

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

May 4-8, 1977
The Pinehurst Hotel
Pinehurst, North Carolina

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at The Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, May 4-8, 1977 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials and conducting other business.

Drs. Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., President, J. Jerome Pence, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, David S. Citron, Bryant L. Galusha, Joyce H. Reynolds and E. Wilson Staub were present. Dr. Bruce B. Blackmon was absent from the Wednesday, May 4 session of the meeting but was present for the remainder of the meeting. Also present were Mr. Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Mrs. Betty Joe Barick, Mrs. Diane G. Freeman and Mr. Lee A. Denney, Investigator.

Wednesday, May 4
5:00 p.m.

The Board convened for business and reviewing credentials of applicants for license by endorsement.

RE: Resident's training license for fellowships after expiration of Visiting Professor registrations -- The Board reviewed the question of whether a visiting professor could apply for a resident's training license to cover him as a fellow at a particular medical school after the expiration of his registration as a visiting professor. Dr. Citron moved that any request for registration as a visiting professor be considered by the Board only on the recommendation of the dean of the medical school, and that under no circumstances will the Board consider a request for an extension of those privileges. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William C. Ivey, Saxapahaw, N.C. -- The Board reviewed a letter received from Dr. Ivey concerning his proposed medical clinic. Dr. Pence moved that this be received as information. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. John H. Cox, Winston-Salem, N.C. -- Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Cox requesting "temporary reinstatement of his license" until he can meet the stipulations of the Board regarding his practicing medicine. Dr. Citron moved that Dr. Cox be advised by letter that the Board had carefully considered the judgment they had made in his case, and they now see no reason to deviate from that at this time. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: March, 1978 Board meeting -- Mrs. Barick reported to the Board that the Winston-Salem Hyatt House and the Mid Pines Club were not available on the dates requested, March 16-19, 1978, for the March meeting. Dr. Citron moved that the Board leave the place and date of the March, 1978 meeting up to the discretion of Mrs. Barick so that she could obtain a suitable place for the Board so they would not have to meet in two different places. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Board meetings -- time for convening: The Board discussed the feasibility of convening earlier the first day of the Board meetings since the work load has increased to a great degree in recent months, and it does not appear that it will be decreasing in the near future. Dr. Galusha moved that the Board convene at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, and see if this would be acceptable at future Board meetings also. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Michel Goubran, Oxford, N.C. -- Request from Dr. Goubran regarding a physician who is a foreign medical graduate working in his office and helping him in his practice prior to being licensed in North Carolina was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Goubran be advised that the physician must take and pass the FLEX examination, after meeting all requirements of the Board, and she will be granted a license to practice in North Carolina. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5.



Thursday, May 5
11:00 a.m.

RE: Dr. Leo B. Skeen, Mooresville, N. C. -- A hearing was held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina upon and concerning charges and accusations preferred by the Board in the above matter at The Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, on May 5, 1977, at which hearing Dr. Leo B. Skeen did appear. Dr. Skeen was not represented by counsel. Following this hearing and the presentation of evidence and upon motion duly made, Dr. Skeen's license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina was revoked; revocation suspended upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. Joseph E. Swanton, Mound Bayou, Mississippi -- Upon motion duly made seconded and passed unanimously, action on Dr. Swanton was postponed at this time, with the request that further information be obtained before proceeding and that the case be adequately prepared for presentation to the Board.

Thursday, May 5
4:00 p.m.

RE: N. C. Attorney General -- request for conference with the Board. The Executive Secretary advised the Board that Mr. Allan Baughcum and Ms. Katherine Arrowood, attorneys with the Attorney General's office, had requested a conference with the Board to discuss the Board's responsibilities, its regulations and whether or not such regulations are in compliance with federal guidelines, and other matters. The Board instructed the Executive Secretary to arrange for a meeting with Mr. Baughcum and Ms. Arrowood during the June Board meeting, which would not involve any extra time away from the office or the regular agenda, and advise them that the Board is on a limited time schedule and would prefer to allocate no more than one hour for the conference.

