

**ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

**STUDENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

JULY 18, 2006

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Jane Powell, President

Pat Turman, Consumer Representative

Sherron West, Senior Citizen

Kathy Wittum, Director

PURPOSE

This Committee was called by the State Board of Cosmetology President at the encouragement of Senator Steve Faris as a measure to establish communication with cosmetology students, including currently enrolled students and recent licensees who have graduated within the past six (6) months.

During the May 15, 2006 board meeting, President Powell officially called the Committee and assigned Ms. Turman and Ms. West. These board members were chosen to participate in this effort because of the nature of their appointments to the Board. They are not cosmetologist; therefore, they are non-examining board members and would protect the integrity of the examination process.

HISTORY

The Committee initially met on June 14, 2006 to begin developing the application and formulating the selection process. A few school owners and students attended the initial meeting and raised concerns upon hearing the selection method that had been drafted by Director Wittum. The Committee chose to delay making a final decision on how best to select the Committee participants until careful consideration could be given to the suggestions and concerns voiced by the public.

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Arkansas Real Estate Commission's meeting room located at 612 South Summit Street in Little Rock. All members were present. Also in attendance was Kerrie Lauck, Staff Attorney at the Bureau of Legislative Research. A public notice was published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and sent to all cosmetology schools; however, no additional persons attended the meeting today.

Director Wittum stated that her review of the minutes from the initial meeting revealed that trust (or the lack thereof) was the deterring factor in the ability to move forward with this project. The Board's desire was to ensure all students were given equal opportunity to participate in the application process while the school owners/students from the initial meeting were concerned for the Board to have complete control at choosing those who would participate – at least during the first selection process.

For this reason, Director Wittum suggested utilizing a lottery system to prompt a more objective selection process. She presented copies of drafted letters (*attached*) that could be sent directly to currently enrolled students and recent licensees who have graduated in the past six (6) months. These letters would explain the purpose of the Committee, how to apply and the selection process. The letters would also include an application on the back for those interested in applying. She explained the applications could be sorted upon receipt by the following criteria: 1) currently enrolled vs. recent licensee; 2) course of study; and 3) congressional district. Director Wittum also informed Committee members that a letter could be sent to the cosmetology schools encouraging them to support any student who desired to participate in this effort. In addition, a random drawing could be held during the September board meeting for the Committee positions to be filled. The Committee also discussed enlisting the Mainstreet Mall security guard as the person to draw the names, if possible.

The Committee members agreed this would be a more objective selection method. A discussion followed concerning the following corrections to make in the letters: 1) change the deadline date in both letters to September 1, 2006; and 2) change the language in the application for recent licensee to reflect their post-school status, as the language in the draft referred to a currently enrolled student.

The Committee members gave Director Wittum permission to distribute these letters. In response to questions concerning when the letters would be distributed Director Wittum informed Committee members that she anticipated them being mailed by the end of July.

A discussion followed concerning the importance of beginning to work directly with cosmetology students in order to establish trust and foster self-esteem and professional skills.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wittum, Director
July 21, 2006