The regular meeting of the Speech and Hearing Professionals Advisory Committee was held on April 16, 2014 at 3:00 PM. The meeting was chaired by Lynne Hebert-Remson and minutes recorded by Melanie Rogers.

Committee Members in Attendance: Robert Baber, Jean Brown, Lynne Hebert-Remson, Lynn Meyer, Michele Michaels (by phone), Thomas Rigo, Melanie Rogers, Allen Rohe

Committee Members Absent: Michael Fucci, Mark Symms

Meeting convened at 3:07 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the January, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Corrections to be made on the date on the minutes, change the acronym HIS to IHS. Mr. Baber moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rohe. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Remson opened the table for comments. No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

It was decided to provide certificates of appreciation to Joel Cmiel and Rohno Geppert for their service to the committee. Decision was made to invite Mr. Geppert to the next meeting.

Discussion regarding the end of Dr. Remson’s term and the need for a new chair at July 2014 meeting. Dr. Rigo nominated Dr. Rohe to become the new chair. Mr. Baber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding 2 Hearing Aid Dispenser applicants for the one opening on the committee. Applicants were Jill Klein and James Cvetko. Ms. Michaels moved to accept Ms. Klein. Motion died due to no second. Applications were reviewed by committee and input from members familiar with candidates was provided. Dr. Rigo moved to accept Mr. Cvetko. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion. Vote was 5 for / 2 against. Motion passed.

Dr. Rohe asked about a plan for future vacancies. Dr. Rohe made a motion to create a working group to create a procedure for filling vacancies on the committee. Mr. Baber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Rohe made a motion to select members for the working group. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. Members selected were Ms. Meyer, Dr. Brown, Dr. Rohe and Ms. Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gibson discussed the Rules Stakeholder group and shared that the final draft of the Rules were on the website for 30 day comment until the end of May. At that time, comments will be reviewed and attempted to be included. There will be one final request for comments. So far, comments have been minimal. The rules will go into effect July 1, 2014.
Mr. Gibson shared information about the 2013 HAD exams, which have been closed. In October, a different process will be in place for disputed exams because of new rules which will go into effect.

Mr. Gibson shared that there are 2 versions of the HAD bill of sale (short and long) which will be available. Per statute, the short form is all that is required, but the long form provides additional information. He is interested in comments about the bills of sale.

Mr. Gibson agreed to create a survey monkey survey / letter to send out to licensees regarding exam changes and request for comments. The survey will be sent by Friday of this week.

Mr. Gibson said that the last working group meeting went well and should be able to share some information with the examination working group to help that group. Dr. Rohe asked if he could see the notes from that meeting.

Mr. Gibson shared that the same 2 enforcements are still within the 30 day grace period. If they do not attempt to renew, their licenses will be revoked.

Dr. Remson opened the table for comments.

Mr. Baber asked about the fees collected per applicant for the HAD exam, and wondered where the fees went and if they would be adjusted with the new examinations. Mr. Gibson stated that the exam fee was in the Rules and had never been discussed. He suggested Mr. Baber write an email with his concerns, or place in the comments about the new rules.

It was noted that both medical doctor’s terms end June 30, 2014.

No Confidential Session items on the agenda.

Ms. Meyers moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Rohe seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.