The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:07 a.m.

Ms. Mehl introduced Ms. Scuri and provided the Committee and audience with an overview of Ms. Scuri’s accomplishments and current responsibilities of other Boards and Commissions. Ms. Mehl explained that Ms. Scuri would be our temporary legal counsel until we are assigned permanent counsel.

Ms. McAuliffe called the roll and a Committee was established.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GLYNIS MORROW MOVED, PETER MANOLEAS SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2002 AS AMENDED.

Ms. Mehl stated that due to the budget constraints and the Governor’s request to reduce travel by 35%, the Committee would not be able to hold additional Committee meetings outside of Board meetings.

The Northern California Consortium was anticipating their next meeting in April to include an Education Committee meeting but due to the above issues, this is not possible. Ms. Mehl stated that Committee members who live in the Northern California area are welcome to attend the meeting but will not be reimbursed for their time or travel.
Dr. Burdick mentioned that the Southern California Consortium meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2003 and Board member Karen Pines indicated that she would be attending the meeting.

Ms. Mehl stated that she has already committed to school presentations in the Bay Area and will fulfill these obligations without reimbursement.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2003 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Committee reviewed their goal and objectives and asked that Objective number 1 be broken down further to state, “a. Review current forms for clarity and effectiveness; b. Create new form if needed; and c. Provide guidance and clarity in understanding the laws and regulations.”

ROBERTO QUIROZ MOVED, GLYNIS MORROW SECONDED, AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS AMENDED.

3. REVIEW OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST PRE DEGREE EXPERIENCE

Committee member Peter Manoleas had requested that this issue be discussed. Ms. Mehl explained the pre degree experience that can be claimed and the supervision requirements for trainees. Mr. Manoleas stated that there is a disparity among the professions because the Marriage and Family Therapist applicants can count pre degree experience and the Licensed Clinical Social Worker applicant’s hours are all post degree. He felt that both license types should have only post degree experience.

Mary Riemersma, Executive Director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, stated the history behind the allowance of pre degree hours was the belief that when an individual is able to apply their education toward licensure, it is generally better retained. Trainees are limited to a certain amount of hours in specific categories of experience. Additionally, trainees and interns have limited amounts of experience that can be applied and are generally not able to apply all of their hours of work per week.

Additionally, the Committee briefly discussed the one hundred hours of personal psychotherapy that are triple counted and applied toward licensure. The Committee asked that this issue be discussed further in a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.