

Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners
2829 University Avenue South East, Suite 315
Minneapolis, MN 55414

January 11, 2010, BOARD MEETING

The Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners met on January 11, 2010, at 2829 University Avenue South East, Minneapolis, MN 55414; First Floor, University Room. Board Members present: Frank Plant, Doug Klemenhagen, Mike Vekich and Jon Stone

Call to Order

Chairperson Plant called to order the meeting at 11:03 a.m.
Chairperson Plant introduced new board member, Jon Stone.

Amend or Approve Agenda

Member Vekich made a motion to approve the agenda.
Member Klemenhagen seconded the motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Abstain 1
Motion carried

Amend or Approve Minutes

Member Klemenhagen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Member Vekich seconded the motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Abstain 1
Motion carried

New Business

- A. Examinations: February 1, 2010 exams will be held at the MN School of Barbering. Going forward, Ms. Peggy Schmidt and Ms. Teri Mau have graciously offered the use of their facilities at NO COST to the board. The board thanks them for the offer and accepts.
- B. changes to Bylaws: Executive Secretary, Keith Maurer has incorporated the suggestions made by board members and provided them with a final draft for review. The final draft will be available to the public for 30 days and voted on by the board members at the next regular meeting of the BBE.
- C. Election of officers: This topic has been tabled until final approval of bylaws as one of the changes is in reference to who may chair the board.

Public Comments

Mr. Battles, a former barber stated that he tried to renew in 2002 and was denied because he was 2 days late. He indicated that due to a tremendous snow storm, he and the 11 children he took to Ohio for a funeral were stranded on the Interstate for two days.

As Mr. Battles did not submit his request to be on the agenda 10 days in advance, the BBE has had no time to pull archived records. Mr. Battles has been directed to stop by the office at the conclusion of this meeting to receive the necessary paper work to be submitted to be on the agenda for the next public board meeting.

Correspondence

- A. CK Instructor courses: CK of Central Beauty School stated that previously she had been approved to teach the barber instructor courses through the combined board.
Member Vekich made a motion to accept this request.
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion.
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried
- B. MC Fee waiver for Master Barber Exam: No supporting documentation was provided to substantiate this individual's request to have the fee from the previous exam rolled over to the February exam.
Member Vekich made a motion to deny this request.
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion.
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried
- C. AE waiver of Master Renewal fee: Requestor states he was granted his license through reciprocity and was unaware of the time constraints regarding renewal. He was not in MN due to his father's lengthy illness and subsequent death from cancer.
Member Vekich made a motion to allow this ONE TIME exemption and, stated for the record that this individual will not be granted this privilege again.
Member Stone seconded this motion.
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried.
Individual was instructed to come to the office to complete renewal and make payment upon conclusion of the board meeting.
- D. PD waiver of requirement to retest for apprentice exam. Individual is incarcerated. Documentation provided showed that the individual made the request for payment to be remitted to the BBCE on 12/23/08. Faribault Correctional Facility did not issue payment until 1/2/2009. Individual's renewal and payment was returned along with a letter indicating that he had not met the timelines and would therefore need to retest. Staff recommendation is to grant this waiver as the individual made a good faith effort to comply but had no control over when the payment would be released.
Member Vekich made a motion to grant this waiver and to remove any ensuing late fees. He will need to pay the renewal fees only to become current.
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried

- E. CT waiver of apprentice renewal fee due to lack of funds. Extension of 4 year apprenticeship due to incarceration. Requestor says he has no job or money and is incarcerated.
Member Vekich made a motion to deny this request
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried
- F. Peggy Schmidt & Teri Mau: Free use of schools for exam purposes.
Member Vekich made a motion to accept this offer
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried
- G. RF Fees are excessive. Requestor would like renewal fees to be reduced for retirees who want to maintain license. Staff recommendation: no action at this time; legislative action required. The requestor's comments have been duly noted.
- H. AH. Reciprocity. Ethiopian refugee came to US fleeing persecution; unable to verify whether Ethiopia would grant MN residents reciprocity. Requesting to be allowed to sit for the Master Exam. Staff recommendation: possibility of granting apprenticeship and after completion of 1500 hour requirement be allowed to sit for Master.
Instructor Peggy Schmidt offered: that the educational requirements in particular, regarding sanitation requirements are not taught.
Member Vekich made a motion to deny this request and that the individual will need to attend a barber program, complete all requirements and test.
Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion
Ayes 3
Nays 0
Motion carried
- I. WD/JM: Exam at Moose Lake: The instructors from the correctional facilities would like to request to hold an exam the second week of March, 2010. Possibly 4-5 students. The board has asked to resubmit request when more students will be eligible to test. Discussion on this matter included options or Pro Bono work by board members, the lack of funding on behalf of the board and the fact that the board prefers 6 or more students.

Unfinished Business

- A. The board was presented, for review, the new forms for public comments and variance requests. Member Vekich noted one edit. The statement "Please read this entire form carefully and follow all directions. you may attach information to support your request. Requests other than public comments must be submitted at least ten days prior to the meeting" needs to be included on the Petition for Variance From A Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners Rule form.
- B. Website. IT has indicated that the site will go live on Friday of this week and will have multiple options for viewing forms, minutes, etc.

Executive Secretary Report

Executive Secretary, Keith Maurer, formally noted that his last day will be February 16, 2010 and that he has accepted a position with the Department of Labor and Industry.

The budget shortfall has led to the lay-off of one OAS position within the Board. The budget shortfall was discussed at length with Juli Vangsness and the Board members. Keith Maurer and Juli Vangsness will present options at the Special Meeting to be held January 25, 2010.

Schedule and Notification of Upcoming Board Schedule

Special Meeting: January 25, 2010. Plaza Room 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Plant called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Member Vekich made a motion

Member Klemenhagen seconded this motion

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Motion carried.