



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

December 6, 2010

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Toni Bernalley, L.Ac., Chairperson
Ross Adelman, Consumer Member, Secretary
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:

Board Appointment Vacancy—Consumer Member

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

Attorney General Representative:

Monty Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

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

A moment silence was taken due to the passing of Susan Kwan, L.Ac.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Board Member Darcy declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 5.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Board Member Rhodes moved the adoption of the minutes for the November 15, 2010 regular board meeting with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

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

Complaints/Investigations

Complaint #2010-01 re: Conrad Loreto (Unlicensed to Practice)

The Board reviewed the memo prepared by the Executive Director regarding this complaint. The complaint was submitted by an individual that does not wish to be identified. The complaint states that Mr. Loreto provided acupuncture treatments to this individual. In addition, the complaint indicates that Mr. Loreto is offering investment opportunities to this individual and the individual has concerns regarding this matter.

The Executive Director was instructed to reopen this complaint and schedule for a future meeting.

Board Member Gear moved the reopening of Complaint #2010-01 regarding Conrad Loreto with Board Member Adelman providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

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

Administrative Inquiry

Review and discussion pertaining to R4-8-207, Audit of Compliance and Sanction for Noncompliance with Continuing Education Requirement.

The Executive Director reviewed the continuing education audit process and results. As a result of the audit, a course offered by the International College of Classical Chinese Medicine (ICCCM) was found not to be in compliance with National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) requirements. The ICCCM will be addressing this matter with NCCAOM so the courses offered may be recognized by this Board for license renewal requirements.

During the course of the audit, the Board received information about an Auricular Medicine Doctorate Program offered by the International College of Classical Chinese Medicine.

The Board directed the Executive Director to prepare and send a letter to the ICCCM to ascertain a better understanding of the Auricular Medicine Doctorate Program and other course offerings.

Board Member Bennalley moved that a letter be sent to the International College of Classical Chinese Medicine with questions to be provided by Board Members for the Executive Director to include in the letter. Board Member Bronson provided a second. The motion carried by the vote: 7-0-1.

Adelman	Bennalley	Bronson	Cho	Darcy	Gear	Rhodes	Wilks	Vote
X	X	X	X		X	X	X	Aye
								Nay
				X				Recused
								Abstained
								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 Adelman providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Yeon Hee Park
Sybil I. Ihrig

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

Professional Business

Adoption of the 2011 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the idea of holding fewer board meetings in 2011 due to budget constraints. The Executive Director was asked to prepare a draft 2011 board meeting schedule for review at the January 26, 2011 board meeting.

Strategic Plan

The Board will be discussing the Strategic Plan at its January 26, 2011 board meeting.

Arizona Society of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture (AzSOMA) White Paper on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. This agenda item was tabled for a future board meeting.

Preparation for Election of 2011 Board Officers

The Board reviewed by memo prepared by the Executive Director in preparation for the January 26, 2011 board meeting.

Executive Director Report

License and Certificate Status Report:

Active Licensed Acupuncturists: 490

Expired Licenses: 7

Active Certified Auricular Acupuncturists: 60

Board Office Information/Activities:

- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3925 (B), license and certificate renewal notices for January 2011 licensees were prepared and sent. In addition, expired license and certificate letters for the month of October 2010 were sent.

- As required by R4-8-207, 15 % of licensees were sent letters regarding the random sample audit of compliance with the continuing education requirement for the month of January 2011.
- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3925 (B), license and certificate renewal notices for February 2011 licensees were prepared and sent. In addition, expired license and certificate letters for the month of November 2010 were sent.
- As required by R4-8-207, 15 % of licensees were sent letters regarding the random sample audit of compliance with the continuing education requirement for the month of February 2011.
- Attended on November 30, 2010 the Governor's Regulatory Review Council Study Session as part of the 5-year review report. The Council will review and take action on the report at their December 7, 2010 meeting.
- Completed and submitted the State of Arizona Surplus Property Management authorization and update for eligibility recertification and records form.

Budget Information:

A copy of the current Board budget was provided for review.

Future Meeting Dates

January 26, 2011

Call to the Public

No requests were made to address the Board.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

Strategic Plan
2011 Board Meeting Schedule
White Paper prepared by the AzSOMA

Adjournment

Board Member Bronson moved for adjournment and Board Member Rhodes provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0. The Board adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: January 26, 2011