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LEGAL VIDEOGRAPHERS CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021

Start Time: 5:31pm

End Time: 6:37pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting – no physical location due to COVID-19 quarantine.

Present Via TelCon:	Pauline May	Heidi Konsten	Peggy Elias	Becky Ulrey
	Michelle Ferreyra	Tim Hartsmanzerbiec	Shane Godfrey	Lori Judd
	Debbie Uehara	JoAnn Melendez	Joanie Grime	Penelope Nisotis
	Johanna Vorce	Yolanda Henry	Stephanie Koetting	Judith Schonlau
	Jamie Nieve	Rachel Barkume	Donna Mize	Cathy Wood
	Jocelyn Galvan	Becky Parker	Kathy Silva	Susan Naylor
	Gina Lamm	Laura Locasio	Janet Trimmer	Helen Zamba
	Tiffany Elkington	William LaBorde	Karen Jones	Christine Phipps
	Peggy Jones			

ITEM #1: Meeting Called to Order:

Pauline May called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Committee Members:

Present: Pauline May

Present: Becky Ulrey

Present: Heidi Konsten

Present: Michelle Ferreyra

Present: Peggy Elias

Present: Tim Hartsmanzerbiec

ITEM #2: Public Comments: No public comments.

ITEM #3: Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by Pauline May: That the Committee approves the agenda in its entirety. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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ITEM #4: **Purpose of Regulating Legal Videographers:** Peggy Elias presented the history and intent of the bill to regulate legal videographers in the state of Nevada. The Board's office received complaints from the public for several years, primarily from the legal community. It was reported that legal videographers were taking depositions without a certified court reporter and then typing and certifying the transcripts. Legal videographers were identifying themselves as deposition officers under the authority of their notary issued by the Secretary of State's office. Under NRS 240, they do not have the authority to take depositions or certify transcripts. In a letter from the Secretary of State's office, the Board was instructed to take action against these videographers who use their notarial powers to certify transcripts. These acts were identified as unlicensed practices under NRS Chapter 656. The focus of the Board is to protect the public from harm. It is not the intent to prevent individuals from working, it is to protect the public from persons who are performing unlicensed practices regulated by NRS Chapter 656 and NAC Chapter 656. Ms. Elias further explained it's up to Nevada legislatures to determine if legal videographers should be regulated and they will also determine who will govern and enforce these laws. No further comments.

ITEM #5: **Committee Appointment:** Pauline May proposed Tim Hartsmanzerbiec to serve on the committee. No other comments.

MOTION by Pauline May: That the Legal Videographers Certification Committee appoint Tim Hartsmanzerbiec as a member of the committee. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #6: **Formulating Language to Regulate Legal Videographers:**

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Legal Videographers Certification Committee postpone the assignments to formulate language until additional legal videographers are appointed to the committee. Motion seconded by Pauline May, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #7: **Certification Programs for Legal Videographers:**

MOTION by Pauline May: That the Legal Videographers Certification Committee appoint Becky Ulrey and Tim Hartsmanzerbiec to conduct research on existing certification programs for legal videographers and present their findings at the next committee meeting. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #8: **Next Open Meeting Date and Agenda Items:** The next committee meeting date and agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

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ITEM #9: **Public Comments:** Lori Judd acknowledged Becky Ulrey’s concerns are well founded. She noted a U.S Supreme Court case that addressed certification and licensing practices for dental hygienist could be helpful in our process to ensure we are not preventing videographers from working. Ms. Judd suggested when crafting legislation; while the certification process time may be lengthy, you could begin by starting with a registry with the Board to provide an avenue for the public to address any potential concerns. Becky Ulrey stated the requirements of certification for legal videographers may cause a shortage or a delay while obtaining certification. Susan Naylor suggested legal videographers who served in the profession for 5 to 8 years could be grandfathered in and bypass the certification requirements. Peggy Elias stated some legal videographers with 10 years of experience are the individuals performing unlicensed practices. Shane Godfrey expressed his interest to serve on the committee. No further comments.

Motion made by Pauline May to adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm, motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.