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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE  
AND  
FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling TITLE NUMBER: 27

CITE AUTHORITY: 30-31-5(a)(2)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Fees

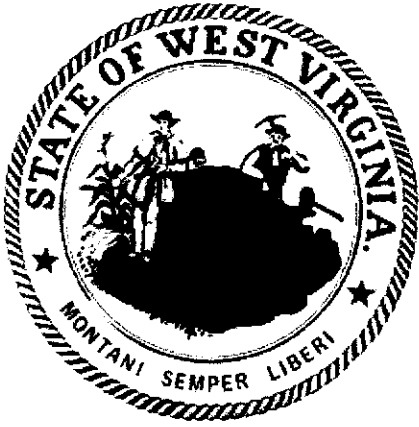
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TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

  
Authorized Signature

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# State of West Virginia

## Board of Examiners in Counseling

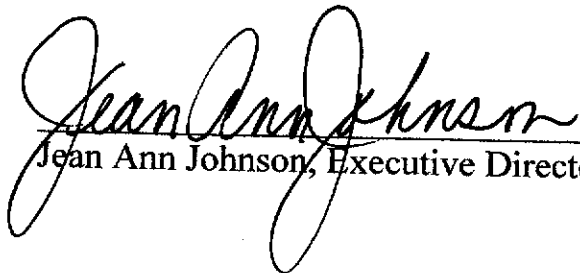
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December 4, 2002

Approval of Filing

Fees, Series 2

The Board of Examiners in Counseling has given their approval for the filing of this legislative rule at the November 14, 2002 board meeting.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)*

DATE: December 4, 2002

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No.) Board of Examiners in Counseling  
Post Office Box 129  
Ona, West Virginia 25545  
304-767-3001  
800-520-3852

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: Fees

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation 30-31-5(a)(2)

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:  
October 23, 2002

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?  
The board mailed a letter to each LPC explaining the need for the rule change. We held a comment period not a hearing. The board did hold a board meeting on November 14, 2002 in Morgantown and approximately 70 Licensured Professional Counselors were in attendance. The support for the rule change was 100%.

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) or Public Comment Period ended:  
December 2, 2002

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached \_\_\_\_\_ No comments received \_\_\_\_\_

e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

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f. **Name, title, address and phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director

Post Office Box 129

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jajohnson@marshall.edu

Fax: 304-767-3062

g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give **Name, title, address and phone number(s)** of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

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3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

N/A

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b. Date of hearing or comment period:

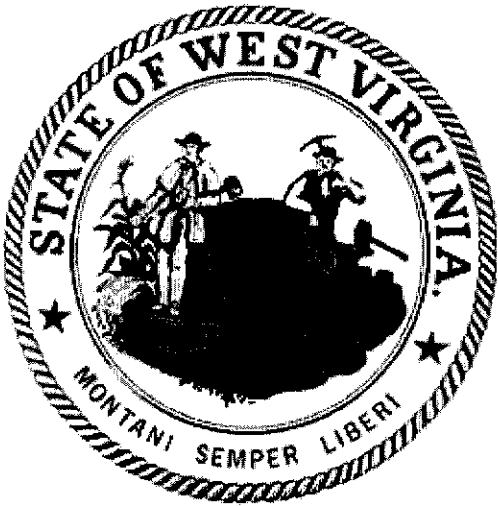
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c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

N/A

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached N/A



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### Brief Summary and Statement of Circumstances of Proposed Rule

#### Title 27, Series 2, Fees

The Board of Counseling is experiencing serious financial trouble.

The renewal fees received every odd numbered year constitutes the majority of the board's operating funds over a 24 month period. The board has significantly expanded the services provided to the general public and the Licensed Professional Counselor over the last two years. The board needs to raise the renewal fee for the renewal period of 2003 in order to continue operating in a professional and efficient manner.

The fee for reviewing a one-time continuing education offering is being raised to a per day basis. The one-time offerings that are two or three days long take more time to review properly. This change will only effect the companies that provide continuing education for Licensed Professional Counselors.

This rule establishes fee requirements related to the licensing of professional counselors, renewal of the licensee, and application and monitoring of continuing professional education providers and their programs.

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APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Fees

Type of Rule:  Legislative     Interpretive     Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

Address: Post Office Box 129, Ona, West Virginia 25545

1. Effect of Proposed rule:

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</b>					
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>					
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>					
<b>REPAIRS &amp; ALTERATIONS</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>					
<b>OTHER</b>					

2. Explanation of Above Estimates:

This rule to raise the renewal fee will not subject the board to any additional costs. The rule change will not increase or decrease any of the above items. The increase requested is to keep the board operating.

3. Objectives of These Rules:

The majority of the Board's revenue is obtained through renewal fees. The current renewal fee needs to be raised so the board can continue to perform its duties over a two year period.

Rule Title: Fees

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

A. Economic Impact on State Government:

N/A

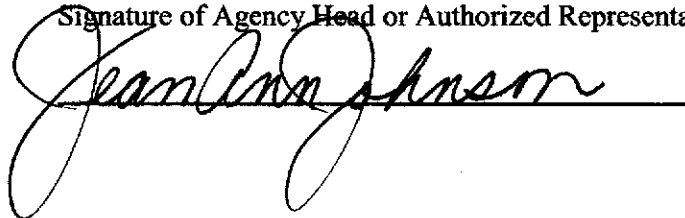
B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens: N/A

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: December 4, 2002

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Ann Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

**TITLE 27  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING**

**SERIES 2  
FEES**

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**§27-2-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes fee requirements related to the licensing of professional counselors, renewal of the licensee, and application and monitoring of continuing professional education providers and their programs.

1.2. Authority. —W. Va. Code §§30-31-5.

1.3. Filing Date.—

1.4. Effective Date.—

**§27-2-2. Definitions.**

2.1. "Application fee" means a fee that is due at the time the initial application is submitted.

2.2. "Bad check fee" means a fee for a payment made by a check that is returned due to insufficient funds, closed account or similar failure to negotiate payment.

2.3. "Initial licensing fee" means a fee that is due when license is initially issued. This fee shall be based on the date the license is issued and the number of days remaining in the current biennial renewal cycle.

**§27-2-3. Application of Rule.**

This legislative rule applies to all persons applying to become a licensed professional counselor, all licensed professional

counselors and providers of continuing professional education programs.