RE: Comprehensive Qualifying Examination -- Board considered the proposal of the Federation of State Medical Boards that the Comprehensive Qualifying Examination, which will be an examination given to all medical school graduates before they enter post-graduate training, be adopted by the individual state boards once the examination is developed, and the Federation's request for comments by the individual medical examining boards. Dr. Galusha, as a member of the FLEX Test Committee, outlined for the Board what he considered the most important points of the CQE:

1) It would be one more examination to be administered; 2) it would involve probably a minimum of four years post-graduate training; 3) FLEX would be the final licensure examination; 4) the ECFMG would probably cease to exist; 5) a question as to what procedure would be followed for those graduates who failed the CQE; 6) FLEX would replace Part III of the National Board examination.

Dr. Galusha recommended that the Board, with the information at hand now, indicate to the Federation that they favor in principle and concept the Comprehensive Qualifying Examination, and in the future would plan to endorse it. Dr. Pence moved that Dr. Galusha's recommendation be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Derek H. Spark, Scarsdale, N.Y. -- Application for license by endorsement of credentials. The Board reviewed Dr. Spark's file and information that has come to the attention of the Board regarding his faculty appointment at East Carolina University School of Medicine. Dr. Citron moved that Dr. Spark be advised that the Board has been advised that he would not be accepting a faculty position at East Carolina University, and the Board would like to know if he wishes to pursue his application for licensure in this state since he is not coming to North Carolina to practice. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Return of original credentials submitted by licensure applicants -- The Executive Secretary discussed with the Board the question of returning original credentials to physicians who have applied for and been approved for licensure, and have then requested the return of those credentials they submitted to the Board in their application file. Photocopies would be supplied for the Board's file in lieu of the original documents. Dr. Pence moved that the Board retain the originals submitted by the licensed applicant in the Board's files. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.



Friday, May 6
9:00 a.m.

RE: Interviews for license by endorsement of credentials -- Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, were interviewed individually by the Board and approved for licensure this date:

Robert M. Alsup*	Randal D. France*	Raymond N. Miller
John S. Atwater, Jr.	Richard B. Freeman	Jasvant N. Modi
Tracy E. Barber	Shelby L. Gillette, Jr.*	Joseph More
Ira Barth	Donald J. Godehn, Jr.*	Lois M. Mosey
Stephen F. Beissinger*	Sigmund S. Gould*	Alvin H. Moss*
Russell L. Blaylock	David A. Granovetter*	Mina L. Moss*
Peter F. Blomgren*	Robert S. Greenwood	Dennis R. Ownby*
James D. Bobbitt	Chris W. Guest*	Thomas Parker
Sidney J. Bolch, III*	Nazir Hakmeh	James B. Parsons
Donald W. Bosken*	Wilbur J. Harley	Alfredo L. Pauca
Charles E. Brady, Jr.*	Thomas W. Hauch*	James P. Pressly
Warwick L. Brown	Thomas E. Higgins	Doris Jean Rapp
Richard F. Bruch*	Muhammad I. Javaid	Chalres M. Rhodes*
Robert G. Burney	Martin K. Johnson, III*	Robert A. Satterly*
John D. Campbell*	Patricia J. Johnson*	Edward W. Schnell
Napoleon V. Carandang	Gopichand Kapu	William R. Snoddy*
Charles H. Cardarelli*	David C. Keller*	Jorge J. Sowers
Kerry A. Citrin	Sang C. Kim	Thomas L. Spray*
Timothy D. Coughlin*	Mervyn R. King	Harry E. Steiner
David L. Cutler	Steven R. Klein	Warren J. Strittmatter*
Donald D. Davidson	John L. Lange*	Bernardo D. Sumpio
James B. Davis*	Robert F. Lebow*	William F. Uthe*
Kenneth M. Dennis*	Ho Woon Lee	Donald G. Weathers*
Daniel L. Dolan	Mark Leshin*	David M. Wells
John H. Dorminy, III*	William R. Malony	David F. Wender*
Marcos T. Doxanas*	James C. McLaughlin	Jerry W. Wiley*
Richard M. Draffin*	Jon D. McWhirter	Joseph J. Williams
Charles M. Elliott	Donald F. Mesec	John W. Wolf, Jr.
Paul A. Fiore	Albert A. Meyer*	Edward B. Yellig

