



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2010

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Toni Bennalley, L.Ac., Chairperson
Maureen Bronson, Consumer Member
Woohyung Cho, L.Ac., Professional Member
Dianne Darcy, L.Ac., Professional Member
Robert L. Gear, NMD, DC, Professional Member
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., Professional Member
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Ross Adelman, Consumer Member, Secretary
Board Appointment Vacancy—Consumer Member

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

Attorney General Representative:

Seth Hargraves, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

Chairperson Bernalley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Board Member Bernalley declared a conflict of interest with the license application of Jessica J. Ahl and Agenda Item 5 (C), continuing education application submitted by Maria G. Troia.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Bronson moved the adoption of the minutes for the August 25, 2010 regular board meeting with Board Member Rhodes providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Adelman	Bernalley	Bronson	Cho	Darcy	Gear	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
	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 Rhodes moved for the approval of the applicant for licensure listed below with Board Member Bronson providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 6-0.

Jessica J. Ahl

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

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 Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

Hwasook Lee
Jessica Mann

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

Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Combining Functional Medicine with Traditional Chinese Medicine: Adrenal Fatigue, Hypothyroid, and Insulin Resistance” offered by Jake Paul Fratkin, OMD, on October 16-17, 2010 in Tempe for 15 hours.

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

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

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Psycho-Energetic Acupuncture Seminar 1: Intro to Energy Medicine” offered by the Asian Institute of Medical Studies on October 23-24, 2010 in Tucson for 15 hours.

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

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

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “AMMA Therapy Basic Technique 1” offered by Maria G. Troia, January 2011 in Phoenix for 32hours.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, the Executive Director was instructed to secure additional information from the applicant and to bring this item for review at a future board meeting.

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Return to Spring ” Sheng Zhen Qi Gong offered by Li Junfeng on October 30-31, 2010 in Tucson for 12 hours.

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

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

Professional Business

Review of Rules for Five-Year Report for Arizona Administrative Code, Title 4, Chapter 8, All Articles

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with the explanation of why this review is required and how the process will develop over the course of the next couple of months. Board members were asked to review the board rules and provide their questions and comments regarding the current set of rules to determine if any rules should be amended, deleted, and improved for the conduct of board business for the next five years. The final review is due by October 26, 2010.

The Board decided on the following changes to board rules:

- Remove the approval of the preceptorship training program.
- Add Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for continuing education approval.

- Include the most recent editions of the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) Registered Trainer Resource Manual and the Clean Needle Technique Manual as published by the National Acupuncture Foundation.
- Eliminate the rule (R4-8-104) which requires the annual meeting of the board in January of each year. The board already meets in January and the rule is not needed.

The Board discussed the proposal of creating an interim licensing or temporary status for practitioners and determined to not pursue this proposal.

Lastly, the Board will be studying the following items for potential statutory/rule changes in the future:

- Adoption of finger-printing requirement for licensure.
- Including the dispensing of herbs in the scope of practice.
- Review auricular acupuncture renewal requirements.
- Consideration of in-active license status.

Review of FY 2011 State Boards Office Interagency Service Agreement

Executive Director Gonzalez reviewed the terms of the agreement with the Board. If the Board decides to co-locate with another board the terms of this agreement may change in the future.

Status report on 2010 Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan and will be addressing this topic in further detail at future board meetings. The Board after identifying rule changes for the future will update the Plan to include these proposed rule changes.

In-Home Care and Support Services Industry Sunrise Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Report and will schedule action at a future board meeting to decide if they would agree to co-location with this new board.

Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Board Members were provided with the evaluation form and asked to complete and submit the form to Chairman Bernalley by October 6, 2010 so the Board can schedule a review of the results at the October 27, 2010 board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

License and Certificate Status Report:

Active Licensed Acupuncturists: 487

Expired Licenses: 5

Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists: 66

Board Office Information/Activities:

- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3925 (B), license and certificate renewal notices for November 2010 licensees were prepared and sent. In addition, expired license and certificate letters for the month of August were sent.
- Prepared and submitted the Fiscal Year 2012 budget request to the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting. This includes Arizona Integrated Planning System (AZIPS) and the Budget Development System (BUDDIES).
- Completed and submitted the Board's Information Technology Plan to the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA).

For the month of August, the board website was visited by 94 individuals. A steady increase of hits has taken place in the last three years. In 2006, a total of 7496 individuals used the board website; 10,200 in 2007; 11,930 in 2008 and 10,927 in 2009. A total of 459,755 hits were recorded in 2008. A total of 191,435 hits were recorded in 2009. To date, there have been 8,989 unique visits and 70,185 hits.

Future Meeting Dates

October 27, 2010
November 15, 2010

Call to the Public

Jonathan Lindsey, representing the Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture, addressed the Board on the following topics:

- Dietary and Nutritional Counseling
- Continuing Education credit for teaching
- His interest in working with the Board on legislation dealing with herbs

Board Member Gear acknowledged the attendance of Martin Werner, L.Ac.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

The Board requested the following topics be placed on the next board meeting agenda:

- Strategic plan discussion and update
- Co-location with the in-home care industry
- Executive Director performance evaluation

Adjournment

Board Member Bronson moved for adjournment and Board Member Wilks provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0. The Board adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: October 27, 2010