**§27-2-4. Fee Schedule**

4.1. All fees paid to the Board are not refundable.

4.2. All fees, with the exception of those for examination, are payable to the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling (WVBEC).

4.3. License fees.

4.3.a. The fee for the initial application for licensure is one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00);

4.3.b. The fee for reciprocity application processing is one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00);

4.3.c. The fee required for the issuance of the initial license certificate shall be calculated on the current renewal rate set in this rule, the date the license is issued and the number of days remaining in the current biennial renewal cycle;

4.3.d. The fee for biennial license renewal ~~is seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ shall be an amount up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00);

(1). The licensee shall submit the renewal application and documentation of continuing education according to the instructions in the application

provided by the Board at the time of renewal. The Board shall return the licensee's renewal application for, but not limited to, improper documentation and/or inappropriate continuing education. A licensee who has his or her licensure renewal application returned by the Board as incomplete or incorrect shall pay an additional fee of \$75.00 when resubmitting the renewal application for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time in one renewal period.

4.3.e. The fee for examination score endorsement is twenty dollars (\$20.00);

4.3.f. The fee for name change of all records is five dollars (\$5.00);

4.3.g. The fee for endorsement to another state or a National and/or State certification is twenty dollars (\$20.00);

4.3.h. The fee for a duplicate certificate is ten dollars (\$10.00);

4.3.i. The fee for filling a request for public information, print or electronic data, and/or other services relating to the Board, its members, or licensed professional counselors, is calculated based on the actual cost of materials, employee time, and/or services required to comply with the request;

4.3.j. The fee for a bad check is twenty dollars (\$20.00); and,

4.3.k. The annual fee for monitoring the Restricted Practice License counselors is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

4.4. Continuing professional education provider and programs fees.

4.4.a. The application fee to be certified as an approved provider of continuing professional education biennially is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00);

4.4.b. The application fee to be certified as an approved provider of continuing

professional education for one event only is ~~five dollars (\$50.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day;

4.4.c. The fee to monitor the continuing professional education records and activities of an approved provider for the purpose of quality assurance is fifty dollars (\$50.00) for one event in each biennial and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for more than one event in each biennial; and,

4.4.d. The biennial fee to re-certify as an approved provider is one hundred dollars (\$100.00), payable only after the Board has notified the provider that it is eligible to re-certify.

(1). An approved provider who does not pay a fee to re-certify within thirty (30) days of notice shall forfeit all rights and privileges of an approved provider.

4.5. Examination fees.

4.5.a. The fee for the examination required by the Board is established by and payable to the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or its designee; and,

4.5.b. The additional fee to administer the exam shall be based on the current cost of the facilities, the number of proctors for the exam, and the employee's time to process the exam.

During the comment period ending December 2, 2002, the board suggested the renewal amount of \$150.00 for the upcoming 2003 renewal cycle. The renewal amount of \$150.00 based on at least 900 counselors renewing their license will provide the board with the appropriate amount of revenue in which to operate for a 24 month period. Other fees received throughout the year will complete the needed budgeted amount.

- Forty-eight comment letters were received supporting the \$150.00 renewal amount and many suggested the board raise the fee to \$200.00 this cycle.
- Three comment letters received stated that the fee should be raised gradually.
- One letter complained about the cost of everything professionally.
- One letter stated that the fee should remain \$75.00 and obtain supplementary volunteer help as needed.
- Seventy+ individuals attended the November 14, 2002 board meeting at which the fee increase was the main topic. After a thorough discussion about the financial problems the board is experiencing, it appeared through a show of hands that everyone in the room was in agreement that the fee needed to be raised to at least \$150.00 in the 2003 renewal cycle.

Due to the positive response regarding the fee increase, the rule will now read: The fee for biennial license renewal shall be an amount up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

The renewal fee for the upcoming 2003 renewal cycle will be \$150.00.

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**From:** idgy101 [SMTP:idgy101@earthlink.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** LPC fee increase

**Sent:** 11/11/2002 11:32 AM

**Importance:** Normal

I received the notice re: rate increases for LPC members. While I realize that you already know all that I wish to express, I do hope that these repeated opinions are given to the "powers that be" when the final vote needs to be considered.

I have been a licensed professional for several years. The licensure was sought and attained as a means of presenting and preserving my ethical and professional standards as I work in the human service field. They were also becoming an expectation in the field.

I have worked and paid a great deal of money and time to attain my Masters Degree, professional licensure, including NCC and LSW. I looked at the professional fields and rates provided in the notice, and several things struck me. Consideration for the state's wages in the mental health agencies that employ these highly trained individuals carrying an LPC status versus the same for professional fields' such as dentist, chiropractor, DO. There can be no comparison. And yet, despite the poor salaries of mental health professionals, CEU fees continue to raise outrageously!

Despite the significant increase in CEU fees from workshops, etc, LPC standards have fixed the amount of hours that home study credit can be sought. It is becoming far cheaper to take a masters level college course than it is to be able to attend and afford time off from work to attend these training classes. And while I understand and see the need for continued educational updates and information, the method in which this may be obtained is very important to my daily demands.

As I have noted, I have worked for years to obtain my professional education and professional licensure. They are important to me for the effort exerted and for what I feel they represent of individual's in the field. I am discouraged by the anticipated fee increase which I understand will occur at this point. What else can be done to assist fellow professionals in the field with the increase? I do hope that others wiser and more accomplished in the art of negotiating can speak and present some alternatives. From my end personally, if the fee scale increases are close to the examples provided, it may be time for me to start answering the tough question of which licensure are going to be of the greatest benefit to me, both professionally and financially.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for me to express my thoughts and opinion on this matter.

Cynthia McManus  
Huntington, WV  
(304) 528-5335  
idgy101



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**From:** John Riley [SMTP:JohnRiley@mail.drs.state.wv.us]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Renewal Fees

**Sent:** 11/4/2002 10:45 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Maintain present renewal fee of \$75.00 and obtain supplementary help as needed through volunteers.

*John G. Riley  
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**From:** Lisagenex@aol.com [SMTP:Lisagenex@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

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**Subject:** proposed license change

**Sent:** 12/1/2002 5:22 PM

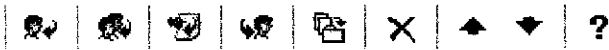
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I think \$150 is a bit steep and the increase should be gradual; perhaps \$100-120 this yr then increase it to \$150.

