



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners
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REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 2010

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Toni Bennalley, L.Ac., Chairperson
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member, Secretary (via telephone)
Woohyung Cho, L.Ac., Professional Member
Dianne Darcy, L.Ac., Professional Member
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., Professional Member
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Robert L. Gear, NMD, DC, Professional Member
James Bloom, Consumer Member
Toni Karnas, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

Attorney General Representative:

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

Chairperson Bernalley called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Board Member Bernalley declared a conflict of interest on the acupuncture license application of Ann E. Rea, Laurie U. Koch, and Harvey Abrams.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Wilks moved the adoption of the minutes for the February 24, 2010 board meeting with Board Member Rhodes providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

Adelman	Bernalley	Bloom	Cho	Darcy	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
X	X		X	X			X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X			X	X			Absent

Applications for Licensure (with self disclosures)

At this time, Chairman Bernalley left the table due to stated conflict of interest regarding the license application of Dr. Harvey Abrams. Secretary Ross Adelman assumed the chairmanship. The Board reviewed the license application of Dr. Harvey Abrams and Board Member Adelman moved to enter executive session to receive legal advice at 1:10 p.m. with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The Board returned to regular session at 1:51 p.m.

Board Member Wilks moved to ask the Arizona Chiropractic Board of Examiners for additional information, such as meeting minutes and investigative files, regarding past complaints that involved Dr. Abrams and for the Assistant Attorney General to review the statutes pertaining to unprofessional conduct. Board Member Adelman provided a second on the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-2 vote.

Adelman	Bernalley	Bloom	Cho	Darcy	Gear	Karnas	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
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X				X				X	Aye
			X				X		Nay
	X								Recused
									Abstained
		X			X	X			Absent

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

Mary F. Cook

Adelman	Bennalley	Bloom	Cho	Darcy	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 Rhodes moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

Richard J. Brighthouse
Stephen R. Torino

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

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Rhodes moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 5-0.

Ann E. Rea
Laurie U. Koch

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

Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Diversity and End-of-Life Care” offered by Hospice Foundation of America online beginning April 10, 2010 for 3 hours.

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

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

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Cancer and End-of-Life Care” offered by Hospice Foundation of America online beginning April 21, 2010 for 3 hours.

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

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

Professional Business

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2010 Strategic Plan.

Board Member Rhodes moved for the adoption of the 2010 Strategic Plan with Board Member Darcy providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

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

Executive Director Report

License and Certificate Status Report:

Active Licensed Acupuncturists: 486
 Expired Licenses: 6
 Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists: 59

Board Office Information/Activities:

- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3925 (B), license and certificate renewal notices for April 2010 licensees were prepared and sent. In addition, expired license and certificate letters for the month of May were sent.
- Pursuant to Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Chapter 7, Section 34 provided a report on the cost of cell phone usage to the Joint Committee on Capital Review.

For the month of February, the board website was visited by 809 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; 11,930 in 2008 and 10,927 in 2009. To date in 2010, there have been 2140 unique visits and 31,296 hits.

State Budget

The Legislature is completing its special session on the state budget. At this time, state employees will be losing their performance pay of 2.75% and will need to take one day of furlough before the end of the fiscal year—June 30, 2010. In addition, state employees will be required to take six days of furlough in fiscal year 2011 which begins on July 1, 2010.

Future Meeting Dates

April 28, 2010
 May 26, 2010

Call to the Public

Dan Bedgood, L.Ac., and professor at the Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture thanked the Board for all its efforts on behalf of acupuncturists and the public.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

No requests were made.

Adjournment

Board Member Bernalley moved for adjournment and Board Member Rhodes provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0. The Board adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Adelman	Bernalley	Bloom	Cho	Darcy	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: April 28, 2010