



**MINUTES FOR THE
ARIZONA BOARD OF BARBERS
JULY 13, 2015**

Call to Order at 9:30 am

Roll Call -- Roll was called with all members present. Also present were Michael Raine, Assistant Attorney General; Sam LaBarbera, Executive Director; Sam Barcelona, Assistant Director; Joyce Voss, Administrative Assistant III and Mary Jane Jones, Administrative Assistant II.

Present: Gary Roberts Steve Sandler
 Marshall Knox John Lewis
 Ron Thomas

Declaration of Recusal or Conflict of Interest – there were no declarations

Review, Discussion and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2015. Gary Roberts moved to adopt the minutes with a correction to the meeting date. Ron Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Review, Discussion and Legal Action on General Agency Operations.

a. Report from Assistant Attorney General -- None

b. Report from Executive Director

i. Possible merger of Boards

Sam LaBarbera explained that the Staff and some Board members had been hearing rumors about a merge of the Barber Board and the Cosmetology Board from a variety of sources. At this moment, we have no facts. He explained that it would occur with the introduction of a bill. It is best to try to get ahead of the game by letting people know about this possibility and encourage them to make their opinion known. Mr. LaBarbera commented that many states have combined their boards and some of those states have then separated the boards. At this point, the meeting was interrupted by a fire drill.

The Board reconvened after two fire drills. Mr. Roberts asked Mr. LaBarbera whether he was in favor of merging the boards. He said he was not. Steve Sandler asked Mr. LaBarbera what were the pros and cons of a merger. His first thought was that we would be overwhelmed with the sheer size of their board and larger budget. Mr. Roberts said it appeared that there was a good chance this merger would occur. Sam Barcelona felt our Board needed to become ready to do today's business and if we were to do that we would be less vulnerable. Mr. Roberts summed it up that there is a possibility of a merge with cosmetology and we need to be prepared to fight this possibility.

ii. Public Meeting scheduled to allow the public to discuss the proposed rule making

This is about a meeting scheduled for July 20 specifically for any member of the public who has a comment or concern about any rule which is being proposed.

iii. National Association of Barber Boards Conference from September 21 through September 24

Mr. Barcelona explained the National Association of Barber Boards (NABBA) will be meeting in Phoenix from September 21 through September 24. This conference is limited to the representatives from the Boards in the United States. This year, we are also putting together a meeting on Monday which will be open to barber schools and barber instructors along with industry representatives. There will be classes or meeting with these individuals and a chance to broaden their outlooks and education. There will be opportunity to discuss today's problems, such as medical marijuana cards and how it affects their students and business. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stevens and Marshall Knox expressed their desire to attend.

Delegates pay \$150 to attend, which includes the banquet. Mr. Roberts moved that the Board would pay for the attendance of any Board member who wishes to attend. John Lewis seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

iv. Executive Order 2015-01 as it pertains to Paragraph 6 regarding electronic reporting and payments

This Executive Order requires each board to accept electronic transfers of monies. There are many problems to be ironed out: how to check that all requirements for renewal or licensure are met and how to handle the actual transfer. These are problems for the programmer to solve. We have been checking with several vendors who can handle these problems and are planning to meet with them to discuss this transition.

Mr. Barcelona explained that it is a long process. We must first work with GITA to develop a program and get approval for the expenditure. Then we must acquire the funding for this project. There are about five phases in the implementation of the project and going "live".

Michael Raine said he had worked with the Occupational Therapy Board when they were going through this process. It was a long process. They had to get new computers, new database and new web site and banking accounts. Their Director got a lot of help from DOA. They got laptops for all of their Board members and they look at the laptop during their meetings.

Mr. Knox suggested that with ipads or similar equipment you could send renewal notices and even send your inspections to the website and eliminate paper. Mr. Roberts suggested we contact several agencies who have just gone through this process to ask "what were your problems".

Mary Jane Jones said she wanted to preserve the ability for licensees to pay in person or by telephone. Mr. Roberts said this could be on our "wish list". She also pointed out we are now in the fy2016 and this might not be able to take place until fy2017.

Mr. Lewis moved that Staff start the process to comply with Executive Order 2015-001 as soon as possible. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mr. Roberts amended the motion to require updates at the next meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded the amendment; motion passed unanimously.

Establishment of Future Meeting Dates - September 14, 2015

Call to the Public None

Identify of items to be placed on a future meeting agenda

Mr. Knox requested a copy of the budget be provided and a short discussion.

Adjournment – Mr Roberts moved to adjourn. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

July 13, 2015

Gary Roberts, Chairman

Mary Jane Jones, Secretary