, N. Melikechi.

L. Fox reported that the Certification Standing Committee has items on the table for review this year, including review of application fees, consideration of requests for recognition of credentials from the American Society of Chiropractic Technologists and the ISCD (offering certification in bone densitometry). She also summarized the terms of the recent amendment to the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) contract, for test administration of the Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology Examination. She reported that the exam fee would rise effective April 1, 2012 and each year until 2015, when the Delaware exam will be phased out. DANB had established the agreement with Delaware based on pricing it had negotiated with New Jersey which also contracted with DANB to give their state exam. New Jersey has retired their state exam and applicants must pass the DANB Radiologic Safety & Health (RHS) exam to be eligible for state licensure. After 2015, the same arrangement will be in place for Delaware. Use of the DANB RHS exam provides applicants more flexibility, as it is recognized for licensure in several states (DE, NJ, MD and many more), and serves as one of three major requirements for those applicants seeking to become nationally-credentialled Certified Dental Assistants.

F. Fisher-Tyler reported that in following up on an open action item from the previous Authority meeting, the office had been contacted in early November 2011 by Dr. Rafetto of the Delaware State Dental Society with a request for the Authority to consider implementing a fee to allow a Dental Radiation Technician whose certificate has lapsed into terminated status (180 days post expiration date) to allow reinstatement of the certificate in lieu of retesting for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) certification exam. F. Fisher-Tyler reported that she has not received the necessary request in writing from Dr. Rafetto.

Action Item: Hold a conference call to discuss Certification Committee business, L. Fox

L. Fox introduced a motion to establish the Certification Committee as an official ad hoc task force, to be consistent with the new Authority Bylaws. R. Arm seconded, and all members voted in favor of accepting. The motion was approved.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

R. Arm initiated an open discussion of a draft strategic plan forwarded to the membership prior to the meeting, by the Strategic Plan Task Force whose members include D. Smith, R. Arm and F. Fisher-Tyler. C. Krikelis reported that he had preserved the content but pasted it into a reformatted version. The reformatted version

was copied and handed out to all present, prior to discussion. The strategic plan draft was discussed at length, changes were identified and read out to the members, and R. Arm introduced a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as amended, D. Smith seconded, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Action Item: Distribute the approved Strategic Plan, F. Fisher-Tyler

C. Krikelis introduced a motion to approve the draft 2011 Authority Accomplishments, which had been forwarded to the membership prior to the meeting. N. Melikechi seconded, and all voted to approve. The motion passed.

Action Item: Distribute the approved 2011 Accomplishments, F. Fisher-Tyler

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Fendt, Radiation Safety Officer for the University of Delaware, attending as a public member, provided an update on the variance for use of a hand-held x-ray device in laboratory experiments. The Authority approved the variance in 2011, with specific conditions and requirements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

C. Krikelis moved to adjourn the meeting, R. Arm seconded and all voted to accept. The motion was approved. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012 from 6 – 8:30 pm at the Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy Education, 27 N. Main Street, Smyrna, DE 19977.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Fisher-Tyler, Administrator, Office of Radiation Control
Executive Secretary,
Authority on Radiation Protection