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You can apply for a vacant seat on the Board at bc.azgovernor.gov

The Boards Mission

The mission of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of acupuncture.

Meeting Schedule

December 04, 2019
January 22, 2020
February 26, 2020
March 25, 2020
April 22, 2020
May 27, 2020

Board Members

Jamie Fitzgerald – Acupuncturist, Chairperson
Mario Fontes – Acupuncturist, Secretary
Mindy Hayden – Acupuncturist Member
Tali Lehavi – Public Member
Susan Williams – Public Member
Rosemary Zimmerman – Licensed Chiropractor
Scott Selin – Public Member
Vacant – Acupuncturist
Matt Klein – Licensed Homeopathic Physician

Meet the Board

Matthew Klein DO, DO(H)

Matthew Klein, D.O. is a psychiatrist specializing in adolescent and young adult well-being. After graduating from medical school at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Klein completed a residency and fellowship from the Maricopa Integrated System in Phoenix in adult, child, and adolescent psychiatry. Prior to medical school, Dr. Klein worked for years in a youth substance abuse treatment center. During this time, he experienced the profound healing power of relationships and learned of the significant role relationships play in recovery and wellbeing. He continues to learn about and has become involved in integrative and alternative medicines to be able to provide as wholistic approach to care as possible. He is licensed for homeopathy and integrated medicine and is serving as the Vice-President of the Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners.



Rosemary Zimmerman, DC, FIAMA, Dipl Med Ac

Serving on the Arizona Acupuncture Board was one of my primary goals when I retired from my 35 year chiropractic practice in Alaska. As a new graduate from the University of Western States I began my career focused on the care of athletes only to expand my practice over time to provide full-scale clinical offerings including acupuncture, physical therapy and stress management. Being married to a physician has helped me learn to open dialogue by listening to other medical perspectives without judgement. By finding common ground and goals we are better able to serve better our patients and community.

Philanthropy and volunteer service is very important to me. I have served in leadership positions on the Alaska World Affairs Council, the Southcentral Alaska American Red Cross, the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska (Alzheimer's Association of Alaska) and the Girdwood Rotary. My career included serving as the president of the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the state of Alaska delegate to both the National Board Of Chiropractic Examiners and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards. I have published in peer-reviewed journals and lectured nationally and internationally. I served the American Chiropractic Delegation at the All African Games in Johannesburg, South Africa and volunteered as a chiropractic sports physician at the Ironman triathlon in Kona, Hawaii.

I eventually moved from Alaska to Arizona where I achieved my Diplomate in Medical Acupuncture. As a passionate lifelong student I also completed my boarding in Animal Chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and the Board of the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. I look forward to continuing to travel, learn and share my knowledge in service to those in need. I welcome networking with other medical and integrative practitioners to improve health services throughout Arizona.



Updated forms

New or updated forms are available on our website.

Forms to request License Verification, CEU Course Approval, Chemical Dependency Program approval, Visiting Professor Certification, public information requests, Contact information updates, Temporary Licensure and Universal Recognition License Applications can be filled out, paid for and submitted online. These can be found on the applications and forms page.

If you have any suggestions as to improvements with the Board’s website or online renewal system please submit them to info@acupuncture.az.gov

Licenses/Certificates Issued

July

Brennan Thomas	Tamara Aukon	Kassie Morgan
Peter White	Cassandra Runge	Hsiao Ling Huang
Lea Siebert	Robert Villa	Sherrill Whately
Michelle Sutter	Rowena TingTing Cheung	

August

August Meeting Cancelled		
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September

Debra Lapiers	Ioannis Solos	Mary Valahos
Molly Howe	Robert Benhuri	Bryan Freiberg
Miguel Chinchillas-Auricular Acupuncture Certificate		

Approved Auricular Acupuncture Training Programs and CDPs

Chemical Dependency Programs Approved by the Board:

Natural Medicine and Detox Inc.
Decision Point, LLC
Stuck Community Acupuncture
Backyard Healthcare Project

Chemical Dependency Programs are listed on the website. An application for approval can be found along with requirements for approval on our website at:

<https://acupunctureboard.az.gov/chemical-dependency-programs>

Auricular Acupuncture Training programs:

Traditionally, the Board has accepted only NADA or PIHMA training for educating Auricular Acupuncturists.

