



RECENT MEETINGS:

At its January 21-22 meeting in Los Angeles, the Board elected new officers. Delia Goggins, RN, MS, was selected BRN President for another year. Ms. Goggins, the RN nursing service administrator member of the Board, is owner and Director of Nursing of Southland Home Health Services, Inc., in Los Angeles. Patricia Hunter, RN, MS, was voted Vice President, replacing Radell Fraser, RN. Ms. Hunter, a direct patient care member of the Board, is Cardiac Program Coordinator at Chula Vista Community Hospital.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 19-20 in San Diego.
July 21-22 in San Francisco.
September 22-23 in Los Angeles.
November 17-18 in San Francisco.

BOARD OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

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The Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters (BCSR) licenses and disciplines shorthand reporters, recognizes court reporting schools and administers the Transcript Reimbursement Fund, which provides shorthand reporting services to low-income litigants otherwise unable to afford such services.

The Board consists of five members, three public and two from the industry, who serve four-year terms. The two industry members must have been actively engaged as shorthand reporters in California for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Examinations. Four hundred fifty-eight test candidates took the November 1987 dictation/transcription examination; 256 candidates passed the exam for a 56% pass percentage rate.

Regulatory Changes. On February 20, the Board conducted a regulatory hearing on proposed amendments to its regulations, which appear in chapter 24, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Section 2400 was modified to specify that the Board's principal office is in Sacramento; section 2404 was amended to delete references to "executive secretary" and instead refer to the Board's "executive officer."

The Board adopted several amendments to section 2411. The title of the

section was changed to add the term "Continuing Validity; Reports." Section 2411(a)(9), regarding apprenticeship training, was amended to increase the required number of training hours to forty hours, consisting of twenty hours of court proceedings or administrative hearings, and twenty hours of depositions for a total of 1,940 prescribed hours. Section 2411(b) was amended to delete the requirement that court reporting schools determine equivalent proficiency by examination.

New section 2411(c) was added to require a high school to maintain a library of reference materials including specified materials. New section 2411(d) was also added, to provide for continued validity of a certificate of recognition for a court reporting school until suspended or revoked for failure to comply with statutory provisions or Board regulations. New section 2411(e) requires schools to advise applicants of the Board's existence and purpose, and print the Board's address and telephone number in any catalogs.

Section 2419 was also substantially amended; its new title is "Examination Application and Fee." Editorial changes were made to sections 2419(a)-(e), and new section 2419(f) was added to allow examination fees to be credited toward the next scheduled exam where an applicant is unable to take the scheduled exam because of reasons of health, transfer, or other good cause. New section 2419(g) was also added to specify that examination fees will not be refunded.

New section 2420 was added to specify that the exam consists of English, professional practice, and dictation/transcription, and that the passing scores are 70%, 75%, and 97.5%, respectively. It would further require that all three parts of the exam must be passed within three consecutive calendar years or six consecutive examinations, whichever is greater, and provide that an applicant who passes one or two parts of the exam shall receive conditional credit for those parts passed and need only be reexamined in the remaining part(s).

LEGISLATION:

AB 1523 (Leslie) has died in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. This bill would have required the Judicial Council to assess the costs of using video recorders as a means of producing the verbatim record of court or other official proceedings. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 1 (Winter 1988) p. 72 for details on this bill.)

RECENT MEETINGS:

At its February meeting, the Board discussed a request to require court reporting schools to report to the Board the names and addresses of enrolled students with certain speed levels. Firm owners are interested in students with above average entry level skills. This list would identify individuals with potential; those students could be notified of programs and seminars relevant to the students' chosen goals. The industry is also concerned about strengthening the profession and would like to sponsor programs geared to help prepare these students to meet future employment needs. Both the industry and the individual firms who made this request of the Board did so because of lack of cooperation from the schools in passing this information along to students. The request from the California Court Reporters Association cites a similar program provided by the Board of Cosmetology. The Board noted that the request would require changes in the existing law or regulations.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 18 in Los Angeles.

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

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The Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB) licenses structural pest control operators and field representatives. The latter can function only under a licensed operator and secure pest control work for the operator. Each structural pest control firm is required to have one licensed operator, regardless of the number of branches the firm operates. A licensed field representative can also hold an operator's license.

Licenses are classified as: (1) Branch 1, Fumigation, the control of household and wood-destroying pests by fumigants (tenting); (2) Branch 2, General Pest, the control of general pests without fumigants; or (3) Branch 3, Termite, the control of wood-destroying organisms with insecticides, but not with the use of fumigants, and including authority to perform structural repairs and corrections. An operator can be licensed in all three branches, but more often will limit the variety of his or her expertise for purposes of efficiency and subcontract out to other firms.

SPCB also issues applicator certificates. These otherwise unlicensed indi-