Also, I think there should be an inactive status for our license like the social workers have. I worked hard to get this license and do not want to give it up. However, since I no longer provide direct counseling it is not required for my job. With the increase in fees and the fact that many CEU's that apply toward my social work license do not apply toward my LPC license, the expense of maintaining this greatly adds up during the year.

Thanks

Lisa Westfall, MA, LPC, LSW, QRP  
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2630 Conner Dr. Charleston 25302  
304-345-2522



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**From:** Karen O. Dotson [SMTP:kdotson@shsinc.org]

**To:** Jean Ann Johnson (E-mail 2)

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Renewal Fees

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 11:45 AM

**Importance:** Normal

I certainly understand the plight that the WVBECC is experiencing. Working in the mental health arena has some of the identical issues regarding finances and funding. I do agree that the annual fee should be raised, I am not certain that I agree with the amount in question. The states and other occupations that were surveyed pay higher wages to their counselors and the professions listed make two to three times more in salaries than licensed counselors or social workers. So it is like comparing apples to oranges. In my personal and professional opinion the fee required should be no more than \$100.00 per renewal period. Thank you for asking for input.

Karen O. Dotson MSW, LPC, LCSW

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**From:** annette zavareei [SMTP:annettez@hotmail.com]

**To:** Jane Ann Johnson

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Lic Fee

**Sent:** 11/9/2002 4:02 PM

**Importance:** Normal

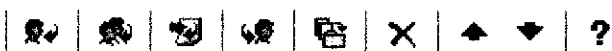
Hi Girl,

I'll bet you never expected me to learn how to use this darn computer but I fooled you. Actually it was priceline.com and cheap airline tickets that did it! Anyway regarding the increase in lic fees. Of course you will have to do it but don't forget you could lose a lot of school counselors if you go too high. That would be my one serious concern. I work with many school counselors who are members because "They may want to do some private work someday." Anyway I am also a school psychologist and the fee is \$75 every 3 years if you are not in private practice. Maybe you would want to consider a different fee for school people as opposed to private practice so that you do hang on to those people. Another thing is that we ask for far more continuing ed hours then psychology. Again they ask for 22 hrs every 2 or 3 years I can't remember which. Check that out people may not mind if the cost of continuing ed were not so high and maybe it would be helpful to have uniform fees and requirements for both professions and giving the break to school people. With the school psychologist they cannot do private work with that lic. Just some ideas. Say hey to everyone for me and give a yell if you need anything. I am traveling to Nicholas Co. 3 or 4 days a week. hardly any more work at home with my husband here all the time. He has become pretty stable and we are doing OK.

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**From:** Dr. Mark Carter [SMTP:MCarter8@sc.rr.com]

**To:** Johnson, Jean

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Increase in Renewal Fees

**Sent:** 11/28/2002 5:46 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Jean:

Greetings and salutations. I have received and reviewed the recent notice you mailed concerning an increase in renewal fees. I agree that, for too long, we have been given the luxury of paying a very small fee for a very valuable, professional license.

Although I now reside outside my beloved state, I am proud to keep my current WV license active and renewed. I am also honored to help our professional board in any way I can. An increase in a license fee to continue to receive the very important services you and the board provide is a very minor inconvenience at worst.

I have reviewed comparable licenses from other states as well as the list you provided in the notice. I believe that it is not inappropriate to pay a fee of \$100 to \$150 in order to keep our board solvent and vibrant. I also think it's about time that we pay you on time, all the time, and that we pay you an amount that is appropriate for the kind of excellent services you personally render in your role as director. In that regard, once the fee is increased (as I know it must be), I would encourage the board to reassess your role and the many duties you must perform and bring your salary up to a more amenable level.

I hope that this email finds you well and that you are having a most enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend. If you need any other comments or information, feel free to contact me at your leisure. My contact information as required by the notice is:

Mark S. Carter, Ed. D., NCC, LPC  
22 Willbrook Drive  
Lugoff, SC 29078  
Telephone: 803-408-1125 (home) 803-255-4186 (work)

Good luck with this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark S. Carter, Ed. D., NCC, LPC  
VARO Columbia, SC



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**From:** ronritt@juno.com [SMTP:ronritt@juno.com]  
**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Fees  
**Sent:** 10/30/2002 8:52 AM

**Importance:** Normal

I agree to the \$150 fee. This is what addiction counselors pay every other year. I want to see the counselor board continue to operate. Why is it not funded?

Ronni Rittenhouse, Ph.D., LPC, LCSW, CCAC-S

This is for a  
Certification  
Not even  
a license.



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**From:** George D Moses [SMTP:gdmoses@juno.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Fee Increase

**Sent:** 11/22/2002 10:50 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jean Ann:

November 22, 2002

I attended the WVCA Workshop last week at Lakeview Resort and was aware of the proposed fee increase for Licensure Renewal prior to attending the meeting. Following the Legal and Ethics Seminar, I heard enough support for the increase from those in attendance to make the following recommendation. **I am fully supportive of the WVBEC's proposal to increase the renewal fee from \$75 to \$150 every two years.** I would further recommend **an increase to \$200** if that is needed to maintain the WVBEC's office and support staff to handle various claims by clients or practitioners in the field as well as other legal or ethical issues which may arise in the near future. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Board and the licensed counselors in West Virginia.

Sincerely,

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## William Lindley

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**From:** William Lindley  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2002 3:52 PM  
**To:** 'jajhonson@marshall.edu'  
**Subject:** WV Board of Examiners in Counseling

Ms Johnson,

I believe it is critically urgent that the WV Board of Examiners in Counseling continues its existence in a viable and operational way. We MUST have this professional voice and method to remain credentialed. To that end I SUPPORT the proposed increase in licensure fees.

I would trust there are other options being explored to keep the board viable as well.

Please keep us advised of the progress made in solving this crisis.

Thank you for all of your work over the years related to the board.

Sincerely,

William M. Lindley II, MS, LPC

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**From:** Greg Janson [SMTP:gregoryjanson@direcway.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Licensure Fees

**Sent:** 11/11/2002 3:32 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Hi Jean Anne,

Just want you to know that I support the fee hike 100% and will gladly pay it.

