



**State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners**  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 16, 2009**

**(Teleconference Meeting)**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Board Members Present:**

Toni Bernalley, L.Ac., Chairperson (via telephone)  
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member, Secretary (via telephone)  
James Bloom, Consumer Member (via telephone)  
Woohyung Cho, L.Ac., Professional Member (via telephone)  
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member (via telephone)  
Robert L. Gear, N.M.D., D.C., Professional Member (via telephone)  
Toni Karnas, Consumer Member (via telephone)  
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., Professional Member (via telephone)  
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member (via telephone)

**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**

Board Member Bernalley declared a conflict of interest on the acupuncture license application of Donna G. Taylor.

**Discussion and Approval of Minutes**

Board Member Rhodes moved the adoption of the minutes for the October 28, 2009 board meeting with Board Member Cho providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 9-0.

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

**Applications for Licensure (without self disclosures)**

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Bernalley moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Rhodes providing a second. The Board approved the motion with an 8-0 vote. Board Member Bernalley recused due to conflict of interest.

Diane M. Olmstead  
 John C. Duguay  
 Edith N. Anders  
 Teresa A. Buechel

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

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 Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 9-0.

Donna G. Taylor

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

**Other Applications/Requests – Continuing Education**

The Board reviewed the continuing education application for the course “Part 1: Pediatric Mental Health Intervention” provided by Paul Sweeney, L.Ac. on December 12, 2009, in Phoenix for 3 continuing education hours.

Board Member Rhodes moved for the approval of the continuing education application with Board Member Estrada providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 9-0.

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

**Professional Business**

Board Member Wilks reported on behalf of the Ethics Advisory Committee. The Committee met on November 13, 2009 to review and discuss state laws pertaining to unprofessional conduct for acupuncturists. The Committee has formulated a number of questions for review and comment by the Assistant Attorney General before the Committee meets again.

The Continuing Education Advisory Committee did not meet in the last month as reported by Board Member Rhodes.

**Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the following report to the Board.

### **License and Certificate Status Report:**

Active Licensed Acupuncturists: 472  
Expired Licenses: 11  
Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists: 60

### **Board Office Information/Activities:**

- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3925 (B), license and certificate renewal notices for January 2010 licensees were prepared and sent. In addition, expired license and certificate letters for the month of October were sent.
- Completed and submitted Lobbyist Registration Form for 2010-2011 to the Arizona Secretary of State's office. This registration is required by Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1232.05.
- Attended the monthly Executive Directors meeting at Governor's office.

For the month of October, the board website was visited by 992 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 9567 unique visits and 177,582 hits.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

December 7, 2009 (Monday)

### **Call to the Public**

There were no requests made.

### **Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda**

Location of 2010 board meeting in Tucson.  
Election of 2010 board officers.

### **Adjournment**

Board Member Adelman moved for adjournment and Board Member Rhodes provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 9-0. The Board adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: December 7, 2009