



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners
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REGULAR MEETING
(Teleconference)
November 25, 2008

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairperson (by telephone)
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Secretary (by telephone)
Toni Bennalley, L.Ac., Professional Member (by telephone)
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., Professional Member (by telephone)
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member (by telephone)
Toni Karnas, Consumer Member (by telephone)
Diane Pruetz, Consumer Member (by telephone)

Board Members Absent:

Ross Adelman, Consumer Member
Vacancy—Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Seth Hargraves, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were recorded.

3. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Pruetz moved the adoption of the minutes for the October 22, 2008 board meeting with Board Member Bennialley providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

4. Applications for Licensure

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 7-0 vote.

Kenneth S. Phelps
Terry M. Rullie
Ellen Wisewoman
Zhi Yan Lu
Frederick W. Ehmann

5. Professional Business

The Executive Director provided the Board with an update on the effort to consolidate health care regulatory boards. At this time, a workgroup of board representatives has been meeting with the Governor's staff to discuss the development of an organizational structure to operate the consolidation effort. There have not been any decisions made on how to create or implement this structure.

Assistant Attorney General Seth Hargraves provided the Board with an update on Case #2008-01 regarding Clark W. Kim. According to Mr. Hargraves, he filed a Complaint and Application for Preliminary and Permanent Injunctions against Mr. Kim in La Paz County Superior Court. On November 4, 2008, the court agreed to stipulate to the issuance of preliminary injunction. The court has scheduled a status conference for December 9, 2008 to determine if an agreement for a permanent injunction has been reached or to schedule further proceedings.

6. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the following report to the Board.

License and Certificate Status Report:

Active Licensed Acupuncturists (as of 11/18/08): 471
Current Expired Licenses: 18
Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists (as of 11/18/08): 63

Board Office Information/Activities:

The Board received a Certificate of Excellence for Fiscal Year 2008 from the Arizona Department of Administration for 100% Achievement of Early Payments of AZNet invoices. The Acupuncture Board of Examiners is 1 of 26 agencies that achieved 90% or better on the early pay credit. In total, the State achieved \$311,974.30 in savings for fiscal year 2008.

The Executive Director prepared, completed and submitted the following report:

Arizona Secretary of State:

Biennial Renewal of Registration of Public Bodies. Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1232.01, each Public Body registered to lobby in Arizona must reregister biennially during the month of November in each even numbered year, for the following two years. There is a \$25 registration fee.

The Executive Director attended the Executive Directors meeting with the Governor's office on November 13, 2008. At this meeting, the Executive Directors were provided with presentations on the Qwest Reservationless Conference Calling Card and update on the Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP).

For the month of October, the board website was visited by 1006 individuals. A steady increase of hits has taken place in the last two years. In 2006, a total of 7496 individuals used the web and 10,200 in 2007. To date, there have been 10,780 unique visits and 407,106 hits.

7. Future Meeting Dates

December 15, 2008 (Monday)

8. Call to the Public

There were no requests made.

9. Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

No requests were made.

10. Adjournment

Board Member Pruetz moved for adjournment and Board Member Rhodes provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The Board adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: December 15, 2008