

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2003**

Thursday, January 9, 2003

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 1, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter; Jennie Gregory; Rob Hill; and Jennifer Parks.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Jennifer Coleman and Nancy Worthen.

Others present: Rob Jordan, PT, APTA Legislative Chair and Rob Tillman, PT.

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

- The minutes of the October 15, 2002 regular meeting were approved as amended.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to conduct the hearing on the matter of Idumange Theophilus Idumange.

- The meeting proceeded at 12:45.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**• Financials**

- As of 12/30/02 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported of \$32,760.01
- As of 12/30/02 Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit has a balance of \$29,770.86.
- As of 12/30/02 Regions certificate of deposit has a balance of \$76,651.42.
- As of 12/30/02 Money Market Funds total \$144,334.48

**Total Assets - \$283,516.77**

The financial report was approved as presented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**• Licensure Information**

**Individuals licensed since the 10/15/02 meeting:**

- Total 11 PT's - By exam: 2	Reciprocity: 9
- Total 7 PTA's - By exam: 5	Reciprocity: 2

**INQUIRIES & COMPLAINT**

**• The Matter of Michael Teston, PT**

As agreed upon in the October meeting, the Board prepared a Declaratory Order regarding the complaint filed against Teston by the AR Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The AR Board of Chiropractic Examiners held a hearing and determined Teston was in violation of their practice act. He was fined \$10,000.00. On behalf of the PT Board, Seth will send a letter to the Chiropractic Board to further address the declaratory order submitted in the matter of Michael Teston and offer to attend the next meeting.

**• Wayne Baker Complaint – Dr. Bud Dickson**

– The medical board met in December and one of the agenda items was the complaint against Dr. Bud Dickson. They determined further investigation was needed. The matter will be discussed again at the February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Sherry Lynn Ray Complaint – Dr. Bud Dickson**

– A complaint was received from Sherry Lynn Ray against Dr. Bud Dickson. She states she was referred to Dr. Dickson’s therapist, Devia McAteer for a problem with her left elbow. After surgery she requested to go to a physical therapist closer to her home and Dr. Dickson refused the request. She has since discontinued visits with Devia McAteer but continues to have problems with her elbow. She was not made aware that a non-licensed person was doing the treatment. (McAteer is not a licensed physical therapist).

The complaint was faxed to the Medical Board the day of receipt.

- **The Matter of William K. Williams**

– Due to the death of William’s attorney, a 60 day extension was granted by the court.

- **Leann Drain Complaint – Fred Thompson, PT**

- With no additional information presented, the motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the case due to lack of information.

- **Charles Wilkie**

- Mr. Wilkie withdrew his application for licensure rather than meet at the board’s office for a personal interview.

- **The Matter of Phillip Bass**

- No violation of physical therapy was found. A letter of inquiry will be sent to Mr. Bass.

- **Liz Ann Atkinson**

- There has been an allegation that Atkinson is not mentally competent to provide physical therapy services. Based on current information, a court has not declared her incompetent. If she submits continuing education requirements and a renewal application, Jennie Gregory will re-file a complaint.

- **The Matter of Suzanne Bennett**

- Due to miscalculation on her part Suzanne Bennett lacks .25 of continuing education. She requested to complete the remainder before licensure renewal. The motion was made, seconded and passed that she be allowed to complete the requirements before Mach 1, 2003.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Ethics Course or Testing for Licensure Renewal**

- Jennifer Coleman will continue gathering of information about offering the exam. One specific inquiry will involve checking with FSBPT on progress of the Florida pilot exam.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **APTA Legislature**

- Rob Jordan and Rob Tillman addressed the board concerning the recent Michael Teston hearing. They requested the board consider the definition they propose for physical therapy. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the intent of the Arkansas Physical Therapy Association to make changes to section 17-93-102 of the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Practice Act to include “manipulation”. The Board will review the definition of “physical therapy” as stated in the Rules and Regulations to see if it can be more clearly defined.

- **Per Diem and Stipend**

- Under *Arkansas Code Annotated* § 25-16-901 *et seq.*, (Act 1211 of 1995), every state agency must vote on whether to authorize stipends and expense reimbursements pursuant to A.C.A. §25-16-903. The Physical Therapy Board may authorize a stipend of up to sixty dollars. The motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize a stipend of \$60.00 and expense reimbursements.

- **FSBPT Committees**

- Seth has become a member of the Ethics and Legislative Committee and Jennie has become a member of the CAPTE review committee.

- **FSBPT Spring Meeting**

- The motion was made, seconded and passed for Jennifer Parks to go to the meeting as the Delegate, Jennie Gregory as the Alternate and Nancy Worthen as the Administrator. Others attending will be Rob Hill and Warren Readnour.

• **Executive Director Resignation**

- Jennifer Coleman expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work for the Board since 1991. Following much consideration she announced her resignation as Executive Director. She would like to pursue other opportunities with more flexibility.

A hiring committee was formed consisting of Jennie Gregory, Rob Hill and Jennifer Coleman. Applications will be taken and reviewed by the committee. The board will interview applicants selected by the committee.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen, Assistant Director