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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Acupuncture met in regular session on October 21, 2011, at 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Deborah E. Lincoln, Dipl. Ac., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Deborah E. Lincoln, Dipl. Ac., Chairperson
Jay Abel-Horowitz, M.D.
Rhonda Sousley, Ph.D.
Margaret Batzer, RAC
David Krofcheck, OMD
Rev. Charles Morris, Public Member
William Sullivan, Public Member
Xiaohong Tan, OMD (arrived 10:11 a.m.)

Members Absent:

John L. Pappas, M.D.
Chrystal Roach, Public Member
Leonard D. Wright, M.D.

Staff Present:

Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present:

Gerald Swits

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sousley, seconded by Abel-Horowitz, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2010 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Lincoln, seconded by Krofcheck, to approve the agenda as with the addition of *Licensing Issues* under New Business.

MOTION PREVAILED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lincoln asked to Board to introduce themselves. She was obliged. Kelly Hugh, Norene Lind, and Kristen Kinney, all new employees, also introduced themselves.

RESOLUTIONS

Lincoln advised the Board that there are three members whose terms have expired, namely Craig Houchen, Matthew Steigenga, Jason Pettett. Lincoln also acknowledged the work they did while serving on the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lind announced that Ramsdell had been appointed as Director for the Bureau of Health Professions.

Lind explained that when a member's term expires they must apply for reappointment, if interested. Lind advised that a member can no longer continue to serve on the Board while waiting to see if reappointed.

Lind went over the member folder and handbook, explaining the contents and their purpose. It was noted that Batzer and Haas never received the member handbook.

Kinney stated that she would get one mailed to both of them. She advised the Board that I.D. badges will be processed at the next Board meeting. Lind directed members to the Public Health Code where she pointed out the statute and the rules. She informed the Board that the rules had been updated in March 2011. She distributed a copy of the current rules and a print out of the Administrative Rules Process.

Ramsdell described her job duties as Director. She detailed how the law requires allegation cases be reviewed and disciplined when deemed appropriate. Ramsdell described the duties and make up of the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC). She asked members to consider serving on the DSC. She announced that there are currently 21 people registered as Acupuncturists. She advised that one cannot call themselves an acupuncturist if not registered. If someone is found to be doing so, the Department will send that person a letter requiring them to cease and desist. If that same person continues to misrepresent themselves as an acupuncturist, the situation will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office. She told the Board that because the department does not seek out these violators, citizens need to report the offense.

LICENSING ISSUES

Krofcheck held conversation regarding his concerns about problems with confirming education from other countries, being that many acupuncturists come from elsewhere.

Tan brought up the possibility of having an interpreter present for those testing for the NCCAOM (National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine). Tan questioned why a person must pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) if they can pass the NCCAOM in English. Ramsdell stated that she would have to look into this and pointed out that the Public Health code requires that a person be proficient in English. A person should be able to read and understand spoken English. Ramsdell stated that that is the purpose of the TOEFL. Ramsdell also commented that the state recognizes NCCAOM.

Lincoln advised that she will be sending material regarding MAOM (Masters of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) to Ramsdell. Ramsdell agreed that she would handle the mailing.

Ramsdell also addressed the issue of complaints from patients regarding sexual improprieties. She advised the Board that if someone is not registered as an acupuncturist and there is such a complaint, it should be forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

ELECTIONS

MOTION by Abel-Horowitz, seconded by Sousley, to nominate Lincoln as Chairperson.

A unanimous vote was cast.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Abel-Horowitz, seconded by Morris, to nominate Sousley as Vice-Chairperson.

A unanimous vote was cast.

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Lincoln reminded the Board how important it is for all members to attend scheduled meetings.

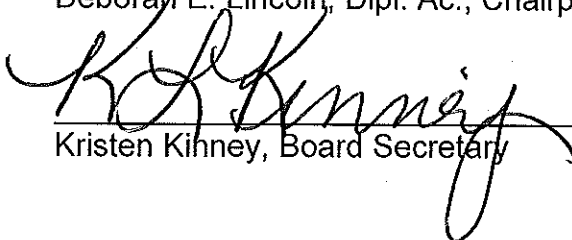
Batzer and Haas asked that Kinney email another schedule for the 2012 meetings.

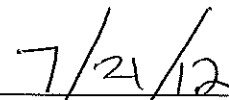
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

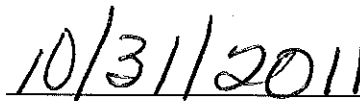
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Haas, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.


Deborah E. Lincoln, Dipl. Ac., Chairperson


Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary


Date Minutes Approved


Date Minutes Prepared