



## State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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### REGULAR MEETING

February 27, 2013

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES (Teleconference Meeting)

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Woohyung Cho, Professional Member, Chairman (via telephone)  
Christopher M. Clair, Consumer Member, Secretary (via telephone)  
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member (via telephone)  
Maureen Bronson, Consumer Member  
Teresa Buechel, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)  
Patricia E. Martin, L.AC., Professional Member  
John M. Rhodes, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Robert L. Gear, NMD, DC, Professional Member

#### **Administrative Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

#### **Attorney General Representative:**

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Cho called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The following order of business was then considered:

Newly-appointed Board Members Teresa Buechel, L.AC. from Flagstaff and John M. Rhodes, L.AC. from Phoenix were introduced.

A moment of silence was taken on the passing of Joe Balensi, L.AC., former board member from Tucson. Mr. Balensi passed on February 14, 2013 at the age of 61.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No declarations were submitted by the Board Members.

**Applications for Licensure (without self-disclosures)**

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Bronson moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Martin providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Shira Dobratz  
 Anita M. Pietrofitta  
 Tally T. Thomas  
 Rachelle B. Stock  
 Caroline L. Robertson  
 Christina A. Robb

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Gear	Martin	Rhodes	Vacancy	Vote
X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
					X				Absent

**Applications for Auricular Certificate (without self-disclosures)**

The Board reviewed the certificate applicant chart and Board Member Bronson moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Martin providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Brittany C. Suchnick  
 Martika J. Harris  
 Deborah Dutko-Castle  
 Tanner J. John

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Gear	Martin	Rhodes	Vacancy	Vote
X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
					X				Absent

**Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education**

“Keys to the Kingdom: Working with Hip and Knee Replacements” provided by East Point Seminars-Mary J. Rogel, Ph.D., L.Ac., for 7.5 hours/day on March 9 & 10, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Board reviewed the application and Board Member Martin moved for approval of the application with Board Member Bronson providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Gear	Martin	Rhodes	Vacancy	Vote
X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
					X				Absent

**Executive Director/Legislative Report**

Status Report on SB 1037

The Executive Director provided the Board with an explanation on the status of SB 1037 which was introduced by the Board. The bill has been approved by the Arizona State Senate by a vote of 28 ayes and 1 nay.

The Arizona House of Representatives Health committee approved the bill on February 27, 2013 with an 8-0 vote. SB 1037 will now be reviewed by the House Rules committee and scheduled for House Committee of the Whole action.

**Future Meeting Dates**

March 27, 2013  
 April 24, 2013 (Tucson)

**Call to the Public**

Jessica Jordan, L.AC., informed the Board that over 27,000 signatures were secured for the purpose of designating the term “Acupuncturist” as a recognized health provider under the Social Security Act.

James Wagner, vice president from the Asian Medicine and Acupuncture Society of Arizona (AMASA) addressed the Board. Mr. Wagner briefly reviewed the AMASA Position on physical therapists and non-licensees using Dry Needling. A copy of the position paper was made available to the Board. In addition, Mr.

Wagner indicated the herbal proposal is problematic and in conflict with existing laws.

**Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda**

- Board complaints
- Dry Needling

**Adjournment**

Board Member Bronson moved for adjournment and Board Member Martin provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0. The Board adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Gear	Martin	Rhodes	Vacancy	<b>Vote</b>
X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
					X				Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: March 27, 2013