

**BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESISONS  
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING ON EMERGING PROFESSIONS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The public hearing was called to order at 8:45 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. The purpose for the hearing was to receive public comment pursuant to its study into the need to regulate emerging professions to include Medical Interpreters, Polysomnographers, Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists.

**PRESIDING CHAIRMAN:** David Boehm, L.C.S.W., Ex-Officio Member

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Damien Howell, P.T.  
Vilma Seymour, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Justin Crow, Research Assistant  
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dallice Joyner, NVAHEC  
Cornelius Scott, Army Reserves, Surgical Technologist  
Robert Vorona, M.D., VASM  
Richard Parisi, M.D., VASM  
Anna Rodriguez, VASM  
Michelle Sartelle, VASM  
Debbie Akers, VASM  
Kathe Henke, VASM  
Jolynn Hamelman, VSRC  
Scott Clary, VSRC  
Rebecca Music, VCSA, Surgical Technologist  
Zak Elgawal, ASA, Inc.  
Daniel D. Baird, NSAA/VASA  
Catherine Sparkman, AST, Surgical Technologist  
Alicia M. Beech, St. Mary's Hospital  
Iliana Diaz  
Karry G. Simons, Surgical Assistant  
John F. Miller, MBA, , PT, Legislation Chair, VPTA  
Michelle Leonard, VSRC  
Scott Sprouse, VASA/ASA

Michael Orstead, VASA  
Joe Anderson, VASM  
Mary Armstrong, VCSA of AST, Surgical Assistant  
Theresa Cooper, VCSA, Surgical Assistant  
David Jennette, MD, Certified Surgical Assistant  
Mark Polson, Certified Surgical Assistant  
R. Clinton Crews, VASA, Surgical Assistant  
Henry Jacobs, Surgical Assistant  
Theresa D. Conyngham

**COURT REPORTER:**

Melissa H. Curtis, Capitol Reporting, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dallice Joyner, Executive Director, Northern Virginia AHEC, presented public comment in favor of regulating the profession of medical interpreters.

Cornelius Scott, Army Reserves, representing the profession of Surgical Technicians, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Technicians.

Robert Ronner, M.D., President of the Academy of Sleep Medicine spoke in favor of regulating the profession of Polysomnographers. Additionally, he noted that an extensive written response to the seven criteria for licensure is forthcoming to Mr. Crow.

Rebecca Music, VCSA, Surgical Technologist, presented a power point presentation and spoke in favor of the need for regulating the profession.

Daniel Baird, NSAA/VASA, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Technologists.

Catherine Sparkman, AST, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Technologists.

Mary Armstrong, VCSA of AST, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Assistants.

Theresa Cooper, VCSA, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Technologists.

David Jennette, MD, CSA, representing the non-physician surgical assistants presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Assistants.

Mark Pulson, CSA, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Assistants.

R. Clinton Crews, Director of Surgical Assistant Program, National Board, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession of Surgical Assistants.

Alicia Beech, Member of AST and trained by St. Mary's Hospital, presented comment in favor of regulating the profession. Additionally, she requested that the Committee consider the issue of "grandfathering" in its study.

Karry Simons, licensed Surgical Technologist/Assistant in MD, spoke in favor of regulating Surgical Assistants and Technologists.

Henry Jacobs, Independent Surgical Assistant, spoke in favor of regulating Surgical Assistants. Additionally, he requested that the Committee consider the issue of "grandfathering" in its study.

Scott Sprouse, VASA/ASA and employer of Surgical Assistants, spoke in favor of regulating Surgical Assistants.

It was noted that the American College of Surgeons had passed a resolution in support of the regulation of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists. Additionally, it was noted that Registered Nurses are not trained as Surgical Assistants or Surgical Technologists.

The public hearing transcript will be incorporated into the minutes as Attachment 1 upon receipt from Capital Reporting, Inc.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Hearing adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

