

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 12, 2016**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kate Carter, L.Ac., Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., Teal Beatty, L.Ac., Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Jan Exler, M.Ed., Consumer, and Barbara Heller, Ed.D., R.N., Consumer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, Danielle Vallone, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

**GUESTS:**

David Blaiwas, L.Ac., President MAS, and Sharon Bloom, DHMH

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

**APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2016 MINUTES**

After review of the Minutes, Mr. Exler moved to approve them as written and Dr. Heller seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved motion.

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS**

Ms. Heisler reported that the Dry Needling Committee will be meeting with representatives from the Physical Therapy Board on August 2, 2016 at 10:30 AM.

**B. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

No Report.

**C. SENIOR RENEWAL DISCOUNT**

The Board reviewed the costs associated with providing a discount to senior practitioners over the age of 70, and felt that it was not a feasible option at this time.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BATTLEFIELD ACUPUNCTURE**

The Nursing Board was unable to attend the meeting and has rescheduled for the September meeting.

**B. REINSTATEMENT**

At the last meeting, Dr. Marinakis had asked Ms. Heisler to poll the other health boards to inquire whether they required licensees to provide proof of continued active practice before the board authorized reinstatement of their license. Ms. Heisler found that the Board of Physicians requires that a physician provide a detailed description of his/her employment history on the reinstatement application. However, the Physicians Board's regulations do not require that a physician maintain active practice as basis for reinstatement. Dr. Marinakis asked Ms. Heisler to research the reinstatement requirements of other state acupuncture boards and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Hongersmeier volunteered to assist in the research.

The meeting adjourned at approximate 2:03 p.m.