*Indicates applicant who appeared before the Executive Secretary for his personal interview applying for license by endorsement of credentials, and was approved for licensure by the Board on this date.

Physicians who appeared at previous Board meetings applying for license by endorsement of credentials and completed requirements after that meeting date and were approved for licensure this date:

Phillip S. Herbert, Jr.	Norman H. Parks
Francis C. Hoare	Jane Schick

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials with incomplete requirements and were held until later Board meetings for approval:

Clarence B. Horton, Jr.	Mouhamed B. Kashlan	Ward L. Mould
Mahmood Hosseinian	Martha M. MacGuffie	B. P. Rao Mukkamala
		John J. Shine

Dr. Pence moved that the actions of the two groups of Board members interviewing the applicants be approved and the action recommended by the Executive Secretary in interview applicants for licensure be approved by the full Board. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

RE: Dr. Roscoe L. Van Zandt, Arlington, Texas -- Board reviewed recent correspondence from Dr. Van Zandt in response to the Board's letter to him advising that if he intended to pursue licensure he would be permitted to appear before the Board to discuss this matter. Dr. Citron moved that he be advised that the Board intends to give him the privilege of appearing before the Board, at a formal hearing; that he will be notified no less than 30 days before the date set for this hearing, and that he may be represented by counsel. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. John R. Kernodle, Burlington, N.C. -- The Board reviewed Dr. Kernodle's request for the Board to consider the possibility of terminating the probation conditions on the suspension of the revocation of his license to practice medicine, which were imposed in October, 1974. Dr. Citron moved that the Board write and thank Dr. Kernodle for his letter, and advise him that the Board is glad to learn that he is



Dr. Kernodle, cont'd.

conducting a successful medical practice; that the Board considered this problem at length and has decided to abide by the original decision rendered by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Riley M. Jordan, Raeford, N.C. -- The Board reviewed information received from Dr. Jordan's attorney, and requested that this be reviewed again at the next Board meeting in June, 1977.

RE: Conversion -- limited to full license: The following physicians have applied for conversion of their geographically limited licenses to a full North Carolina license:

Julia P. Basaranlar Moosa Hajisheikh Patricio P. Lara John McMahon

Dr. Pence moved that if all credentials are complete and in order, the above physicians licenses be converted from a limited to a full license. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Biennial Registration -- Reinstatement: The following physicians' licenses were suspended for failure to register as required by N.C. G.S. 90-15. They have now registered:

William J. Casey, Jr.	Leslie J. Nyman
Arnold M. Kwart	Carolina H. B. Swanton
John J. MacMahon	Allen H. Van Dyke

RE: Assistants to Physicians -- Applications:

RE: Dr. Thomas Berner, Asheville, N.C. -- Application incomplete for Robert N. Hemsath, lacking copy of certificate of graduation from P.A. program; letter certifying satisfactory completion of program is on file. Dr. Staub moved that the letter of certification be accepted in lieu of copy of the certificate, and he be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. George W. Colclough, Morehead City, N.C. -- application complete for Melvin L. Gaston. Dr. Staub moved that Mr. Gaston be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Burt Crain, Elkin, N.C. -- application complete for Thomas S. Guy, III. Dr. Pence moved that Mr. Guy be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. John T. Dees, Burgaw, N.C. -- applications complete for Glenn E. Williams and Frances A. Hall. Dr. Blackmon moved that Mr. Williams and Ms. Hall be approved for use as assistants to physicians. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

