



# REGULATORY AGENCY ACTION

and is thus dead for this session. The bill would have dissolved the Commission and, in its most recent amended version, transferred the authority to assess fines and take disciplinary action against auctioneers to the Department of Consumer Affairs. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 1 (Winter 1988) p. 99; Vol. 7, No. 4 (Fall 1987) pp. 99-100; Vol. 7, No. 3 (Summer 1987) p. 124; Vol. 7, No. 2 (Spring 1987) p. 98; and Vol. 7, No. 1 (Winter 1987) p. 90 for background information.)

## RECENT MEETINGS:

In November 1987, the Commission released its workload statistics for July through November 1987. During the reporting period, over \$32,000 in revenue from the new applications was collected. A total of 202 applications were filed; 62 exams were administered, with 51 applicants passing for an overall 82% pass rate during the period. Eighty-one new licenses were issued while 26 temporary permits were issued. For 1986 through the current 1988 reporting period, 1014 licenses were renewed. Through November 1987, there were 1,190 valid licenses; 974 of those are auctioneers, and 216 (150 corporations, 27 partnerships, 39 individuals) are auction companies.

At the Board's December 14 meeting in Sacramento, Howard "Gus" Hall was reelected as Board President; Vance VanTassell was elected Vice-President; and Judy Johnson was elected Secretary.

Also at the December 14 meeting, S.M. "Sandy" Hochman recommended that temporary permits no longer be issued. Executive Officer Wyant noted that a temporary permit may be issued once an applicant has submitted all fees and documents, including the surety bond, provided he/she has applied to take the exam within 45 days. Wyant agreed that it may not be rational to allow people to operate before they have taken the exam, but no complaints have been received against temporary permit holders. No action was taken on the issue.

The Board also discussed the use of state investigators as opposed to hiring or contracting with private investigators. (See CRLR Vol. 7, No. 4 (Fall 1987) p. 99 for background information.) Executive Officer Wyant advised the Board that the Department of Finance has approved the Commission's requested \$47,000 budget augmentation, but it is still subject to approval by the legislature and the Governor. The Board noted the need for continual training of state

investigators, case control, the disadvantages of hiring one or two direct employees, the need for a broad geographic distribution of people to minimize travel and per diem costs, the difficulty in assuring the quality of private contractors, and the inability of private contractors to compel the production of records. A subcommittee of Board members Vance VanTassell and Georgetta Banks was appointed to lend assistance to Executive Officer Wyant as needed in developing the best plan.

During the Board's January 29 meeting in Costa Mesa, Wyant presented a statistical profile on complaints received in the last two years, which showed that over 99% originated in either the Sacramento/San Francisco area or the Los Angeles basin.

Board President Hall announced the resignation of Board member Judy Johnson, effective February 1. She has accepted an appointment by Governor Deukmejian to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

## FUTURE MEETINGS:

To be announced.

## BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

*Executive Director: Edward Hoefling (916) 445-3244*

In 1922, California voters approved an initiative which created the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The Board licenses chiropractors and enforces professional standards. It also approves chiropractic schools, colleges, and continuing education courses.

The Board consists of seven members, including five chiropractors and two public members.

Dr. Lee Kauffman, whose term on the Board has expired, was recently replaced by Louis E. Newman, DC, of Santee. Dr. Newman was appointed to the Board by Governor Deukmejian.

## RECENT MEETINGS:

At its February 18 meeting, the Board discussed the results of the November 1987 licensure examination. Of 228 individuals who took the examination for the first time, 149 passed (65.3% pass rate). Of 164 people retaking the exam, 136 passed (92.9% pass rate). There were 17 people in the multiple retake category, and 9 passed the exam (52.9% pass rate). Overall, 409 candidates took the exam, with 294 passing (71.88% pass rate). The Board appointed a committee

consisting of Dr. Jackie Bartels and Patricia Quibell to review examination appeals.

## FUTURE MEETINGS:

To be announced.

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

*Executive Director: Stephen Rhoads  
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In 1974, the legislature created the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, better known as the California Energy Commission (CEC). The Commission's major regulatory function is the siting of power plants. It is also generally charged with assessing trends in energy consumption and energy resources available to the state; reducing wasteful, unnecessary uses of energy; conducting research and development of alternative energy sources; and developing contingency plans to deal with possible fuel or electrical energy shortages.

The Governor appoints the five members of the Commission to five-year terms, and every two years selects a chairperson from among the members. Commissioners represent the fields of engineering or physical science, administrative law, environmental protection, economics, and the public at large. The Governor also appoints a Public Adviser, whose job is to ensure that the general public and other interested groups are adequately represented at all Commission proceedings.

The five divisions within the Energy Commission are: (1) Conservation; (2) Development, which studies alternative energy sources including geothermal, wind and solar energy; (3) Assessment, responsible for forecasting the state's energy needs; (4) Siting and Environmental, which does evaluative work in connection with the siting of power plants; and (5) Administrative Services.

The CEC publishes *Energy Watch*, a summary of energy production and use trends in California. The publication provides the latest available information about the state's energy picture. *Energy Watch*, published every two months, is available from the CEC, MS-22, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## MAJOR PROJECTS:

*Santa Maria Aggregate Project.*  
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