



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 2009

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Toni Bernalley, L.Ac., Chairperson
Woohyung Cho, L.Ac., Professional Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member
Robert L. Gear, N.M.D., D.C., Professional Member
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., Professional Member
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

James Bloom, Consumer Member
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member, Secretary (due to telephone connection failure)
Toni Karnas, Consumer Member (due to telephone connection failure)

Attorney General Representative:

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

Call to Order

Chairperson Bernalley called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were recorded.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Rhodes moved the adoption of the minutes for the September 23, 2009 board meeting with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Estrada	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	X		X	X	X		X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X				X			Absent

Applications for Licensure (without self disclosures)

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Wilks moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Bennalley providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

- A. Damon A. Sage
- B. Serena L. Pullen
- C. Susan K. Wagner
- D. Elizabeth A. Allard
- E. Andrea L. Bowman

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Estrada	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	X		X	X	X		X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X				X			Absent

Applications for Auricular Certification

The Board reviewed the certificate applicant chart and Board Member Rhodes moved for the approval of the applicants for certification listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

- A. Jacqueline P. Dugan
- B. Linda J. Ratliff
- C. Janet M. Vila
- D. Andrea L. Lester
- E. Aaron N. Ronn

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Estrada	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	X		X	X	X		X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X				X			Absent

Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “The Advanced Application of Fukushin Abdominal Diagnosis” presented by Nigel Dawes, L.Ac., for 16 CEU’s on December 5 & 6, 2009 in Tucson.

Board Member Wilks moved for the approval of the application with Board Member Rhodes providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Estrada	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	X		X	X	X		X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X				X			Absent

Professional Business

The Executive Director reviewed the Board’s plan, as submitted to the Governor’s office, regarding the proposed budget reduction of 15% in the current fiscal year. A review of the six issues identified as a means to achieve the 15% budget reduction amount of \$19,500 was presented. The office submitted the following issues and the dollar amounts associated with each issue to arrive at a 15% budget reduction:

Issue 1--Elimination of National Organization Membership	\$2,000
Issue 2--Board Rule Writer Services	\$2,000
Issue 3--Travel and Board Member Compensation	\$2,500
Issue 4--Board Office Rent	\$2,000
Issue 5--Board Information Technology	\$2,000
Issue 6--Reduction from Acupuncture Board Fund	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$19,500

The Board discussed the implications of the proposed budget reductions in achieving the Board’s statutory requirements and ability to protect the safety of the public.

The Executive Director shared with the Board on how each of the issues could impact the Board and the potential outcome if these budget reductions were enacted.

The Board restated its commitment in providing the best services to the public during this financial crisis and will continue to meet its statutory responsibilities.

Board Member Wilks, on behalf of the Ethics Advisory Committee, provided a report on the Committee’s work. The Committee is continuing to review “codes of ethics” from other states, organizations, professions and others.

Board Member Rhodes shared the thoughts of the Continuing Education Advisory Committee which include the future opportunity for stakeholders to provide their input regarding any proposed changes to the continuing education requirement.

The Executive Director provided the Board with a brief review of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine National Organizations Strategic Planning Retreat Report. This report outlines the plans for the next three to five years that may take place in the profession and regulation across the country.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the following report to the Board.

License and Certificate Status Report:

Active Licensed Acupuncturists: 473
Expired Licenses: 11
Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists: 57

Board Office Information/Activities:

Completed and submitted the following:

- 3rd Quarter Lobbyist Expenditure Report as required by the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State.
- Sent letters to board approved acupuncture programs requesting their annual report as required by Board rules.
- The 15% budget reduction plans as requested by the Office of the Governor.

For the month of September, the board website was visited by 1025 individuals. A steady increase of hits has taken place in the last three years. In 2006, a total of 7496 individuals used the web; 10,200 in 2007; and 11,930 in 2008. A total of 459,755 hits were recorded in 2008. To date, there have been 8733 unique visits and 169,471 hits.

Future Meeting Dates

November 16, 2009, (Monday)
December 7, 2009 (Monday)

Call to the Public

There were no requests made.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

No requests were made.

Adjournment

Board Member Rhodes moved for adjournment and Board Member Wilks provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The Board adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Estrada	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	X		X	X	X		X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X				X			Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: November 16, 2009