RE: Dr. John W. Denham, Mocksville, N.C. -- application complete for Lynn Billings. Dr. Blackmon moved that Ms. Billings be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

RE Dr. Elmer B. Miller, Asheville, N.C. -- application complete for Jimmy E. Johnson. Dr. Blackmon moved that Mr. Johnson be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Leonard E. Reaves, Fayetteville, N.C. -- application complete for Thomas L. Gregg. Dr. Reynolds moved that Mr. Gregg be approved for use as an assistant to a physician, with a letter written to Dr. Reaves advising him that Mr. Gregg should not function in any manner as an assistant when Dr. Reaves is away from his office or out of town and cannot supervise the assistant, and if and when a back-up physician becomes available, he advise the Board. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Charles F. Scarborough, Jr., Star, N.C. -- application complete for Walter B. Pugh, III. Dr. Reynolds moved that Mr. Pugh be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Hal M. Stuart, Elkin, N.C. -- application complete for Sandra F. Pierce. Dr. Reynolds moved that Ms. Pierce be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.



Assistants to physicians, cont'd.

RE: Dr. Jesse F. Williams, Fayetteville, N.C. -- Application complete for Robert H. Morris. Dr. Reynolds moved that Mr. Morris be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Floyd Deen, Wadesboro, N.C. -- Request for formulary changes for assistant to physician Gary W. Henry. Dr. Citron moved that the Board acknowledge receipt of Dr. Deen's letter requesting his assistant be allowed to write prescriptions for Darvon, Phenobarbital and Phernergan, which are controlled substances, and advise him that the Board has reaffirmed its policy regarding assistants not being allowed to write prescriptions for controlled substances. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William R. Thornhill, Columbia, N.C. -- Request for approval of Gary M. Trube for part-time work with Dr. Thornhill in Columbia, based on application and credentials presented previously, with no changes indicated in the application form. Dr. Citron moved that the Executive Secretary's recommendation for approval be accepted. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Grover J. Robbins, Winston-Salem, N. C. -- application complete for Cynthia P. Ward (hand-delivered to Dr. Reynolds at May meeting). Dr. Reynolds moved that Ms. Ward be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Susan Gustke, Raleigh, N.C. -- Board discussed the list of functions submitted for approval by Dr. Gustke to be performed by assistants at Dorothea Dix Hospital. Dr. Citron moved that the Board write Dr. Gustke and advise her they felt none of these procedures should be performed by a P.A. without first consulting the supervising physician unless there is an emergency situation, with the exception of: urinary catheterization, venous puncture, EKG interpretation and tonometry, which need not have consultation prior to performing. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed, one member voting against the motion.

RE: Letter to physicians regarding prescriptions written for self or family -- Dr. Pence moved that the Board request the North Carolina Drug Commission to send out a notice to all practicing physicians and all people prescribing drugs in the state advising them that although prescribing for themselves and/or members of their families is not illegal, it is not the ethical practice of medicine, and explain in the letter why the Board is concerned about this problem. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. John Dees, Burgaw, N.C. -- Verbal request for the Board to consider granting a temporary license to a physician prior to his taking the examination (FLEX) for licensure in North Carolina. Dr. Galusha moved that the President of the Board advise Dr. Dees that under no circumstances would the Board consider granting a temporary license to a physician prior to his taking the examination for licensure in North Carolina. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Meeting with deans of North Carolina medical schools -- The Board met with the deans of the four North Carolina medical schools to discuss some topics and problems of mutual concern to the Board and the medical educators. Those present were Dr. Richard Janeway, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Dr. E. W. Busse, Duke University School of Medicine; Dr. William E. Laupus, East Carolina University School of Medicine; and Dr. William E. Easterling, Jr., U.N.C. School of Medicine.