Take care,

greg

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**Warren W. Watts, Director**

November 6, 2002

West Virginia Board of  
Examiners in Counseling  
P.O. Box 129  
Ona, West Virginia 25545

Re: Raising the renewal fee of State License

Dear Board of Examiners:

I appreciated your letter letting me know the financial picture of our Board and License renewal. I would totally support such an increase to \$150 and am sending my check with this letter.

As the Board is aware, I, along with a Clarence Martin, Esquire, have been quite active in Ethical and Legal Issues in the Counseling field. Recently, I was asked to be an expert witness in a malpractice action against a fellow professional. A very well known and famous attorney was representing the counselor. I was cross-examined by this attorney and the statement made: "your State of West Virginia has a strong licensure law and Board to oversee it, doesn't it?". Obviously, this attorney had done his research and a positive statement made concerning our Licensure law and Board of Examiners. My license is necessary for me to continue in private practice as well as my Court work as an "expert in Standards of Practice" throughout the tri-state area. I am proud to be represented by this Board and its members. I also wish to express my appreciation to Jean Ann Johnson for her "extra mile" efforts to keep all matter afloat while the funds were diminishing through the years. She, along with the Board, should be commended for a fine job they all have been doing.

I support this renewal fee 100%. We are all professionals and such an increase is not at all out of line with counseling practice. If I can be of further support, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Warren W. Watts, M.Div.  
Director & Supervisor  
LPC #294

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**From:** nancy sloan [SMTP:osloan\_2000@yahoo.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** licensure renewal fee increase

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 8:26 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jeanann-

I got the notice today about the counseling board needing to raise the renewal fee to \$ 150.00 per two-year renewal cycle. I just want you to know that I support this raise 100%. It has been clear for years that an increase in the fee was necessary for the board to properly do its work. I don't know what you need in the way of support for this, other than our comments, but if there is anything I can do beyond expressing my support, please let me know. I'll help anyway I can.

I'd like to add that, to my knowledge, counselors working in any state associated or funded setting still do not have to have a license in order to practice. Even so, it has always seemed to me that the licensees who grumbled most whenever a raise in the fee was proposed were often the very people who were exempt from the necessity of maintaining their licenses. Those of us out in the field, however, must be licensed in order to practice. Though I hesitate to propose anything which divides our group, it seems reasonable to me that if those of us who must be licensed are generally unopposed to the fee hike, the votes of those not needing the license to practice in their chosen setting should carry less weight. Am I mistaken in my impression of the grouping of those for and against a fee hike?

Obviously, a vote against the fee hike weakens our board, and thereby weakens our standing alongside the other similar major disciplines. It seems to me this must be avoided at all costs. Please feel free to use my comments and request my help, if need be. I appreciate all the work you do!

Nancy J. Sloan, MA, LPC

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**From:** Guy and Debbie Trent [SMTP:wvguyanddeb@hotmail.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Comments on Licensure Fees

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 11:20 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Although I am sure all of us love to see inexpensive fees, I think if our profession is to continue to grow as a profession we must pay a realistic fee for licensure. I have no objections at all to the proposed fee of \$150.00 biennially.

I only work on a part time basis, but I believe that we need our WVBEF funded and available to all of us who are licensed professional counselors as well as anyone who needs information or assistance about our work.

I think the board is to be commended for working diligently to keep fees down, but it is time for all of us to bite the bullet and support our board. Thanks.

Deborah K. Trent, LPC  
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**From:** Robint54@aol.com [SMTP:Robint54@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** (no subject)

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 7:36 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Thank you for sending the information and explanation of exactly why there would need to be a rate increase for the renewal fee.

I completely agree that it is imperative for this increase and will pay this expense.

And i would thank you for all the good work you have been doing on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Robin Teoli, PhD  
P.O. Box 6821  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 233-7778



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**From:** Guy Gage [SMTP:ggage@toothmanrice.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** comment

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 8:41 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Jean Ann,  
THank you for your letter indicating the WBEC situation. The suggestion is to raise the dues to \$150 biennially, which is \$75 annually. Is this what you intended to say? If so, it still sounds low. The letter didn't mention what the current rate is, although it is "not an insignificant amount." My vote is to raise it.

Guy Gage  
Ggage@toothmanrice.com

Toothman Rice PLLC  
P.O. Box 2408  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Phone:304-624-5471  
Fax: 304-623-2807



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**From:** Kelly Carter [SMTP:wheelsnmotion@netzero.net]  
**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** COMMENT ABOUT THE RENEWAL INCREASE  
**Sent:** 11/14/2002 4:49 PM

**Importance:** Normal

JEAN ANN 11-14-02

I AM FINE WITH THE INCREASE IN RENEWAL FEES CONSIDERING THAT IT IS FOR A 2 YEAR PERIOD. I THINK IT MAKES THE COUNSELING PROFESSION LOOK MORE CREDIBLE IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE. I AM EVER GRATEFUL TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ALL THE HARD WORK SHE DOES TO MAKE OUR COUNSELING BOARD RUN SMOOTHLY. SHE HAS ANSWERED MANY QUESTIONS FOR ME. SHE IS SO HELPFUL AND NICE.

KELLY CARTER MALPC #1461

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**From:** M. WARREN HESS [SMTP:whess66@hotmail.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** COMMENTS

**Sent:** 11/17/2002 1:24 PM

**Importance:** Normal

DEAR MS. JOHNSON:

IT IS DISTURBING THAT WHEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS, THE BOARD FAILS TO PURSUE PARITY WITH OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS. WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT EQUITY BUT FAIL TO PURSUE OUR OWN INTERESTS. ACCORDINGLY, I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO INCREASE THE LICENSURE RENEWAL FEE TO \$250.00 BIANNUALLY.

THANK YOU FOR ANY CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

M. WARREN HESS  
P. O. BOX 66  
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25443  
TELEPHONE H 304.876.3495  
C 304.279.9486



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**From:** JudithSWilkWV@aol.com [SMTP:JudithSWilkWV@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Comments re: fee increase...

**Sent:** 11/18/2002 11:02 AM

**Importance:** Normal

**TO:** WWBEC, Comments

**FROM:** Judith Smith Wilkinson, Ph.D., LPC  
Senior Therapist and Supervisor  
Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center  
16 Leon Sullivan Way, Suite 300  
Charleston, WV 25301  
w: 346-9689 x. 14

**DATE:** Monday, November 18, 2002

After attending the WVCA Conference in Morgantown this past week and hearing the Board discuss the need to increase fees of the Licensed Professional Counselors, I am convinced that we have no other choice. I support the fee increase of \$200. for licensure renewal. I intend to send for my own renewal prior to the end of 2002 in order to help with the present costs.

