

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 105

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 13, 2009
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac, David Mercier, L. Ac., and Grant Zhang, L.Ac., David Cai, L.Ac. and Barbara Cronin, Consumer

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, and Grant Gerber, AAG

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Griffin, Consumer

GUESTS:

Deneb Falabella, L.Ac, and Cara Michele Nether, L.Ac., Senator Paula Hollinger and Sharon Bloom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Gigliotti called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established. Mr. Gigliotti welcomed the guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2008 MINUTES

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. AURICULAR DETOXIFICATION SUPERVISOR PROGRAM

The Board discussed whether supervisors of Auricular Detoxification Specialists be required in regulation to complete a supervisory training program. After discussion, it was agreed that more information was needed to assist the Board in a decision. Mr. Gigliotti appointed Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Mercier to a committee to research the matter and present a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

B. CEU CREDIT FOR PRO BONO WORK

Ms. Heisler prepared a regulation change under 10.26.02.04 F to include pro bono work as an acceptable activity for required CEU hours. She stated that at this time,

only 2 Boards, Speech and Optometry, granted CEU credit for pro bono work. After review of the regulatory changes, the Board asked Ms. Heisler to rework the document to eliminate the requirement that the pro bono work be pre-approved by the Board. The Board felt that pro bono hours should be accepted in accord with other accredited hours and that the licensee should ensure that the facility document the place, time and type of work completed. Ms. Heisler will revise the draft and present a final copy to the Board at the next meeting.

C. DRY NEEDLING

After a brief discussion, it was advised the Maryland Acupuncture Society, not the Board, refer this matter to a legislator.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW LICENSES

Mr. Kaufman moved to approve the list of applicants for licensure and Ms. Cronin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE

None.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler stated that she attended the Administrator's meeting held by Senator Paula Hollinger on January 12, 2006. Dan O'Brien, AAG was invited to discuss timely case load resolution. The Task Force recommendations were also discussed and it was concluded that there was no longer a need for the Consumer Advisory Board as all information regarding the Health Occupational Boards is available on Boards' websites.

Ms Heisler stated that FY 2010 Budget Hearings will be held in the Senate on February 26th at 8:30 AM and House is March 4th at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.