One of the topics discussed was the problem involved with visiting professors at the medical schools who decide they want to stay in this country and apply to take the examination for licensure in North Carolina, although the intent of a visiting professor registration status is to allow a visiting physician a one year time period at a medical school. The Certificate of registration was not renewable, could not be extended and was not intended to be used as a stepping-stone for full licensure in this state. It was extended by the Board as a courtesy to the medical school who wanted to invite a foreign physician to cork at their school on a sabbatical, and was offered in lieu of full licensure since the physician would not be remaining in North Carolina after that time, and did not enter the country as an immigrant. The Board felt that through a lack of communication or a misunderstanding on the part of the visiting physician, the physician had felt that he could apply for full licensure in this state. The Board suggested to the deans that some of the problems might be alleviated if they would request that all applications for visiting professor status go through their office and come directly from their office to the Board, especially since some of the faculty members do not know all of the requirements for obtaining a license in N.C. or obtaining a visiting professor certification.



Meeting with deans of medical school, cont'd.

Other topics discussed were the Fifth Pathway program for graduates of foreign medical school, especially those in Mexico, who do not hold the ECFMG Certificate and want to apply for licensure; the Comprehensive Qualifying Examination (see page 287 of these minutes); and post-graduate education as a requirement for full licensure in North Carolina. Also discussed were the assistant to physician programs, and other physician extendor programs, which appear to be increasing outside of the medical schools and the number of different categories of physician extensors now being started.

The deans assured the Board that they would work with the Board any way they could to eliminate the problems encountered with the Visiting Professor Program, and would be glad to help out in any other matters that the Board felt they could be helpful in dealing with.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 7.

Saturday, May 7
9:00 a.m.

RE: Subcommittee report -- Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners:

Site visits -- Dr. Pence, Chairman of the Subcommittee, reported that Dr. Reynolds and Mrs. Audrey Booth had made a site visit to the Goldston Health Center, which they had reported to the subcommittee was operating within the rules and regulations set up for registered nurses performing medical acts, and appeared to be functioning as they should. The Executive Secretary was instructed to write a letter to those physicians who had been concerned that the Center might be using the nurses not within the rules and regulations set up for supervision and advise them that an inspection had been made and the Center was functioning within the guidelines approved by the Board.

Dr. Pence reported again to the Board that the subcommittee members will be making at least two site-visits a year each to the centers and clinics utilizing registered nurses performing medical acts.

It was also reported that another supervising physician had been added to the Four County Health Center, improving the supervision situation, which the joint subcommittee received as information.

Applications: The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee, reviewed and approved:

Dr. Cary J. Myers, Holly Ridge -- V. Jeannine Andrews (FNP)
Dr. Marion H. Bertling, Greensboro -- Daphne H. Coley and Sheila W. Cromer
(both FNP)
Dr. Abdel Mogazi, Williamston -- Janis H. Fink (FPNP)
Dr. John C. Crawford, Plymouth -- Patricia H. Holcomb (FPNP)
Dr. John W. Watson, Oxford -- Audrey H. Honeycutt (FNP)
Dr. James E. Clement, Greenville -- Josephine N. Hookway (CNM)
Dr. R. Stuart Roberson, Asheville -- Judith M. G. Phillips (FPNP)
Dr. Carlton D. Everhart, Mt. Airy -- Ann B. Potter and Dale F. Potter
(both FNP)
Dr. Joseph R. Overby, Vanceboro, -- George B. Roberts, Jr. (FNP)
Dr. Raymond D. Wallace, Jr., Hudson -- Janis H. Rowe (FNP)
Dr. George Macatee, Jr., Asheville -- Kay L. Taylor (FPNP)

Dr. Galusha moved that all applications approved by the subcommittee be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

Dr. Charles H. Powell, Marshall -- application incomplete for Kathryn A. Johnson, lacking a letter of recommendation. Approved if and when a letter is written to Dr. Powell suggesting that the charts be reviewed within 48 hours if possible, and after response to this letter is received, and all other credentials are completed.