I was especially concerned to learn that Jean Ann Johnson has been spending her own money in order to facilitate the work of this board! This is totally unacceptable!

In addition to supporting the fee increase, I also request that an additional part-time, and less expensive, clerk assistant be hired to do some of the tasks.

I also request a copy of the 2001-2002 working budget of the WWBEC. I regret that the members present at the conference discussion were not given copies of the budget just as we were given copies of the past Board minutes. You may send a copy to me at the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center address.

I appreciate the significant increase of services provided by the Board and the extremely important work they are doing. I especially highly regard the work of Jean Ann Johnson.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilkinson



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**From:** DrGoldman@aol.com [SMTP:DrGoldman@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Licensure Fees

**Sent:** 11/27/2002 11:57 PM

**Importance:** Normal

**To: Jean Anne Johnson**  
**c/o WVBEC**  
**re: Comments on Licensure Fee Increases**

Jean Anne ~ Patty and I both support a licensure fee increase to whatever amount necessary in order to keep the WVBEC viable and our LPC licensure in place. We also support any legislation allowing WVBEC to reset its licensure fee on a periodic basis, as needed, without having to seek additional legislative action to do so. Keep up the good work.

**Rich Goldman (License # 1200) and**  
**Patty Goldman (License # 1278)**  
**13661 Paddock Court**  
**Gainesville, Virginia, 20155**  
**(703) 743-5753**

**Johnson, Jean**

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**From:** simmons [simmons@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2002 8:19 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Jean  
**Subject:** in favor of increase in fee for LPC license

Dear Director,

I am in favor of an increase for the fee for LPC licensure. \$75. every two years does not seem like enough for all the work involved in your office for the reviewing process. I am a licensed social work and nursing home administrator in Virginia. I pay \$125. per year for the nursing home license and \$125. every two years for years.

I would hate to see WVBEAC dissolve because of lack of funds. I hope others feel the same and will agree to an increase in the fee.

Sincerely,

Bertha Simmons #532  
8500 Saddle Court  
Manassas, VA 20110  
703-330-5063-home  
703-915-2233-cell

11/12/02



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**From:** IrisMtn@aol.com [SMTP:IrisMtn@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Feedback to WVBEC on Licensure Renewal Fee increase

**Sent:** 10/31/2002 2:18 PM

**Importance:** Normal

10/30/02

To: WVBEC, Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director

Re: Proposed Increase of Licensure Renewal Fee

\$ 150.00 fee seems fair and necessary. I suggest adding on a late fee as well. I have been aware of the additional services and the quality of service provided by Jean Ann Johnson in the past 12 months. I would like to see WVCA put some pressure on WV state government to underwrite WVBEC.

Lydia H. Walker, L.P.C. WV#894

201A Iris Mountain Lane

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-3031

61 Oakwood Dr.  
Shepherdstown, WV 25443  
(304) 876-0961

November 8, 2002

WVBEC  
P.O. Box 129  
Ona, WV 25545

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to state my support for the proposed increase in the renewal fee for licensed professional counselors in West Virginia to \$150.00 biennially. I appreciate the quality work that the WVBEC does and understand the need for such an increase to maintain the board's services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Myers".

J. David Myers, LPC

**Johnson, Jean**

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**From:** Larry Bell [larryb@mail.drs.state.wv.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2002 12:09 PM  
**To:** 'ajohnson@marshall.edu'  
**Subject:** WVBEC

Ms. Johnson, I am fully supportive of the needed increase to \$150.00 for LPC Licensure. I appreciate your efforts, and the Board. This is a vital Board and essential to provision of quality counseling services in the public and private sectors. If I can be of any more assistance, please advise. Thanx...Larry A. Bell, M.S.; L.P.C.

## Johnson, Jean

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**From:** JudithSWikWV@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2002 8:00 PM  
**To:** TOnorato@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: Licensure Fee Increase

Sounds like we have no other choice!  
I'm in favor of the increase.  
Judith Smith Wilkinson, Ph.D., LPC  
50 Abney Circle  
Charleston, WV 25314  
h: 304-343-7825  
w: 304-346-9689 x.14



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**From:** John W. Streeter [SMTP:riverrat@intrepid.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Comment Regarding Renewal Fee Increase

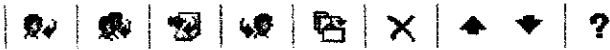
**Sent:** 11/6/2002 10:42 AM

**Importance:** Normal

If we (LPC's) which to maintain and promote our own professionalism it is absolutely necessary to support and maintain the board in carrying out their varied duties. I support an increase in renewal fees that give the Board an average monthly operational financial base of \$6000.

John W. Streeter, Jr. LPC,NCC  
671 Falling Waters Dr.  
Falling Waters, WV 25419

304-263-8522 (work number @ Shenandoah Women's Center)



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**From:** Judy Pugh [SMTP:judynpugh@yahoo.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** WVBEC Renewal Fee

**Sent:** 11/5/2002 5:48 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Comment on raising the renewal fee:

Although it is never popular, raising fees and other costs is sometimes necessary. It appears that this is one of those times. I have always been impressed with Jean Ann Johnson's efficiency and the service I received, through her, from the Board. Please count me as willing to pay the suggested biennial fee of \$150 in order to continue the important work of our Board of Examiners.

Judy N. Pugh

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**From:** Tony Michael [SMTP:TonyM@mail.drs.state.wv.us]

**To:** 'jajohnson@marshall.edu'

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Proposed Licensing Fee Increase

**Sent:** 11/5/2002 11:23 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Jean Ann,

I would be supportive of a fee increase if that is necessary to keep the licensing board functional. I believe it is very important to have the board both as a certifying and monitoring body. Thanks for all that you do.

Tony Michael, MS, L.P.C.  
Branch Office Supervisor  
Division of Rehabilitation Services  
P.O. Box 547  
Institute, WV 25112  
ph: 766-2634 fax: 766-2853



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**From:** AIPAM@aol.com [SMTP:AIPAM@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** (no subject)

**Sent:** 11/5/2002 3:00 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Increase the dues to whatever we need! We are only as good as our licensure board. I pay 350.00, I think, or more for membership in the Forensics Association.

