

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 105

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JULY 12, 2011
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Corrine Axelrod, L.Ac., Issie Jenkins, Consumer

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

GUESTS:

Tracy Soltész, L.Ac., MAS, David Wurzel, L.Ac., NADA, Sally Monahan, L.Ac., MAS, Kristen Neville, DHMH Regulations Coordinator, Bds & Commission, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Paula Hollinger, DHMH.

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 Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

In 2009, HB 1275 mandated that the Health Occupational Boards establish disciplinary sanction guidelines for violations of their respective practice acts. Mr. Kaufman volunteered to sit on a committee with Ms. Heisler and Mr. Bloom to go over proposed guidelines and report back to the full board at its next meeting in September.

B. INITIAL LICENSURE APPLICATION APPROVAL

Ms. Carter made a motion to accept the list of new applicants and Mr. Zhang seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the list of new licensees.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she received a letter from the Board's consumer member, Issie Jenkins, stating that she can no longer serve on the Board due to ill health. Ms. Heisler will contact the Office of Appointments and request that a new consumer be located.

Ms. Heisler stated that she is setting up an account with iContact to email the newsletter instead of printing and mailing. The cost of printing and mailing is approximately \$1,800 (\$3,600 for 2 mailings per year) compared to \$16 a month to have an account with iContact. She stated that she could also send out email notifications for any important information like changes in regulations, policy decisions, etc. The Board asked that she begin the email mailing after sending out one final paper newsletter to inform licensees that this will be the last paper newsletter. From this point forward the newsletter will be sent via email. It will be the responsibility of the licensee to keep their email current with the Board.

Mr. Wurzel asked the board to consider inactive status for ADS. Mr. Kaufman stated that he has a problem with the current ADS supervision regulations and would like to discuss changes at the September board meeting.

Ms. Monahan had asked if there were any regulations regarding treating patients out of someone's home. Mr. Bloom stated that there are no regulations pertaining to this matter. Ms. Neville stated that there are county/city codes/regulations and advised to Ms. Monahan to contact her local county jurisdiction.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.