Dr. James H. Baird, Burlington -- Application complete for Joyce P. Robertson, and approved if and when clarification of supervision is made.

Dr. Galusha moved that all applications approved if and when conditions are met by the subcommittee be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

Dr. David Williams, Laurinburg, N.C. -- Information had been requested concerning his FPNP using paracervical block procedures for patients. Dr. Williams advised the subcommittee that there were no plans to allow the FPNP to perform paracervical blocks in his practice at this time. Subcommittee received this as information.

Dr. Citron moved that the subcommittee report be approved. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.



RE: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse -- Applications: Eight applications from Guilford County were submitted to the Board for approval. These applications have the Emergency Department physician's signature and the nurse supervisor in the emergency department signing the applications instead of the Chief of Staff, who had been approved by the Board to sign applications for MICN's applying for approval. Dr. Staub moved that a letter be requested from the Chief of Staff for each application indicating that he had delegated the responsibility for signing the application to the emergency room physician and nurse supervisor; that the administrator of the hospital sign each application, as is required for approval; and the applications be approved if and when this is done. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Emergency Medical Technician-IV -- Applications: Dr. Staub moved that all applications submitted for approval of the EMT-IV from Orange, Catawba, Davidson, Surry, Guilford, and Henderson Counties be approved as submitted, with the exception of the applicants with grades between 70 and 75, which will be approved if and when clarification of the passing grade is made; and if it is 70, they will be approved but if the passing grade is 75, they not be approved. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed. (passing grade determined to be 70)

RE: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse -- Dr. Staub indicated that he was concerned about the fact that the Board does not have a protocol for the MICN as to exactly what his or her role is, stating that in a particular situation, a certain procedure is followed, and in another situation, another procedure would be followed. He said that he thought the Board should have this for each MICN program for their review, so they will know what the MICN can and cannot do; what medications she can or cannot order; what supervision she will receive, etc. Dr. Staub moved that a protocol be requested from each institution utilizing an MICN program. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

REL Office of Emergency Medical Services and North Carolina Department of Community Colleges -- Mr. Chris Gentile, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Mr. Anthony J. Bevacqua, N. C. Department of Community Colleges, and Mr. Roger Worthington, N. C. Department of Community Colleges, appeared to discuss the implementation of the new technical institutes' programs for training assistants to physicians, their curricula, information regarding approval of these programs by the AMA and other information that might be pertinent for the Board's review.

Mr. Gentile said the primary concern was to provide a certifiable or recognizable primary care physician's assistant with some specialty skills to meet the needs of the smaller community hospitals, at the sub-physician level, as well as to provide assistance to full-time emergency department physicians in the large metropolitan medical centers.

Mr. Gentile advised the Board that in considering approval of these programs he would like for them to know: 1) that the technical institute with the appropriate medical affiliation is not an uncommon setting for P.A. training, in that 8 of the 33 AMA-approved P.A. programs are in a community college or technical institute setting; and 2) that these programs have been established with the guidance of the evaluation processes that the Board has established, knowing that the Board does not approve any assistant to physician applicant who has not graduated from an AMA-approved program, so that these programs can be immediately evaluated by the Board.

The Board told Mr. Gentile and Mr. Bevacqua that the medical profession in general, and this Board in particular, was quite concerned about the vast growth of credentialism, particularly in paramedical fields, and the proliferation of the paramedical idea itself, with the possible result of a decrease in the quality of the end product. Also of concern to the Board is the fact that by 1985 it is projected that there will be a greater number of physicians available, and the role of the physician extender will be decreasing.

The Board thanked Mr. Gentile, Mr. Bevacqua and Mr. Rogerson for appearing and discussing the two new programs at Catawba Valley Technical Institute and Pitt County Technical Institute.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.


 J. S. Pence, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
 NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



