



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2013

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (Teleconference Meeting)

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 1400 West Washington, Suite 230 Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona and via teleconference.

Board Members Present:

Woohyung Cho, L.AC., Professional Member, Chairman (via telephone)

Ross Adelman, Consumer Member (via telephone)

Maureen Bronson, Consumer Member

Teresa Buechel, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)

B. Jeffrey Jolley, D.C., Professional Member (via telephone)

Patricia E. Martin, L.AC., Professional Member

John M. Rhodes, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)

Craig Seitz, D.C., L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)

Board Member Absent:

Christopher M. Clair, Consumer Member, Secretary

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 1:03 p.m.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

Complaints/Investigations

Complaint #2014-22 Andrew Walquist, PT

Board Member Adelman moved to dismiss the complaint, without prejudice, filed against Mr. Walquist with Board Member Seitz providing a second. In addition, the Board instructed the Executive Director to send a letter to the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy regarding Mr. Walquist’s claim to be certified in dry needling. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Jolley	Martin	Rhodes	Seitz	Vote
X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
				X					Absent

Applications for Licensure (without self-disclosures)

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Seitz moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Rhodes providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Joy M. Lechner
 Danube S. Jacobs
 Whitney O. Morgan
 Joyce Wong
 Jason M. Gill

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Jolley	Martin	Rhodes	Seitz	Vote
X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
				X					Absent

Professional Business

Review and approval of cover memo for the Board website regarding the use of invasive procedures by physical therapists.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft cover memo and took action on the following amended memo:

Resolution regarding the use of invasive procedures by physical therapists

The Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners (Board) is that government agency that regulates acupuncture to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Arizona. On October 7, 2013, the Board met to discuss the issue of “dry needling” as practiced by physical therapists in this state. The Board believes that this is acupuncture, which is “puncturing the skin by thin, solid needles to reach subcutaneous structures, stimulating the needles to produce a positive therapeutic response”, and is not within their scope of practice.

The Board believes the physical therapists in the State of Arizona should be held to the same standards as other licensed health care professionals in the state with regards to puncturing the skin by thin, solid needles to reach subcutaneous structures, stimulating the needles to produce a positive therapeutic response. The Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners believes that physical therapists do not have sufficient training in this invasive procedure and encourages the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy and physical therapists to work with the Board to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Arizona by limiting this invasive procedure to those who are thoroughly trained in this treatment and are licensed to perform it.

As such the Board passed the following resolution by unanimous vote.

Board Member Martin moved for the adoption of the cover memo for posting on the Board website with Board Member Bronson providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Jolley	Martin	Rhodes	Seitz	Vote
X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
				X					Absent

Board Member Adelman left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Discussion and action on proposed legislation.

Executive Director Gonzalez reviewed the contents of the Board’s proposed legislation to be submitted in the 2014 legislative session. The Board will be proposing the same legislative request as introduced in 2013 (SB 1037) with a few minor changes.

At this time, the Board was asked to authorize the Executive Director to identify a sponsor and open a legislative bill folder.

Board Member Seitz moved for the Executive Director to identify a sponsor and open a legislative bill folder with Board Member Jolley providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Jolley	Martin	Rhodes	Seitz	Vote
	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X				X					Absent

Future Meeting Dates

December 10, 2013 (Tuesday)

Call to the Public

Melissa Fletcher, L.AC., spoke to the Board about the article written by John Amaro, L.AC. on dry needling and the use of hypodermic needles.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

- Board complaints
- Meeting schedule for 2014

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 2:00 p.m.

Adelman	Bronson	Buechel	Cho	Clair	Jolley	Martin	Rhodes	Seitz	Vote
	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X				X					Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Gonzalez".

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: December 10, 2013