MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission ("Commission") upon the Department of Education’s ("Department") Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks acknowledgment of the Respondent’s surrender of his teaching certificate and requests dismissal of the instant disciplinary action.

On September 27, 2000, the Department filed a Notice of Charges seeking the revocation of Respondent’s Pennsylvania Instructional II teaching certificate endorsed in the areas of Health and Physical Education on the grounds of immorality and intemperance. Specifically, the Department alleged that Respondent repeatedly had accessed pornographic sites on the Internet using the computer equipment of his employer, the Muhlenberg School District.

On October 10, 2000, the Respondent responded to the Notice of Charges, denying the charges and requesting a hearing. After a hearing on December 13, 2001, the hearing officer on March 26, 2002, issued a Proposed Order, recommending revocation of Respondent’s certificate. After filing Exceptions to the Proposed Order, Respondent subsequently agreed to relinquish his teaching certificate and his rights to
any other Pennsylvania teaching certificates that may have been issued to him.

In consideration of the Department’s Motion for Entry of Order and the Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender, the Commission has decided to grant the Motion and, accordingly, enters the following:
ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of March, 2003, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the teaching certificate of Respondent Jeffrey Hain is declared SURRENDERED IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: __________________________
    David J. Krauser
    Chairperson

Attest: __________________________
    Carolyn Angelo
    Executive Director

Date Mailed: