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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

*September 28, 2010  
7:30 a.m.*

1400 West Washington  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 7:34 a.m. on September 28, 2010. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chairperson  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Meghan B. Hinckley – Deputy Director

**Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Regular Session Minutes – August 31, 2010** – Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the August 31, 2010 Application Review Committee regular session minutes as drafted. The motion carried (2-0).

**4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS – Dr. Mellott**

**Requesting Approval for Examination & Licensure**

Stacy Anderson Taouil, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Anderson Taouil's re-application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted

were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Anderson Taouil's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Robert Cohen, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cohen's application and subsequent submissions. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Cohen's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Amy Kraft, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kraft's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Kraft's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Lora Smitham, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smitham's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was noted that Dr. Smitham's Supervised Pre-Internship Psychology Experience as a Research Assistant at Marital Therapy & Research Clinic during the time period of 08/05 – 08/08 was not taken into consideration as she would need to provide additional information regarding how it fulfills A.R.S. § 32-2071(E). Dr. Smitham had accrued enough practicum experience to fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(D) without having to consider those hours in question. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Smitham's application forward to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and the pro-rated licensure fee.

Christopher Smith, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smith's application and subsequent submissions. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Smith's graduate degree in Experimental Psychology from Graduate Center of the City University of New York does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(A). The Committee also noted there were deficiencies within Dr. Smith's Supervised Internship Experience that included not completing the relevant didactic coursework prior to being his experience, no designated trainee status during internship, and, the written training plan developed post-experience does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F). Lastly, the Committee noted that during Dr. Smith's Supervised Postdoctoral Experience he was an employee of the hospital prior to becoming a post-doc. The Committee recommended forwarding Dr. Smith's application to the full Board for review and recommendation of denial of his application and thereby his license due to Dr. Smith failing to meet the requirements for licensure in Arizona.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to move the applications of Stacy Anderson-Taouil, Psy.D., Robert Cohen, Ph.D., Amy Kraft, Ph.D., and Lora Smitham, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon the receipt of a passing score on the exam. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward Dr. Chris Smith's application to the full Board for recommendation of denial of his application and thereby his license due to the fact that he does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §§ 32-2071(A), (F), and (G). The motion carried (2-0).

### **Requesting Approval by Waiver**

Veronica Bordes, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bordes' application. Upon review of the application, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend Dr. Bordes' application is forwarded to the full Board for approval and licensure.

Donna Cangelosi, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Cangelosi's application and subsequent submissions. The Committee accepted Dr. Bracker's reference for Dr. Cangelosi. In addition, the Committee accepted a letter of explanation from Dr. Barbara Mowder, Director of Graduate Psychology Programs from Pace University, of Dr. Cangelosi's comprehensive exam as fulfillment of the three semester credits for the Scientific and Professional Ethics core content area. Lastly, the Committee expressed that the course catalog summary of *PSY 618: Community Mental Health Philosophy and Concepts (Fall 1986)* did fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 2071(A)(4)(e). It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend Dr. Cangelosi's application is forwarded to the full Board for approval and licensure.

Adria Pearson, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pearson's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Pearson's application forward to the full Board for review and approval.

Amy Williams, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Williams' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. William's application forward to the full Board for review and approval.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to move the applications of Veronica Bordes, Ph.D., Donna Cangelosi, Psy.D., Adria Pearson, Ph.D., and Amy Williams, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval for licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensing fee. The motion carried (2-0).

### **Requesting Approval of Post-Doctoral Experience & Licensure**

Colleen Clemency, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Clemency's post-doctoral experience and EPPP scores. Upon the Committee's review, the Committee approved the supervised experience and recommended forwarding Dr. Clemency's application to the full Board for approval and licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensing fee.

### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential**

Ronald O'Donnell, Ph.D., NRHSP – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. O'Donnell's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. O'Donnell's application forward to the full Board for review and approval.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to move Dr. Ronald O'Donnell's application to the full Board for review and approval for licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensing fee. The motion carried (2-0).

#### **5. SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Dr. Mellott noted that next Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 2, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. All members of the Committee are available for this date and time, thus the meeting was confirmed.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

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**Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. - Chairperson**  
**Application Review Committee**