I am doing an internship in school psy. and have taken an additional 30+ hrs. to get this. My major role is counseling in the school. I am presently taking a multicultural class that is now required for all psychologists, etc., today. I had an ethics class during my doctoral program. Do I have to take another ethics? This multicultural class (WVU) is mainly about ethics.

Thanks,

Pam Peddicord



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**From:** Kenneth London, Sr. [SMTP:londonr@yahoo.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Ken London

**Sent:** 11/5/2002 10:25 AM

**Importance:** Normal

11-5-02

\$150 license renewal for two years is understandable and acceptable to me.

Ken London LPC # 1218

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**From:** Larry L. Sinsabaugh, PhD. [SMTP:l.l.sinsabaugh.phd@worldnet.att.net]

**To:** Jean Ann Johnson (E-mail)

**Cc:**

**Subject:** I am in support of the Renewal Rate Increase \$150 per cycle.

**Sent:** 11/4/2002 11:55 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Ms. Jean Ann Johnson, Executive Director  
West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling  
Marshall University Graduate College PO Box 129 Ona, West Virginia 25545  
[street address ]1213 Ohio Ave Dunbar, West Virginia  
Voice (304) 767-3061 Toll Free #: 800-520-3852 Fax (304) 767-3062  
E-mail: jajohnson@marshall.edu

Dear Jean,

I am responding with comments to the most recent flier received from WVBE (n.d.; but postmarked 10/28/02). I am in agreement with the need to increase the renewal rate from \$75.00 to \$150 per year. Keeping in mind the things that we discussed, please let me know if I can be of any help to you or the Board.

You may use this new e-mail address if you like: l.l.sinsabaugh.phd@att.net. It goes to the same place as the l.l.sinsabaugh.phd@worldnet.att.net; AT&T just shortened the suffix making it easier on everyone.

Best regards, and Happy Thanksgiving,

Larry L. Sinsabaugh

Larry L. Sinsabaugh, Ph.D.

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**From:** Bill Tanzey [SMTP:bilt@mail.drs.state.wv.us]

**To:** 'jajohnson@marshall.edu'

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Discontinuation of WVBEC

**Sent:** 11/4/2002 1:42 PM

**Importance:** Normal

**Ms. Johnson,**

**I am most chagrined to read that due to fiscal difficulties WVBEC may be forced to stop operating. I'm well aware of the huge efforts that went into establishing this Board, and the tremendous strides that have been made in West Virginia toward establishing licensing for this critical body of clinicians.**

**I am in full agreement with, will support, and advocate for, the proposed fees increase.**

**Please advise if you need my assistance here in Charleston or otherwise.**

**Courage**

William Tanzey MS LPC  
Administrator, WV Rehabilitation Center  
P.O. Box 1004  
Institute, WV 25112  
304-766-4696



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**From:** Lyn Kay Herley [SMTP:herley@ovis.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** renewal fee

**Sent:** 11/5/2002 8:06 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Blessings on Election Day

Joanne,

I am 100% in agreement with the increase for the renewal fee know the board does

the work needed to keep us effective as professionals. I vote for an annual fee of \$75.

Why do a biennial fee when we need to be attentive annually?

Also, I am inquiring as to whether or not the following will be acceptable CEU's:

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Thank you for your time with this message. Lyn Kay Herley, LPC



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**From:** Joanne Dobrzanski [SMTP:jdobrzan@weir.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** renewal fees comment

**Sent:** 11/1/2002 11:16 AM

**Importance:** Normal

I am writing in support of the increase in renewal fees. The increase puts the LPC renewal fee in line with similar licensing fees and I don't believe it is an undue hardship.

Joanne Dobrzanski, LPC 936



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**From:** Kathy Szafran [SMTP:kszafran@1st.net]

**To:** Johnson, Jean

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Licensure fee

**Sent:** 11/1/2002 11:52 AM

**Importance:** Normal

As a supervising licensed professional counselor, I greatly value the purpose of the WVBECC. The ability to regulate and serve the profession is critical to the counseling field. It is also critical to the field that the WVBECC continue simply to keep counselors employed. Revenue sources such as Medicaid and other private insurance companies will not engage in service contracts with counselors that are not licensed or being supervised by a licensed counselor. Therefore, I support the increase in the renewal LPC rates. I would hope that the increase would spearhead greater advocacy for the profession. If I can be of further assistance please feel free to call.

Thank you,  
Kathy Szafran  
PO Box 114  
Valley Grove, WV 26060  
304-336-7665

## Johnson, Jean

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**From:** Linda Parkhill [dancemam@ix.netcom.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2002 11:20 AM  
**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu  
**Subject:** raising fees

Jean Ann,

I am in receipt of the letter addressing the raising of fees for licensed professional counselors. I do not mind paying more fees as it is well justified and know that the Board is working hard to improve the association.

I do want to comment on the new program for supervision for licensure, however, as I regard the new requirements most daunting for new applicants. I will use my friend as an example. She has had about 10 years of counseling experience, and has her addictions certification. She was looking forward to getting her LPC as an addition to her credentialing and started her supervision at the VA under the director of her unit. When the supervision rules changed and her supervisor was not certified, she was not grandfathered in. After waiting to find this out, she also found out that there are not any qualified supervisors in this area that are available to supervise her. It is discouraging to one who would make an excellent LPC candidate and has put in her field hours just like a lot of us did before the new program was instituted.

The tiered requirements to get certified as supervisor do not seem fair to me. For example, I know someone who has had his LPC for 10 years and he does not do any active counseling. Yet, the requirements for him to become a supervisor are a lot less than for me who actively counsels each week yet has been an LPC for less than 5 years.. I suggest the criteria for becoming a supervisor needs to be revisited...requiring each candidate for supervisor certification to complete the same amount of training regardless of how long they have been an LPC.

The upshot is that these new requirements not only discourage new candidates for LPC's, it also discourages new counselors from becoming a supervisor.

Thanks for taking the time to hear and understand.

Regards,

Linda Parkhill, LPC  
48 Bradley Brook Lane  
Hedgesville, WV 25427  
LCP #1544  
304-754-7723



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**From:** Wendy Zolla [SMTP:wzolla@hardynet.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Renewal fee increase

**Sent:** 10/31/2002 10:46 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am writing in response to the recent mailing forewarning of another licensure renewal increase. I am in favor of supporting the increase, as it is obviously necessary. I am grateful for all of the good work that you do.

