

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 505

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JULY 14, 2020

1:00 PM

Teleconference

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., DACM, Chair, Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Vice Chair, Brandie Armijo, L.Ac., LPN, BSN, DACM, Sherrie Black, L.Ac., RN, Esq., Barbara Huston, Consumer, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Peter Marinakis, L.Ac, Ph.D

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

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

Mr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

### **APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2020 MINUTES**

Ms. Black moved to approve the Minutes as written and Dr. Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

#### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE**

Dr. Ingegno tabled this item for discussion until the next meeting.

##### **B. RENEWALS**

Although Governor Hogan issued an expiration date extension for all licenses until 30 days after the state of the emergency has lifted, Ms. Heisler informed the Board that most licensees renewed their licenses on time. She stated that 278 licensees renewed in May, 16 went inactive and 48 are still outstanding. An email was sent to those that have not yet renewed, reminding them that they will have 30 days to renew after the Executive Order State of Emergency is lifted. Ms. Heisler plans to do a newsletter article about the

possible extension dates for the November renewal. Dr. Ingegno asked Ms. Heisler to also do an article on record keeping standards.

### **C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that it currently has accrued \$323,279 in revenue and expended \$294,000. There is a fund balance of \$497,000.

She stated that the Department has unfortunately been silent the promulgation of the Board's regulatory changes that she submitted for the Secretary's signature in November. She was advised that all regulations are on hold due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Sheryl Hongsermeier moved to close the meeting at 1:45 PM to go into Administrative Session in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act § 3-305(b)(2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business" and Dr. Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.