

**MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE**  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 105

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**

**MARCH 8, 2011**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., Deneb Falabella, L.Ac.,  
Kate Carter, L.Ac., Corinne Axelrod, L.Ac. and Jan Exler, Consumer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Issie Shelton Jenkins, Consumer.

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins,  
Administrative Officer, Marian Ruth, Board Investigator and Richard Bloom, AAG

**GUESTS:**

Paula Hollinger

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Kaufman called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2011 MINUTES**

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Falabella moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. CEU REQUIREMENTS**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the committee met and discussed CEU's for inactive and reinstatement. Ms. Axelrod stated that the Committee is considering other options for reinstatement such as capping the total number of CEU hours at 80, accepting NCCAOM examination or 40 CEU's plus a 40 hour refresher course from an accredited school, or continuous licensure in another state. Ms. Carter questioned the necessity of CEU's. After a lengthy discussion the Board asked the committee to draft changes to the regulations showing its recommendations for review at the next meeting of the board.

#### **B. CPR CERTIFICATION**

Ms. Heisler stated that the CEU committee discussed whether it would be appropriate to require CPR certification for renewal of licensure and determined that it was not necessary as CPR is considered a western medical technique. The Committee recommended that Ms. Heisler write an article in the newsletter to encourage licensees to get the certification and keep it updated.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. NEW LICENSES**

Ms. Axelrod moved to approve the list of applicants for licensure and Ms. Falabella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. SCOPE OF PRACTICE ALGORITHM**

Ms. Heisler received a request from the AAAOM to review the CO Nursing Board scope of Practice Algorithm and comment. The Board members felt that the chart was not clear enough to offer an opinion. One concern was there was no basis in the chart where one could determine whether a practitioner would be competent enough to provide a particular treatment. Ms. Heisler will write back to the AAAOM for more clarification.

#### **C. CPT Codes**

Ms. Heisler stated that she received another request from the AAAOM to comment on a proposed health careers directory for acupuncture. The organization also received a request from an individual who was seeking representation on the CPT Editorial Panel/HCPAC and wanted comments for endorsement. The Board members stated that they did not have enough information to submit a response and Ms. Heisler will inform the AAAOM that the Board has no comment.

#### **D. Executive Director Update**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she and Mr. Kaufman are scheduled to speak to a group of Auricular Detoxification Specialists on March 26, 2011 at Heart's Gate Wellness Center, 1014 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson, MD for a Q&A session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.