

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2013
Teleconference

Members Present: Frederick Magnavito, Ph.D., President; Thomas Stanage, Ph.D., Vice President; Bradley Woldt, Ph.D., Secretary; and Karen Wiemers, Ph.D., Member; Dan Green, Lay Member; and Lorin Pankratz, Lay Member.

Members Absent: Jerry Buchkoski, Ph.D., Member.

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator and Paula Spargur, Administrative Assistant. Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, Deputy Secretary with the Department of Social Services; Brooke Bohnenkamp, Director of Constituent Services with the Department of Social Services.

Public Access: Board of Examiners of Psychologists' Main Office in Spearfish and Avera McKennan Behavioral Health Center in Sioux Falls.

President Magnavito called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM CST.

Senate Bill 24: Vice-President Stanage reported on the progress of Senate Bill 24. During the hearing in the House Committee on Health and Human Services on January 29, 2013, there was an attempt to amend the bill to include the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) as an accrediting body in psychology and to define/approve internships. Investigation of NASP identified that the association does not accredit school psychology programs, as it is not an accrediting agency, and that internships accepted but NASP would not necessarily meet the requirements set by the Board. Discussion centered on the Board amending the proposed legislation to defining a program in psychology that meets all of the criteria in 36-27A-1, or is accredited by APA or CPA, and leaving everything else as is. It was hoped that Stanage's testimony on January 31, 2013 would help the legislators in understanding that an internship is an organized program, not just a supervised experience. ASPPB informed the Board that NASP does not require a doctoral degree and that in Ohio, the only state in which NASP has been successful in being named an accrediting body regarding psychology licensure, master's only trained applicants have been licensed, with many problems ensuing. The Board maintained that the safest course to protect the public is to assure that only qualified individuals be licensed as psychologists in South Dakota.

Wiemers moved and Pankratz seconded a motion to go back to the original language defining a program in psychology that meets all of the criteria in 36-27A-1, or is accredited by APA or CPA. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board then deliberated on a motion by Woldt and seconded by Green that would table Senate Bill 24 if our efforts to modify the original proposed bill was denied. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn the teleconference made by Pankratz and seconded by Wiemers was passed on a unanimous vote.

President Magnavito adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Woldt, Ph.D.
Secretary