

Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
October 24, 2020 - 10:00 AM
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Gaye Brunson, Chair; Yolanda Bennett; Larry Broussard; Angela Foley; Beverly Ogden; Richard Bridges; Morteza Vaziri; Shannon Skena; Ashley Ware; Michele Werner; Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director.

Guests Present: Patsy Jarreau, Director of CLP; Mark Birenbaum (AAB); Patricia Wilton (Board Attorney); Michael Stout (AAB); John Koch (AAB); Carey Koch (AAB); Susie Allen (LSBME), Tammy Schalue (AAB); Waddell (LHA); Alexa Little (CLIA Consultant); Jerry Phillips;

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chair Brunson. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of last meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the November 2, 2019 meeting with date change. Motion made by Michele Werner, second by Angela Foley. Unanimous approval by committee.

III. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and stated their position on the committee. All visitors introduced themselves and stated the name of the organization they represented.

IV. Appointments

Ex. Officio Board Member: Gaye Brunson proposed that Dr. Culotta act as the LSBME Ex-Officio member of the committee.

Dr. Culotta accepted and committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

MLT position on Committee: One MLT has been nominated. Patsy Jarreau will send email to all licensed Technicians asking all interested individuals to contact her. The nominating associations will also be notified and asked to submit their nominees by November 30.

V. Office Update

Approximately 2000 licenses were granted in 2020. The difficulties encountered due to COVID-19 led the Board to extend the term of the temporary permit to 5 months. This allowed more time for background checks and certification examination results to be received by the Board. Continuing education requirements for 2020 were waived by the Board. COVID-related information is posted on the LSBME website. Continuing Education seminars continue to be offered by LSU Health Sciences Center. E-mail updates are sent to all licensed personnel. CE Broker will be phased in to ensure all updates are handled appropriately. Claudette Ashford is new analyst.

VI. Rules Revision Taskforce Update

Dr. Culotta, Patsy Jarreau and Angela Foley will meet to finalize revisions The Board will type the proposed changes for review by the committee. After approval by the committee, the updated Rules will be sent to the Board.

VII. Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics from several laboratory organizations (ASCLS, AMT, AAB) were reviewed. Jessica Lassiter moved that the committee adopt the code of ethics from ASCLS. Shannon Skena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Grossing Tissues

Dr. Ogden has had requests from dermatologists regarding grossing tissues in their offices. Dr. Ogden asked to table this issue until the next meeting so that she can do further research on the issue.

IX. Orientation Material Review

Susie Allen asked the committee to review the orientation materials and examination. Several of the current questions were discussed. The committee tabled changing the questions until the orientation materials and questions have been reviewed by the committee and new questions written to replace those that need to be edited or omitted. Gaye Brunson asked each committee member to submit new questions by December 15 to expand the examination question bank. Susie will review edits and submit to IT.

X. Other Business

Discussion regarding the current requirement that lab assistant competency checklists be set to the board annually. Recommendation by the committee that the LA competency checklist only needs to be updated when competencies are added. Patsy stated that updated competency checklists should be kept on file by the laboratory. Patsy will update the LA competency checklist to reflect this recommendation.

XI. Executive Session

Motion by Michele Werner to enter into executive session. Second by Shannon Skena. Motion passed unanimously.

Case 2020-213

Action - Deny current application for licensure and recommend Investigations explain all ramifications and options to applicant. Moved so by Shannon Skena, second by Jessica Lassiter. Motion passed unanimously.

Case 2020-478

Action –Grant licensure with 3-year probation and mandatory random drug screening. Moved so by Shannon Skena, second by Richard Bridges. Motion passed unanimously.

Case 2020-827

Action - Deny license with no further attempts to apply for license allowed in perpetuity. Moved so by Morteza Vaziri and second by Beverly Ogden. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Morteza Viziri and second by Beverly Ogden to accept committee recommendations on all investigations. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Next meeting dates:

01/16/2021, 5/15/2021, 10/23/2021

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 12:10pm by Michele Werner, second by Beverly Ogden. Motion passed unanimously.