

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 105

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JULY 13, 2010

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., Charles Griffin, Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Barbara Cronin, Consumer

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

### **GUESTS:**

Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Cara Michele Nether, L.Ac., ADS Supervisor, David Wurzel,  
L.Ac., ADS Supervisor, Sharon Bloom, DHMH and Tracy Soltesz, L.Ac., MAS

### **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. Mr. Kaufman welcomed guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

Mr. Kaufman welcomed our newest Board member, Deneb Falabella and asked her to present a brief background.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MAY 11, 2010 MINUTES**

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

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. FAOMRA**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the FAOMRA Board of Directors assessed the continued need for the organization and voted to fold. Over the past 3 years, FAOMRA meetings have continuingly been canceled due to non-interest or lack of funds. The Board has sought advice of attorneys to assist in folding the organization.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

**B. 2010 BUDGET**

Ms. Heisler updated the Board on the revenue and expenditures of FY 2010.

**C. CEU REQUIREMENTS**

**YOGA**

Ms. Heisler received a request from a licensee inquiring whether yoga taught at a gym would be acceptable for CEU's. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that a course in Yoga, whether taught in a school or a gym, would not be acceptable for CEU's.

**REINSTATEMENT**

Ms. Heisler asked the Board if they would be willing to put a cap on the number of CEU's needed for reinstatement. Currently, the Board's requirements for reinstatement are 40 hours for every two years a licensee was not practicing in the State of Maryland. After discussion, Mr. Kaufman called to form a CEU committee. Ms. Falabella, Ms. Axelrod and Ms. Carter volunteered to serve on the committee with Ms. Heisler and Mr. Bloom.

**D. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE**

None.

**E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**SANCTIONING GUIDELINES**

Ms. Heisler informed the board that the board of Social Work Examiners is working on developing a model for universal sanctioning guidelines to share with other boards. Ms. Heisler reminded the Board that a bill was passed last session to require that boards develop sanctioning guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.