Sincerely,

Wendy Zolla, M.A., L.P.C.#947



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**From:** Antem@aol.com [SMTP:Antem@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Renewal Fee

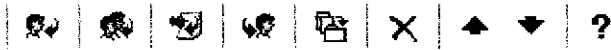
**Sent:** 10/31/2002 3:46 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Hello Jean Ann,

Given the explanation in the letter from the WV Board of Examiners, I am in favor of raising the renewal fee to \$150.00 for the 2003 cycle.

Antoinette Morrison  
815 Quarrier St, Ste 346  
Charleston, WV 25301  
304-343-0557



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**From:** Rivernix@aol.com [SMTP:Rivernix@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** (no subject)

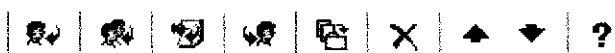
**Sent:** 10/31/2002 1:35 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Neil H. Nixon LPC # 434  
2515 Main Street  
Wellsburg, WV 26070  
October 31, 2002

I am in favor of the increase in fees for licensure; researche suggests that it is appropriate to the circumstances.

Neil Nixon



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**From:** Stewart Anderson [SMTP:steward@hotmail.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** comments to WVBEC mass mailing

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 1:29 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jean/WVBEC:

This correspondence is in regard to your mass mailing about the scope/functions of the WVBEC, and the need for an infusion of capitol for it to remain viable. I would be very much in favor of raising our renewal fee, as I see the WVBEC as necessary to us as counselors, in terms of credentialing and credibility. In fact, I was discussing this with a colleague, and we wondered aloud if the states with significantly higher renewal rates used some of those funds to retain a lobbyist, to further represent themselves in their respective legislatures, (something I would also be in favor of, particularly as regards support for private practitioners being able to bill third party payors/medicaid without having to come under the umbrella of another provider, [psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.]). Count me among the supporters of an increase in renewal fees for the reasons I have mentioned. If I can be of further support, please let me know.

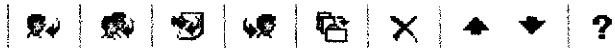
Sincerely:

Stewart L. Anderson, MA, LPC, CCAC  
Lewisburg, W.Va.

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**From:** Sharon Apgar [SMTP:s\_apgar@hotmail.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** BIENNIAL LICENSURE FEE FOR RENEWAL

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 11:28 AM

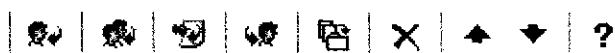
**Importance:** Normal

I RECEIVED YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW FEE FOR THE RENEWAL ON THE LICENSURE AND I DO NOT THINK THIS SEEMS UNREASONABLE SINCE IT IS ONLY PAID EVERY OTHER YEAR. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A CONCERN FOR MYSELF AND OTHER RETIRED LICENSURE COUNSELORS--I WAS/AM #26 SO YOU CAN SEE I WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST LICENSURE COUNSELORS. I SO WANT TO CONTINUE WITH THE LICENSURE BUT I HAVE FOUND THAT I CANNOT GET THE CE HOURS TO UNPDATE THE LICENSURE. I FEEL THAT IN YOUR UPDATES OF THE LICENSURE--SO PREVISIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO GIVE US--A BREAK!! MAYBE A RETIRED LICENSES OR SOMETHING. TO HAVE A LICENSE THIS LONG AND THEN HAVE TO GIVE IT UP BECAUSE I CANNOT DRIVE OUT OF TOWN TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, OR I AM NOT THAT GREAT ON THE COMPUTER TO TAKE CLASSES. CERTAINLY, SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO LET US CONTINUE. THE FEE IS FINE BUT I NEED SOME ASSISTANCE. SHARON APGAR-71 OAK DRIVE-PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26104-8138 PHONE NUMBER:(304) 4645213 THANKS FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT GIVE TO ME ABOUT THIS CONCERN.

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**From:** Roseann M. Russo [SMTP:earth@zoomnet.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** WVBEC Renewal Fee

**Sent:** 10/29/2002 2:08 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jean,

I am sorry to hear about the Board's financial situation. I have appreciated all of your hard work and ability in continuing to provide the Board's services over the years, despite the financial strain.

I certainly would be willing to pay a higher renewal fee, if that would allow the Board to continue to provide its necessary functions and services, particularly in regard to protecting the public and advancing the counseling profession. Although \$150 is not "an insignificant amount of money," as you say, it would be worth the sacrifice, considering the alternative.

Again, I appreciate all that you have done in dedicating yourself to maintaining the Board's existence.

Sincerely,  
Roseann Russo, M.A.  
1809 Huber Road  
Charleston, WV 25314  
(304) 345-9227  
[earth@zoomnet.net](mailto:earth@zoomnet.net)



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**From:** Hanno W. Kirk [SMTP:oma00356@mail.wvnet.edu]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Renewal Fees

**Sent:** 10/29/2002 8:43 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jean Ann,

I think an increase to \$150.00 would be fine.

Jo Weisbrod, MA, ALPS

HC 40 Box 41

Lewisburg, WV

24901

304-647-3311



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**From:** Gene [SMTP:gened@citynet.net]

**To:** Johnson, Jean

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Increasing License Fees 2003

**Sent:** 10/29/2002 11:03 PM

**Importance:** Normal

I think it is absolutely necessary to keep the Association solvent. I agree with the increase to \$150.00 for the renewal fee. My name, address and Phone number is as follows:

Gene Defabio  
4901 Kanawha Avenue  
South Charleston, WV 25309  
Phone: 304 766-8661



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**From:** Karen Hedges [SMTP:khedges@adelphia.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Raising fees

**Sent:** 10/29/2002 5:10 PM

**Importance:** Normal

By all means raise the funds needed through renewal fees. I'll cut the corner somewhere else. How can we operate w/o a licensing board?! We are suppose to be striving for a higher level of professionalism so - let's do it by funding the board. I have never asked for anything from the board w/o receiving prompt attention from Ms. Johnson. We may be faced one day w/o the services of a dedicated person like her. Certainly we would want to support the continued quality services that we have had in the past. Don't make it one of those situations..."you don't know what you had til it's gone." I challenge my colleagues to put our collective money where our mouths are. Support our profession. Karen Hedges, LPC 405



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**From:** youth health service [SMTP:youth@youth-health.org]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** WV LPC Licensing Fee

**Sent:** 10/30/2002 9:35 AM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Jean Ann,

Thank you for your letter in regard to the future of the WVBEC, and the crisis of the board's financial status. It is crucial that West Virginia Licensed Professional Counselors maintain a state governing board for a multitude of reasons. I am particularly concerned that there is not enough funding in the WVBEC to investigate and resolve complaints filed to the board.

