

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
APPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 19TH, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members present: Daniel Coane, Chairperson; Robert Edwards, Secretary; Christine Schlegel Brown; and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc Member. Members Absent: Leo Blais, Vice Chairperson.

OPR Staff present: Deborah Markowitz, Secretary of State, Christopher Winters, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Allen Dishaw, Steven Brault, Anthony Wright, Richard Jewett, Judy Greensmith, Kathleen Wright, Patricia McFeeley and Jeffrey Bitcon.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 20th meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations – None to report.**

- a. The Hearing scheduled regarding document numbers APP-PD-07-1103/APP-PD-08-1103 (Green Mountain Concert Services, Inc.) has been rescheduled for May 21, 2004.

4. **Reports**

- a. Secretary Markowitz attended the meeting to present a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Schlegel Brown for her service to the Secretary of State, the Board and to the people of Vermont.

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking**

- a. The Board reviewed the latest version of the draft rules with Attorney Winters, Board Counsel. Several changes have been made to the rules and language has been added to coincide with other changes occurring within the industry.

6. **Complaints - None to report.**

7. Applications reviewed and discussed.

The Board reviewed the following applications and took action as indicated.

- a. **Steven G. Brault** – The Board reviewed Mr. Brault’s application as an Armed Guard for MVM, Inc. Mr. Brault and his supervisor, Richard Jewett, were present. Mr. Brault waived executive session to discuss his application. Based on the information provided, Ms. Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Mr. Brault’s upgrade request for armed status. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Shane I. Noble** – The Board reviewed Mr. Noble’s application as an Unarmed Security Guard with Censor Security, Inc. Based on the Information provided, Ms. Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Noble for registration. Motion passed unanimously
- c. **Sumar I. Maji** – The Board reviewed Mr. Maji’s application for licensure as an Unarmed Security Guard with Guardsmark, LLC. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to approve Mr. Maji for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Adam R. Nelson** – The Board reviewed Mr. Nelson’s application for licensure as an Unarmed Security Guard with Guardsmark, LLC. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Nelson for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Robert K. Kerr** – The Board reviewed Mr. Kerr’s application as an Unarmed Security Guard with Hunter North Associates. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to preliminarily deny Mr. Kerr’s application based on failure to provide the information requested by the Board (Title 26, Chapter 59 §3181 (b) 15 and § 3181 (b) 18. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Anthony M. Wright** – The Board reviewed Mr. Wright’s application as an Unarmed Security Guard with Censor Security, Inc., tabled from the February meeting. Mr. Wright was present and requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss his application and prior offenses. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to go into executive session at 9:29 a.m. and out at 9:35 a.m. Ms. Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Wright for registration. Motions passed unanimously.

7. Applications reviewed and discussed (continued)

- g. **Patricia L. McFeely** – The Board reviewed Ms. McFeely’s application as an Unarmed Security Guard with IPC International Corp., tabled from the February meeting pending further documentation. Ms. McFeely was present and requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss her application and prior offenses. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. and out at 10:13 a.m. Ms. Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Ms. McFeely for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. **J.N. Bitcon Enterprises** – The Board reviewed J.N. Bitcon Enterprises application tabled from the February meeting. Mr. Bitcon was present and discussed his application with the Board. Based on the additional information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to approve J.N. Bitcon Enterprises as a Private Investigative Agency. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. **S. L. Jackson & Associates** – The Board reviewed S. L. Jackson & Associates application for licensure as a Private Investigative Agency with a request to be upgraded to armed status. Mr. Jackson wrote to request a waiver for firearms qualification until the next renewal period based on his military service and work with the Defense Department. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to grant the waiver requested. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Valor Security Services** - The Board reviewed the application for Valor Security Services with Mr. Rakestraw as the Qualifying Agent. Ms. Pudvah made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to approve Valor Security Services for agency licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. **Allen Dishaw** – The Board reviewed Mr. Dishaw’s application as an Unarmed Security Guard with Loomis Fargo & Company. Mr. Dishaw was present and waived executive session to discuss his application. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Dishaw for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- l. **Victoria Rose Consultants** - The Board reviewed the application for Victoria Rose Consultants as a Private Investigative Agency with Paul B. Cucinelli as Qualifying Agent. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to approve Victoria Rose Consultants for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Applications reviewed and discussed (continued)

- m. **Alexander Monteith** – The Board reviewed Mr. Monteith’s application to upgrade to an Armed Security Guard with MVM, Inc. Based on the information provided, Ms. Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Monteith for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. **Mark S. Hall** – The Board reviewed Mr. Hall’s application as an Armed Security Guard with Loomis, Fargo & Company. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown to approve Mr. Hall for an Unarmed Security Guard. Upon favorable verification from the FBI background check, he may be upgraded to armed status. Motion passed unanimously.
- o. **Saber Security** – The Board reviewed the application for Saber Security, LLC with Ronald Greenleaf Jr. as Qualifying Agent. Saber Security had been licensed in Vermont, but failed to renew as of 05/31/03. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schlegel Brown, to require the agency submit a completed application with fingerprint and FBI background checks to be able to be licensed. The law does not permit an agency to renew after 90 days. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Update Regarding Old Business

- a. The Board noted that they have not received a response to Triad Temporary Services, Inc. Christopher Winters, Board Counsel will contact them again and request a reply.

9. Correspondence

- a. The Board reviewed the letter from Jim Eckhardt, dated March 09, 2004, regarding problems that had been occurred in December. A letter from the Director was sent to him on March 09 as well.
- b. The Board reviewed the IASIR Regulator (Winter 2004) newsletter. Mr. Edwards plans to attend the next IASIR Regulator meeting.

10. Public Comment

- a. Kathleen Wright and Judy Greensmith attended the meeting to discuss Paul Duprat. Ms. Greensmith said she is an associate of Paul Duprat and asked the board to allow Mr. Duprat to investigate a murder. She said Kathleen Wright is the mother of Crystal Jones who was murdered and that they wanted Mr. Duprat to be permitted to work on the case.

11. Public Comment (continued)

Ms. Wright presented a letter which was shared with the Chairman. She refused to allow the Board to keep a copy of her letter.

Chairman Coane briefly reviewed the letter noting that his name was specifically mentioned in it. He explained that his signature appeared on an ID membership card with regard to Mr. Duprat's membership in the professional association, not to licensure. Mr. Duprat has not been licensed as a private investigator since 1993.

Chairman Coane said that Mr. Duprat is not licensed, therefore, he cannot work. The Board cannot permit an unlicensed person to work. Chairman Coane said that Mr. Duprat is aware of what he needs to do to become licensed.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2004: APRIL 16TH

Respectfully submitted,

**Patty Skinner
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