

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 11, 2011
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., Deneb Falabella, L.Ac.,
Issie Shelton Jenkins, Consumer and Jan Exler, Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kate Carter, L.Ac. and Corinne Axelrod, L.Ac.

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

GUESTS:

Paula Hollinger, Sharon Bloom and Cara Michelle Nether, L.Ac.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Kaufman called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Zhang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. CEU REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she met with Ms. Axelrod to discuss whether it would be appropriate to allow CEU's for research or writing articles. Ms. Heisler indicated that there are a few states that already permit this policy. Vermont allows one credit for each 2 hours of documented research/writing and limited to ten credits for articles and 15 for a book or major work. Arizona allows 15 CEU's if a person has published a book on the topic of acupuncture/OM or has written an article on acupuncture/OM for a peer-reviewed publication.

Ms. Heisler stated that the NCCAOM allows the following:

1. Author a Book: A maximum of 30 PDA points may be submitted for authoring a book in the field of Oriental medicine that is at least 300 pages in length.

Required Documentation: Copy of the book cover and title pages showing the date, ISBN number, abstracts, and executive summaries.

2. Author a Chapter in a Book: A maximum of 20 PDA points may be submitted for authoring chapters in a book in the field of Oriental Medicine. Ten PDA points may be gained for each chapter with a maximum of submitting two chapters per recertification cycle.

Required Documentation: Copy of the book cover and title pages showing the date, ISBN number, abstracts, and executive summaries.

3. Edit a Book or Professional Journal: A maximum of 20 PDA points may be submitted for editing a professional book or journal. Ten PDA points may be gained for each book or professional journal with a maximum of submitting two books/journals per recertification cycle.

Required Documentation: A letter, on letterhead, from the author of the book or the editor in chief of the journal is required. The letter should describe the Diplomate's participation in the editing process including the title of the book/journal, publishing date, ISBN number, abstracts, and executive summaries.

4. Publication of a Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: A maximum of 20 points may be submitted for authoring an article in a professional, peer-reviewed journal in the field of Oriental medicine. Ten PDA points may be gained for each article with a maximum of submitting two articles per recertification cycle.

Required Documentation: Copy of the article, the cover of the journal, and the table of contents that show the date, article title, and author.

5. Author an Article: A maximum of 10 PDA points may be submitted for writing an article that is published. Five PDA points may be gained for each article with a maximum of submitting two articles per recertification cycle.

Required Documentation: Copy of the article and the cover of the newspaper or magazine that shows the date and table of contents or article listing.

Mr. Kaufman expressed concern with the allowance stating that anyone could write and publish a book/article with little thought or time. He recommended that some boundaries be defined.

Ms. Heisler also suggested that the Board could require specific courses that would refresh a practitioner's skills for someone that has been of practice for an

extended period of time. Mr. Kaufman suggested that the CEU committee continue its research and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

B. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Ms. Heisler distributed copies of the existing Operating Procedures and offered several changes. Ms. Falabella moved to approve the changes and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CPR CERTIFICATION

Ms. Heisler had contacted Ms. Stacey Soltz, President of the Maryland Acupuncture Society (MAS) to inquire about the Society's feelings on mandating CPR training for renewal of licenses. Ms. Heisler read a statement from Ms. Soltz:

"The MAS Board members had an interesting array of responses to the question of requiring CPR. Almost all of them felt that this is something that should be required to maintain licensure. Some felt that the standard every 2 - year renewal was important as changes are made to the protocol. Others felt that the "changes" that occur every 2 year were not so significant to warrant requiring so frequent a recertification, and perhaps this should be a requirement similar to the "ethics" CEU in which the licensee is required to show proof of re-certification every 4 years.

Something that this conversation made me think about was in regards to other certifications we as acupuncturists are required to have, such as Clean Needle Technique and Blood Borne Pathogens training. I believe that currently we must take these courses in our schooling -- once -- but like CPR, we are encouraged but not required to re-certify in them. It would seem to me that these two health issues may be more pertinent to an acupuncturist than CPR training. If we are to require an acupuncturist to re-certify in CPR every two years b/c we think they will forget their CPR training so quickly, would we also want to require some updates to how to handle exposure to BBPs in our clinics? How would we explain to the public that one course in how to properly clean up blood from an HIV+ patient is enough for a lifetime, but CPR must be retaken every 2 years in case we forget?"

Mr. Kaufman asked the CEU committee to review this matter and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW LICENSES

Ms. Falabella moved to approve the list of applicants for licensure and Mr. Zhang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the 2012 Budget hearings will be held on the following dates: February 16th at 1:00 for the House and February 17th at 1:00 for the Senate. If anyone would like to attend, please feel free to contact her for more information.

Ms. Heisler also informed the Board that Ms. Hollinger will be briefing the Senate Health and Resource Commission. Ms. Hollinger stated that there are a lot of new members and that it is important for orient them on matters affecting the Boards

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