

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kate Carter, L.Ac., Deneb Falabella, L.Ac., Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., Jan Exler, Consumer, Charles Neustadt, Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, Marian Ruth, Investigator, and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

Kristen Neville, Regulations Coordinator, Jean Kneebone, L.Ac.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms. Falabella called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 PM and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2014 MINUTES

Minutes were approved with a date change from May 13, 2014 to July 8, 2014. Mr. Exler and moved to approve the Minutes as corrected and Mr. Ingegno seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes as corrected.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the dry needling regulations were reviewed and signed off by Secretary Sharfstein and will be published in the Maryland Register on September 19, 2014. Public comment will be entertained for 30 days. Michelle Phinney, will send all comments received to the Physical Therapy Board for response.

Ms. Heisler stated that she will send an email to all licensees informing them that the dry needling regulations will be available for public comment and will also attach the DHMH link. Ms. Neville advised the Board that only a legislator can request that a public hearing be held.

B. ETHICS AND REGULATION GUIDE BOOK

Ms. Heisler distributed a draft of the Guide Book and informed the Board that some changes were made. Ms. Falabella stated that a section was added on continuing education, inactive status, interim numbers, renewals, late renewals and reinstatement. Fee splitting will be placed on the November 18, 2014 agenda.

C. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she has received only 2 responses to the article posted in the summer newsletter regarding scope of practice issues. Mr. Ingegno stated that the DC Board supports injection therapy (available on their website). The Committee will continue research on this subject.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. INITIAL LICENSURE APPLICATION APPROVAL

After review of the list of applicants by the Board, Ms. Carter moved to approve the list of applicants and Mr. Zhang seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the list of applicants for licensure.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the New Board Member Orientation is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Zhang moved to close the regular session meeting at 2:30 PM. and move into executive session in order to comply with specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirements that prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to discuss the investigation of complaints against specific licensees. Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.