

**MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE**  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 105

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 12, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Cronin, Consumer, Kate Carter, L.Ac., Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac., Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., and Dr. Charles Griffin, Consumer

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, and Richard Bloom, AAG

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Cai, L.Ac.,

**GUESTS:**

Deneb Fanabella, L.Ac., TAI-SOPHIA, Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Cara Michele Nether, L.Ac., ADS Supervisor, Steve Solomon, L.Ac., MAS, David Wurzel, L.Ac., ADS Supervisor and Sharon Bloom, DHMH

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Gigliotti called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established. Mr. Gigliotti welcomed new Board member, Ms. Kate Carter, and guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES**

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Cronin moved to approve the Minutes with a minor correction and Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ADS SUPERVISORY DUTIES**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the ADS Committee met to review the ADS regulations to include education requirements for supervisors and prepared a draft for the Board's review. Ms. Heisler stated that there was further work to be done on the wording for the training course requirements. The Board reviewed the draft and decided to circulate recommendations for wording via email, and defer further action on the regulatory changes until the next meeting.

**B. DRY NEEDLING**

This subject was placed under the Executive Session for discussion.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW LICENSES**

Ms. Cronin moved to approve the list of applicants for licensure and Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. FAOMRA**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that all out-of-state travel has been cut from the budget, so there is no state money to attend the meeting. However, she mentioned that FAOMRA has agreed to pay for her trip from their funds since Ms. Heisler serves as Treasurer on the FAOMRA board. As a board member, Mr. Kaufman's trip may also be paid with FAOMRA funds.

Ms. Heisler also informed the Board that if state participation does not increase, board members may concede to fold FAOMRA and hire an accountant to refund remaining monies to all participating states.

The next FAMORA meeting is scheduled for April 8 and 9, 2010 in New Mexico.

**C. LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the session officially begins tomorrow (January 13, 2010). She reported that it is certain that HB 1275 will resurface but knows of no other bills that would impact the board at this time. Last year, HB 1275 would have required that each Board collect racial and ethnic creation of a disciplinary subcommittee, preclude the Board from bringing standard of care charges forward against a licensee after 6 years, and mandated that the board create sanctioning guidelines.

She reported that the budget hearings for the Senate will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> and in the House, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**D. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE**

None.

**D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the regulatory changes to allow pro-bono hours for continuing education have finally been approved, effective December 7<sup>th</sup>. An acupuncturist may now use up to 10 hours of pro-bono work (1 hour for up to 3 hours of volunteer work) per renewal period.

Ms. Heisler mentioned there were 164 renewals and 15 in-actives during the November renewal. The Board has processed 50 new initial acupuncture licensure applications since July and there are currently 34 ADS's actively practicing.

Ms. Heisler distributed a draft copy of the newsletter to the Board for review. Mr. Bloom stated that since this is only a draft, it should be discussed and reviewed in Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.