

**North Dakota Board of Dietetic Practice Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**  
**Teleconference Meeting**  
**3:00 – 4:15 pm (CDT)**

Board Members Present: Linda Nudell, Georgianna Walker, Kathy Larson (3:40 – 4:15), Vanessa Hoines (3:00-3:30), and Rita Ussatis

Also present: NDBODP Executive Secretary – Pat Anderson

**I. Call to Order**

Chair, Walker called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda as distributed was approved.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2013 Meeting**

The October 16, 2013 minutes were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary.

**IV. Correspondence**

- a. **Jason R. Barnes** – An email had been received on 1/23/2014 inquiring what would be required for an out of state (CO) Doctor of Chiropractic to provide nutrition-related seminars and recommendations in ND. Walker reported that she had asked Edward Erickson to provide counsel regarding this inquiry. The response from Edward was distributed to the Board. Action: Walker and Anderson will reply to Barnes.
  
- b. **LN Application from Michelle Smith-Hawley** – Ms. Smith-Hawley has applied for a license as a nutritionist. She completed a degree in dietetics and nutrition in Jamaica. Rita put forth the question – is this college in Jamaica accredited? Action: If she can provide documentation that she graduated with a degree in dietetics and nutrition the Board will license her. Her curriculum has been evaluated by World Education Services and the credential evaluation and authentication report support U.S. Equivalency – Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Future agenda item: The Board needs to review the criteria that have been put into place for determining what courses are needed for granting a license to a nutritionist.

- c. **Liz Lipski** – An email had been received from Liz Lipski on January 27, 2014 with questions about what the limitations would be to practice as a licensed nutritionist vs. a licensed dietitian. Their graduates with a MS in Nutrition and Integrative Health Program from Maryland University of Integrative Health would be eligible to become a licensed nutritionist but not a licensed dietitian.

The Board concurred that according to the dietetic practice statute that their graduates would meet the requirements to be licensed as a nutritionist in ND and that the scope of practice would be limited a licensed nutritionist. Action: Walker will respond to Lipski.

**d. Edward Erickson's Recommendations for Complaints**

1. Anderson received an email from Bev Benda on Dec. 17, 2013 regarding a concern over a "certified nutrition coach" in Bismarck. Anderson forwarded the complaint to Edward Erickson per our complaint policy. The Board reviewed the concern from Benda and the response from Erickson. Action: A letter will be sent to Benda from the Board informing her of the opinion from our legal counsel. It was recommended that the Board also ask her for permission to pass the concern along to the Bismarck Academy and that if she would want to pursue this further the Board could send a letter to the Bismarck Academy. The letter to the Bismarck Academy could inform them of Benda's concern and that we wanted them to be aware of it and what our legal counsel has recommended. Action: Walker will respond to Benda.
2. A complaint had been received from Anne Bodensteiner on October 31, 2013 regarding consulting for diabetic diets advertised by Danielle Irving on her web site. Anderson forwarded the complaint to Edward Erickson per our complaint policy.

The Board reviewed the recommendation from Erickson and Irving's website was viewed. The Board concurred that a letter needs to be sent to her from Erickson as counseling for diabetic diets and ADHD falls within the realm of a dietitian. Action: Walker will write the letter.

**V. Other Business - Sponsorship request from NDAND and NDNC**

The sponsorship request from NDAND and NDNC has not been officially received but previously the Board had approved \$3000 each to both organizations if the sponsorship application was completed by both organizations. Nudell moved that if everything is in order on the sponsorship applications that Anderson is authorized to make the disbursements without further Board discussion. Ussatis seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**VI. Next Board Meeting Date**

Tentatively a teleconference board meeting was established for May 14 at 3 pm CDT. Pat will check with Hoines to determine if that date/time will work for her.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Anderson

**NDBODP Executive Secretary**