

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 100

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MAY 11, 2010  
1:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Cronin, Consumer, Kate Carter, L.Ac., Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac., Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Corinne Axelrod, L.Ac.

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charles Griffin, Consumer and Grant Zhang, L.Ac.

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

### **GUESTS:**

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

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

Mr. Gigliotti called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 12:55 pm and a quorum was established. Mr. Gigliotti welcomed the guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

Mr. Gigliotti welcomed the Board's newest member, Corinne Axelrod. Ms. Axelrod gave a brief overview of her background and stated that she was pleased to serve on the Board.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2010 MINUTES**

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Cronin moved to approve the Minutes and Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. FAOMRA**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that FAOMRA members have been discussing a possible dissolution of the organization over the past several months, but for now, have decided to continue its efforts. The board members attended the AAAOM

conference in Albuquerque, NM to address the national organizations and update members on FAOMRA business.

Mr. Kaufman attended a meeting with the AOM-National Strategic Planning Group to discuss international standards for electronic health records and international standard TM terminology and gave a brief report on the matter.

**B. LEGISLATION 2010**

Due to the passage of House Bill 114 and Senate Bill 291, the Board will have to collect racial and ethnic information from licensees and prepare sanctioning guidelines. Ms. Axelrod volunteered to assist Ms. Heisler and Mr. Bloom with drafting the guidelines. The law goes into effect on October 1, 2010.

**C. AURICULAR DETOXIFICATION SPECIALIST (ADS) REGULATION**

Ms. Heisler reported that the DHMH Regulations Coordinator, Micelle Phinney, had some concerns with the Board's changes to the ADS regulation. Her main concern regarded the need to incorporate by reference the document citing current National Acupuncture Detoxification Association standards. Ms. Phinney stated that if the Board referenced the standards document in regulation, the Board would have to provide copies of the document for distribution to libraries so that licensees would have access to the material. Ms. Heisler felt that this would prove cumbersome and recommended that the Board continue listing the standards directly in the regulation. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to continue listing the standards. Ms. Heisler will change the regulation accordingly and resubmit a cleaned copy to Ms. Phinney for further processing.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW LICENSES**

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

**B. ADS – CIGARETTES**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she received an inquiry from William Carter, ADS as to whether an ADS can treat patients for cigarette addiction. After discussion, Board members agreed that cigarette addiction falls under the category of substance abuse and/or chemical dependency and that a registered ADS's may treat patients for this substance.

**C. EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE REQUEST - (Weidong Yu)**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she received an email request from Ava K. Bittner, OD, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Johns Hopkins University; School of Medicine, Wilmer Eye Institute, requesting exemption from licensure for Dr. Weidong Yu. Dr. Yu is currently an acupuncturist from Vancouver, Canada who is an expert in retinitis pigmentosa. They would like Dr. Yu to come to Johns Hopkins to teach a staff acupuncturist, Jeffery Gold, L.Ac.,

techniques that would help treat vision loss. After reviewing the law and Dr. Yu's credentials, Mr. Kaufman moved to approve the exemption request and Ms. Cronin seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**D. COMMITTEES**

Board members volunteered to sit on the following committees:

- **Board Representative to Council for Boards and Commission**  
Corinne Axelrod
- **Discipline Committee/Board Liaison on Disciplinary Matters**  
Corinne Axelrod, Steve Kaufman, Grant Zhang
- **FAOMRA**  
Steve Kaufman
- **Legislative/Regulation**  
Kate Carter
- **Scope of Practice**  
Kate Carter, Steve Kaufman, Grant Zhang
- **Personnel**  
Steve Kaufman

**D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

After a brief discussion of the Board, members decided to eliminate the office of Secretary. Ms. Axelrod nominated Mr. Kaufman for Board Chair and Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Kaufman nominated Mr. Zhang for Vice Chair and Ms. Axelrod seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**E. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE**

None.

**F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

None.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.