At the July 24, 2019 meeting the Board additionally approved “The People’s Organization of Community Acupuncture (POCA)” as a training program for Auricular Acupuncturists. Those wishing Certification as an Auricular Acupuncturist by this Board can now take their training through POCA.

Communication with the Board

We attempt to answer every phone call as it comes in; however, that is not always possible with a small staff. It is the Board’s Policy that all emails and phone messages be returned within 1-2 business days. If you do not receive a response within that time frame contact the Executive Director at director@acupuncture.az.gov.

Potential Legislation

The Board is concerned with the rising Opioid Crisis and, due in part to this concern, is considering legislation during the 2020 legislative session. These proposed changes generally include but are not limited to reducing the total number of Board Members from 9 to 7, clarifying that removing needles is part of the definition of Acupuncture, adding a definition of Trauma, including treating trauma as part of Auricular Acupuncture, and removing the requirement for Chemical Dependency Programs while keeping the requirement that LAc’s supervise Auricular Acupuncturists.

These proposed changes have been discussed at Public Board Meetings in Phoenix, Flagstaff and Tucson. Once a bill is drafted and dropped the legislation page of the Board’s website will be updated with the text of the bill.

If you have any comments or suggestions please contact the Executive Director at director@acupuncture.az.gov

Legislation from the Last Session

SB-1062

Requires that the Board have an "Address of Record" for every licensee and certificate holder that may be disclosed to the public. You are also required to have an email address or phone number on file with the Board to be provided to a patient who is seeking medical records.

HB-2118

Requires the Board to regulate the unauthorized (unlicensed) practice of Acupuncture or Auricular Acupuncture and makes it a class 5 felony to practice without a license/certificate. It also provides requirements for the Board when an allegation of unlicensed activity comes in.

HB-2569

Creates a new "Universal Recognition" licensing path where an applicant who established residency in Arizona and who holds an active license in good standing in another state and who has never had a license disciplined may gain licensure here after having submitted license verifications and completing a Fingerprint background check and without providing all of the regular documentation for licensure such as transcripts, CNT Certificate, etc.

This legislation does not allow individuals from other states to work in Arizona without an Arizona License

SB-1086

Authorized the Board to issue a temporary license to a qualified individual to work in this state on a short-term basis for teaching a course, seminar or class, working during the process of receiving a full and active license, working while traveling with a sports or athletic team or providing free services during a declared state or national disaster.

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Your input is valuable to us. If there is something you feel would help to be included in this newsletter please email the Board office.

Quick Tip

Any Continuing Education Course that has been approved by one of the below is also approved by this Board for CE.

- Approved by a licensing Board of Acupuncture in another State
- Provided by the NCCAOM
- Provided by an approved Acupuncture or Clinical Training Program.
- Approved by this Board

Did you Know?

R4-8-206. Continuing Education Requirement

A. A licensee shall complete at least 15 hours of approved continuing education per year.

C. The Board shall limit the number of hours of approved continuing education awarded as follows:

1. No more than 30 percent of the required hours may be obtained from teaching an approved continuing education. Hours may be obtained from teaching a particular approved continuing education only once during each year. No hours may be obtained from participating as a member of a panel at an approved continuing education; and
2. Hours that exceed the maximum required during a year may not be carried over to a subsequent year

D. A licensee shall obtain a certificate or other evidence of attendance from the provider of each approved continuing education attended that includes the following:

1. Name of the licensee;
2. License number of the licensee;
3. Name of the approved continuing education;
4. Name of the continuing education provider;
5. Name of the entity that approved the continuing education;
6. Date, time, and location of the approved continuing education; and
7. Number of hours of approved continuing education.

E. A licensee shall maintain the evidence of attendance described in subsection (D) for two years and make the evidence available to the Board under R4-8-207 and as otherwise required under this Chapter.

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