



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

May 25, 2011

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Toni Bennalley, L.AC., Chairperson (via telephone)
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member (via telephone)
Maureen Bronson, Consumer Member (via telephone)
Woohyung Cho, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)
Christopher M. Clair, Consumer Member (via telephone)
Dianne Darcy, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)
Robert L. Gear, NMD, DC, Professional Member (via telephone)

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Wilks, MD, Professional Member, Secretary
Patricia E. Martin, L.AC., Professional Member

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director (via telephone)

Attorney General Representative:

Monty Lee, Assistant Attorney General (via telephone)

Call to Order

Chairperson Bernalley called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Bronson moved the adoption of the minutes for the April 27, 2011 regular board meeting with Board Member Darcy providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

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

Applications for Licensure (without self disclosures)

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

Daniel J. Lee
Douglas L. Beal
George A. Munger

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

Professional Business

Dry Needling Fact Finding Discussion

The Board discussed on steps to approach in addressing the use of dry needling by physical therapists in the state. Questions regarding the jurisdiction of the Board in reviewing this item were raised and whether the Board should spend the time on this item if no legal recourse is available.

Board Member Gear read the scope of practice statutes for physical therapists (A.R.S. 32-2001) to better understand the issue and determine a course of action. As a consumer, Board Member Adelman asked the Board to address this matter head on and suggested the Board invite the Chairman and Executive Director of the Physical Therapy Board to the next board meeting to explain why dry needling is not acupuncture along with other questions.

Board Member Gear asked what is the level of training acquired by the physical therapists for dry needling treatments. Furthermore, Board Member Gear suggested a license or certificate be issued by the Acupuncture Board of Examiners to those physical therapists practicing dry needling in order to protect the public.

Board Member Gear moved to invite the Chairman and Executive Director of the Physical Therapy Board to the next board meeting with Board Member Clair providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0.

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

Future Meeting Dates

June 22, 2011
August 24, 2011

Call to the Public

No requests were made.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

- Dry Needling

Adjournment

Board Member Bronson moved for adjournment and Board Member Gear provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 7-0. The Board adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: June 22, 2011