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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE MEETING OF JULY 19, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Acupuncture met in regular session on July 19, 2013, at 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Deborah E. Lincoln, RN., M.S.N. Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Deborah E. Lincoln, RN., M.S.N., Chairperson
Rosanne Emanuele MAC
David Krofcheck, OMD
Rev. Charles Morris, Public Member
Chrystal Roach, Public Member
William Sullivan, Public Member
Xiaohong Tan, OMD

Members Absent: Margaret Batzer, RAC
Annie Haas, MSTOM
John L. Pappas, M.D.

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Eric St. Onge, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Beth Stewart, MAAOM
Gigi B. Gristache, MAAOM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Roach, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2012 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Roach, seconded by Morris, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Lind ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Roach, seconded by Krofcheck, to re-elect Lincoln as Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

Lincoln ran the election for Vice Chair.

MOTION by Sullivan, seconded by Morris, to re-elect Roach as Vice Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

Resolutions

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Roach, to provide departing Board Members, Echo Kim-Pinto, Leonard Wright, and Jay Abel-Horowitz, with Resolutions recognizing their years of service.

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments

Lind explained the responsibilities of the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC). Lincoln reviewed the current Committee assignments and appointed/reassigned members to the Committees as follows:

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Primary DSC members will include Chrystal Roach, Chair, Rev. Charles Morris, Margaret Batzer, Rosanne Emanuele, and David Krofcheck. William Sullivan and Xiaohong Tan will serve as alternate members.

Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) Conference – Recap

Lincoln provided background information on the creation of the Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR). She stated that Krofcheck, Emanuele and Lincoln, attended the Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) Conference, held in Ann Arbor, Michigan on April 18-23, 2013. She noted that in attendance was guest speaker Richard Harris, Ph.D. Richard is the Scientific Advisor for the *Journal of Acupuncture and Meridian Studies*. Lincoln noted comparisons of electrical and manual acupuncture, and summarized other topics of discussion. Lincoln shared with board members *The American Acupuncturist* publications.

Krofcheck also discussed his experience with attending the Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) Conference. He discussed the topic of Acupuncturists who are working with the Veteran's Administration. He also mentioned the next Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) Conference will be held on May 30-June 1, 2014, in Beijing, China.

Emanuele shared her experience with attending the Society for Acupuncture Research (SAR) Conference and noted their contact information as: acupunctureresearch.org.

Department Update

Lind noted that currently there are 98 registered Acupuncturist in Michigan.

Lind discussed the Board members folder contents including the Travel Expense Form and the Identification badge renewal form.

Lind noted if board members have any items to place on the agenda for discussion, let the Chair know in advance two weeks prior to the next meeting date.

Lincoln reported that all of the Board Chairs were invited to attend a meeting with the new Bureau Director to discuss the need to increase license fees, since many health professional license fees have not been increased since 2002.

Lind stated the Bureau will research the investigation and disciplinary costs associated with each professional license and include the information with the disciplinary documents that are provided to the Disciplinary Subcommittees (DSCs). The Department expects that the DSC will consider these costs when assessing fines.

Lind provided a brief history of the April 2012 Office of Regulatory Reinvention Occupational Licensing Report to the Governor, recommending 19 professions for deregulation, including Acupuncturists. Lind reported that no legislation had been introduced yet to deregulate the profession. Lind informed that deregulation updates can be obtained from the Michigan Legislature website at: www.mileg.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gigi Cristache, Vice President, representing the Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAAOM), introduced herself to the Board.

Beth Stewart, representing the Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAAOM), introduced herself to the Board.

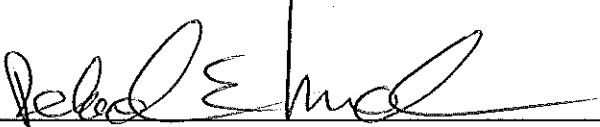
Morris commented about the difficulties of the Chinese speaking people have with the Acupuncture licensing process due to the language barrier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 18, 2013 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 Roach, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



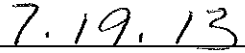
Deborah E. Lincoln, RN., M.S.N. Chairperson



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Approved



Date Minutes Prepared