



separate, combined, and merged boards. It also discussed health issues, including sanitation and AIDS.

Ms. Hill also attended the convention of the National Boards of Barber Examiners in Atlanta, Georgia. The participants discussed national standards, national examinations, the image of barber boards, and reciprocity among boards.

Also at its October meeting, BBE voted down a reciprocity agreement between California and Texas for reciprocal licensing of barbers.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

To be announced.

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE EXAMINERS

Executive Officer: Kathleen Callanan (916) 445-4933

The eleven-member Board of Behavioral Science Examiners (BBSE) licenses marriage, family and child counselors (MFCCs), licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) and educational psychologists (LEPs). The Board administers tests to license applicants, adopts regulations regarding education and experience requirements for each group of licensees, and appropriately channels complaints against its licensees. The Board also has the power to suspend or revoke licenses. The Board consists of six public members, two LCSWs, one LEP, and two MFCCs.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Implementation of SB 2657. The Board recently announced its schedule of fee increases, as specified in SB 2657 (Watson). (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 4 (Fall 1988) p. 46 and Vol. 8, No. 3 (Summer 1988) p. 49 for details on this bill.) These increases affect fees for applications, re-examinations, renewals, and delinquencies for LCSWs, MFCCs, and LEPs. They took effect on January 1, 1989.

Implementation of SB 2658. At its November meeting, the Board continued its discussion of draft regulations to amend section 1833 and adopt sections 1833.1 and 1833.2, Chapter 18, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. These draft regulations would implement SB 2658 (Watson), to define the type and length of post-master's degree experience required for LCSWs, and specify the requirements for supervision. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 4 (Fall 1988) p. 46 for background information on SB 2658.) When the Board finalizes its draft, it will hold a public hearing on the pro-

posed regulations.

Budget. At BBSE's September 22-23 meeting, Executive Officer Dr. Kathleen Callanan announced several budget change proposals (BCP) for the 1988-89 fiscal year. BBSE will request a budget increase of \$268,000: \$75,000 would increase funding levels for examination site rentals and proctor pay; the other \$193,000 would pay for additional staff, increased services from the Attorney General's Office and the Office of Administrative Hearings, and additional expert consultants and witnesses. Another BCP would redirect existing temporary help funds and create additional permanent, full-time staff positions. Final drafts of all proposals have been submitted and reviewed by the Department of Finance, but no formal decision has been made at this writing.

RECENT MEETINGS:

At BBSE's November 17 meeting in Sacramento, a representative from the Sacramento County Advisory Board on Alcohol Problems made a presentation concerning substance abuse. A discussion followed regarding the credentials of alcohol and drug counselors in substance abuse programs. Currently, counselors in these treatment programs are not required to be licensed professionals.

The Board announced that it is recruiting new commissioners for the 1989 LCSW oral examinations. The minimum qualifications include a master's degree in social work; at least three years of LCSW post-licensure experience; a current LCSW license with no disciplinary problems; twenty to forty hours of training, supervision, education, or clinical practice with a minimum of ten face-to-face counseling hours per week; a willingness to serve as an oral commissioner for two consecutive years; and an agreement not to participate in any examination coaching or preparation activities for five years subsequent to serving as a commissioner.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 4-5 in Monterey.
July 20-21 in San Diego.

CEMETERY BOARD

Executive Officer: John Gill (916) 920-6078

In addition to cemeteries, the Cemetery Board licenses cemetery brokers, salespersons and crematories. Religious cemeteries, public cemeteries and private cemeteries established before 1939 which

are less than ten acres in size are all exempt from Board regulation.

Because of these broad exemptions, the Cemetery Board licenses only about 185 cemeteries. It also licenses approximately 25 crematories and 1,400 brokers and salespersons. A license as a broker or salesperson is issued if the candidate passes an examination testing knowledge of the English language and elementary arithmetic, and demonstrates a fair understanding of the cemetery business.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Regulatory Change. On November 28, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Board's amendment to section 2310, Chapter 23, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The Board adopted the amendment after a public hearing at its September 29 meeting in Eureka. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 4 (Fall 1988) p. 47 for background information.) The amendment reduces licensing fees to keep the Board's reserve fund at the minimum level required to provide continuity of operations. The Cemetery Board's estimated reserve on June 30, 1988 was \$383,365, which exceeds its expenditures for a one-year period. Business and Professions Code section 163.6 mandates a reduction in renewal fees to offset increases in revenue. The amended regulation reduces the regulatory charge for cemeteries and the interment and cremation fees paid by cemeteries and crematories.

LEGISLATION:

Anticipated Legislation. At its September 29 meeting, the Board directed a subcommittee to draft legislation to amend the Board's current statutes regarding annual reports of endowment care funds by cemetery authority licensees (Business and Professions Code section 9650 *et seq.*). The Board may seek amendments to provide licensees with an extension of time on the annual filing date, and for authority to impose fines and/or penalties for late filings.

RECENT MEETINGS:

At its September 29 meeting in Eureka, the Board discussed the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regulations concerning the scattering of cremated remains at sea. The Board decided to notify all cemetery authorities, crematory licensees, cemetery brokers, and cremated remains disposers of the requirement that all scattering at sea must take place at least three miles from shore.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

To be announced.