



Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques

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September 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President W. Martin Eisele at 1:11PM. In attendance were: W. Martin Eisele, LAc (President); Mark Arouh, LAc (Professional Member); Stephanie Bland, LAc (Professional Member); Ines Polonius (Public Member); Cynthia Wolfe (Public Member); Jonathan Norcross, MD (Ex Officio Member); Mandy Abernethy (Assistant Attorney General, Arkansas Attorney General's Office); Christina Hamilton (Executive Director).

The board welcomed new professional member Stephanie Bland and public member Ines Polonius, as well as welcoming back reappointed ex officio member Jonathan Norcross. S. Bland requested that the board evaluate adding CPR and HIPAA courses to the continuing education requirements for acupuncture licensure.

The board discussed Secretary / Treasurer appointment for the 2012 fiscal year. W. Eisele made a motion to approve appointing C. Wolfe as Secretary / Treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques for the 2012 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote.

The board reviewed minutes from the board meeting that occurred on May 6, 2011. The board discussed replacing all references to "representation" with "representative." M. Arouh made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by S. Bland and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote.

C. Hamilton presented the financial report through August 31, 2011. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by C. Wolfe and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote.

The board reviewed license applications for Markus Bergman, Erik Hardin and Denise Hoffecker. C. Hamilton will request that D. Hoffecker submit additional detail regarding completion of the required program of study in acupuncture and oriental medicine from an accredited educational institution, namely official transcripts reflecting training received in the program for a period of no fewer than four (4) academic years and a minimum of eight hundred (800) hours of supervised clinical practice. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the license application for Markus Bergman and Erik Hardin. The motion was seconded by S. Bland and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote. S. Bland made a motion to approve revising the licensure application to include that transcript must be submitted, not just copy of diploma or certificate, so that item "G" under Part A reads "Certified copy of [transcript] from an accredited educational institution evidencing completion of the required program of study in acupuncture and oriental medicine. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote.

W. Eisele requested an opinion from the board's Attorney General representative, stating that the Arkansas State Medical Board's attorney previously sent a letter confirming that the State Medical Board had no objections to the most recent revision of the Rules & Regulations, in which all references to "Oriental Medicine" were removed, with the exception of the references to the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM). Assistant Attorney General representative Mandy Abernethy recommended that the board proceed with next steps of publishing notice for a public comment period and filing the board's draft Rules. C. Wolfe made a motion to



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approve the draft Rules as presented, and proceed with the notice of rulemaking and posting of the draft Rules for a public comment period. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously with I. Polonius abstaining from the vote.

M. Abernethy provided the board with an update regarding Case No. CV 2010-350-2, stating that Assistant Attorney General Mark Ohrenberger is requesting a hearing due to the court not responding to the previously filed Motion to Dismiss.

The board scheduled the next meeting for December 16, 2011 at 1:00PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43PM.

Approved