

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF HEARING AID DEALER EXAMINERS  
APRIL 7, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. in Conference Center Room 6 located in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and established a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

**Members Present:**

Robert H. Payne, H.A.D, Chairman  
Allen Reese, H.A.D.  
Richard Miyamoto, M.D.  
Anthony Gigli, Consumer Member

**Members Absent:**

Martha A. Schmidt, H.A.D., Vice-Chair

**Staff Present:**

Valerie L. Jones, Committee Director  
Ronnie Saunders, Committee Assistant Director  
Kevin McDowell, Deputy Attorney General

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

GIGLI/REESE  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2009**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, of the July 8, 2009 meeting of the Committee.

REESE/GIGLI  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**IV. PERSONAL APPERANCES**

**A. Melody Rae Maddox, SHAD Applicant**

Ms. Maddox failed to appear before the Board to discuss the positive response on her renewal application.

A motion was made and seconded was made that a SHAD shall not be issued until she personally appears before the Committee.

REESE/GIGLI  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**B. Larry J. Arel, SHAD Applicant**

Mr. Arel failed to appear before the Board to discuss the positive response on his renewal application.

A motion was made to request additional information regarding the positive response and appear before the Committee before a SHAD shall not be issued until he personally appears before the Committee.

GIGLI/REESE  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Written Exam Discussion**

The Committee discussed the passing rates on the written exam. Mr. Reese informed the Committee that he would contact the executive director of the IHS in order to obtain a copy of written exam to review at the next meeting.

**B. Practical Exam Discussion**

The Committee discussed the idea of delegating the practical exam to the Indiana Hearing Aid Alliance (IHAA). Mr. Reese is meeting with IHAA later this month to discuss IHAA's ability to offer the practical exam. Mr. Reese believes that at the end of 2010 they will be able to present a presentation of services to the Committee in early 2011.

**C. Audiology Supervisors**

The Committee discussed whether audiologist need to hold a HAD registration in order to supervise student hearing aid dealers.

A motion was made and seconded that that audiologist wanting to supervise SHAD must hold a HAD registration however they will not be required to take the written or practical examination.

GIGLI/REESE  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**D. Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) Committee Discussion**

The Committee discussed the top five (5) issues needing to be addressed by the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC).

The Committee determined that the following are the top five (5) issues facing the committee to ensure patient safety and consumer protection:

1. First and last line of accreditation between student hearing aid dealers and the hearing impaired public.
2. Review application to ensure minimal professional conduct standards are met.
3. Conduct personal appearances to review applicant training and preparation to enter competently into the profession.
4. Administer both a written and practical exam that shows professional competence to fit hearing aids.
5. Require and review continuing education to ensure the continued quality of professionals practicing within the field.

**E. Role of Committee Chairman**

Mr. Payne discussed the role of the committee chairman and its future role of liaison to the Indiana Hearing Aid Alliance (“Alliance”). Mr. Payne discussed whether his profession as an Audiologist would be viewed as adversarial to the Alliance. Mr. Payne suggested that a committee member working solely as a hearing aid dealer should be chair. Mr. Payne suggested that this issue should be discussed at the next meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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**Robert H. Payne, H.A.D.**  
**Chairman, Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners**

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**Date**