

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MAY 12, 2009
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac, David Mercier, L. Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., David Cai, L.Ac., Barbara Cronin, Consumer and Charles Griffin, Consumer

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

GUESTS:

Deneb Falabella, L.Ac, Belynda White, L.Ac., Cara Michele Nether, L.Ac., MAS, Lisa Keyes, Paula Hollinger and Sharon Bloom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Mercier called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:10 pm and a quorum was established. Mr. Mercier welcomed the guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2009 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Cronin moved to approve the Minutes and Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATION 2009

Ms. Heisler briefed the Board on HB 1275. She stated that the bill did not make it out of the Senate, but was passed by the House. Aware that the bill will resurface again next session, the Boards are being proactive and have formed a committee to determine which sections of the bill have been implemented or can be put into operation as a group.

B. ADS SUPERVISOR DUTIES

Ms. Cara Michelle Nether informed the Board that she has some concerns with the lack of direction in regulation regarding supervision of auricular detoxification specialists. After discussion, Mr. Gigliotti formed a sub-committee to review ADS supervisor responsibilities and bring back recommendations to the next meeting for the Board's

consideration. Barbara Cronin and David Mercier, Cara Michelle Nether, Richard Bloom and Penny Heisler volunteered to serve on the committee.

C. DRY NEEDLING

Mr. Gigliotti stated that there are still concerns regarding physical therapists performing dry needling and suggested that the Board write a letter to the Physical Therapy Board asking for clarification of the practice and what education is needed to perform the technique. Ms. Heisler stated that the Board had discussed this matter in the past and concluded that the association should confront the issue..

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2010 STATISTICS

Ms. Heisler reported the following statistics for May 2009:

Total Active:

847
393 applied by exam
454 applied by accredited school
701 live in MD
5 live in DE
20 live in DC
17 live in PA
48 live in VA
9 live in WV
47 live in other states

New applications: (7/1/08-3/09)

80

Nov 2008 renewal info

188 total
• 134 online
• 26 applications

Inactive

8 Nov 08 renewal

Non-renewed

22 Nov 08 renewal

B. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE

None

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the regulations were approved to reduce the fees. The ADS application fee has been reduced from \$100 to \$50 and the ADS renewal fee from \$50 to \$25. The reinstatement fee was also reduced from \$325 to \$200.

Also, training in ethics was added to the CEU requirements. Each licensee will need 3 hours of ethics every 4 years, meaning that licensees renewing in November 2009 will be

required to earn 3 hours of continuing education by November 2013 and those renewing in May 2010 will need 3 hours by May 2014.

Mr. Mercier moved to close

D. INITIAL LICENSURE APPLICATION

Mr. Mercier moved to close the regular meeting at 3:00 PM and move into executive session to discuss an application. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gigliotti reopened the meeting at 3:15 PM. After review of the list of approvals for licensure, Mr. Zhang moved to approve the list and Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kaufman moved to close the regular session meeting at 3:30 PM and to move into executive session in order to comply with specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirements that prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to discuss the investigation of complaints against specific licensees. Mr. Mercier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.