If the State of WV cannot underwrite any of the financial burden posed upon the WVBEC, then I support raising the renewal fee for West Virginia LPC's to \$150.00 biennially.

You may also contact me at my email address at home if you need further support or communication from me:

mikedunmire@neumedia.net

Sincerely

Mike Dunmire

D. Rubb R. van Guskdt  
364 Pattenon Dr. # 305  
Martinsburg, W. V. 26105

11-15-02

W.V. Bd of Examiners in  
Counseling

LPC 696

P.O. Box 129  
Attn: Mrs Jean Johnson  
Ona, W. V. 25545

RE: Re-Licensure

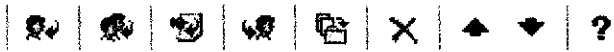
Dear Mrs Johnson:

Thank you for your kind assistance.  
Just for your information. My first surgery will take  
place on 11/23/02. Then I will have to wait 6 mos  
for healing to complete the process. My next surgery  
may take place March/April 03 and one in June/July 03.  
After that I am going to be live new again. I am  
looking to the future with much hope and expectations.

Enclosed is my relicensure application with  
certificate copies & brochure copies attached. I am also  
sending two checks each \$75.00 in case the \$150.00  
would not be approved, which they should.

I am holding as you see a licensure in Maryland  
in Drug and Alcohol abuse. Can I also be licensed  
here. I have had 7 years of counseling with supervision  
at the State of MD. I have 120 hours WVU equivalent  
from the MD Drug and Alcohol State Institute in  
this. It would be nice.

Thank you again for your effective and kind  
assistance, have a wonderful holiday season  
and the very best for 2003. Sincerely D. R. Guskdt



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**From:** Jobalinks@aol.com [SMTP:Jobalinks@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Response to Financial Crisis

**Sent:** 11/19/2002 2:48 PM

**Importance:** Normal

My first comment is that we should double, at least, the dues. Everything else should fall into place. There will be a loss of some members, but I don't think many will leave.

Secondly, I would cease making it more difficult to maintain the license. Apparently, the Board had enough clout to limit home study to 1/2 of the ceu's. And to require at least 3 hrs devoted to ethics. I sense some preaching to the choir.

I would prefer more action to encourage, or even require, many state agency counselors, to join as a condition of their jobs. This would take clout, but with increased dues, an effort can be made. This clout could be directed toward insurance coverage, our real future.

I recommend a semi-retired category, or a retired category that reduces ceu hours, to encourage some of us elder counselors to stay.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Williams  
108 Maplewood Estates  
Scott Depot, WV 25560 304 757-3458



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**From:** Christi Flynn [SMTP:td@emtns.org]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** renewal fee

**Sent:** 11/24/2002 3:16 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is in response to the WVBECE mailing. It sounds fair to me and not surprising. I do believe it would be appropriate to lobby for state support of the WVBECE, given that credentials are required by state programs.

Christi Flynn, #1632

**Johnson, Jean**

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**From:** Twobouves@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2002 5:16 PM  
**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu  
**Subject:** Renewal of counseling licensure

Dear members of WVBEAC,

As a LPC in the state of WV for the past thirteen or so years I would be more than happy to have the fees increased so that we can continue to enjoy the service and functions carried out by the board .

Sincerely,

J.Elizabeth Conrad M.A. LPC  
2 Bridlewood Road  
Charleston, WV 25314  
Phone 304-346-0072  
304-342-2402

11/25/02



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**From:** Marilyn Pasquarelli [SMTP:pasquarm@wirefire.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** <no subject>

**Sent:** 11/27/2002 9:10 AM

**Importance:** Normal

I am in favor of raising the renewal fee to 150.00-  
We need the board so we will have to do whatever it takes to support them.  
Marilyn Pasquarelli, Ph.D.  
1416 Washington Avenue  
Parkersburg 26101  
485-3419



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**From:** DrGoldman@aol.com [SMTP:DrGoldman@aol.com]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Licensure Fees

**Sent:** 11/27/2002 11:57 PM

**Importance:** Normal

**To: Jean Anne Johnson  
c/o WBEC  
re: Comments on Licensure Fee Increases**

**Jean Anne ~ Patty and I both support a licensure fee increase to whatever amount necessary in order to keep the WBEC viable and our LPC licensure in place. We also support any legislation allowing WBEC to reset its licensure fee on a periodic basis, as needed, without having to seek additional legislative action to do so. Keep up the good work.**

**Rich Goldman (License # 1200) and  
Patty Goldman (License # 1278)  
13661 Paddock Court  
Gainesville, Virginia, 20155  
(703) 743-5753**



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**From:** Tom P. Fitzsimmons [SMTP:tomfitzsimmons@citynet.net]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** WVBECE Renewal Fees

**Sent:** 12/1/2002 9:02 PM

**Importance:** Normal

I support increasing the renewal fees for License Professional Counselors (LPC) up to and including \$200 biennially. I believe that this is necessary for the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling (WVBECE) to operate in a professional and efficient manner. Without this raise in renewal fees, the WVBECE will not be able to meet the needs of the LPC's in West Virginia.

Thomas Parker Fitzsimmons, LPC #779  
PO Box 1056  
Hinton, WV 25951  
PH: (304) 466-4654





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**From:** Tom & Deb [SMTP:price46@Marshall.edu]

**To:** jajohnson@Marshall.edu

**Cc:**

**Subject:** WVBE fee increase

**Sent:** 11/29/2002 3:24 PM

**Importance:** Normal

Jean Ann:

My name is Thomas K. Price. MY LPC number is 1539. I have read the letter concerning an increase in the renewal fees.

I agree with the increase and do not object to the proposal.

I also feel that Dr. Sky Kershner of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center would a positive addition to the board.

Thanks!

:O)

Thomas K. Price

P.O. Box 181

Bob White, WV 25028