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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2014

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Acupuncture met in regular session on January 10, 2014, 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 10:40 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Deborah E. Lincoln, RN, MSN, Chairperson  
Beth Converse, RAC  
Brenda Donaldson, MD  
Susan Fabrick, MD  
Rosanne Emanuele MAC  
David Krofcheck, OMD  
Rev. Charles Morris, Public Member

**Members Absent:** Margaret Batzer, RAC  
Annie Haas, MSTOM  
John L. Pappas, MD  
Chrystal Roach, Public Member  
William Sullivan, Public Member  
Xiaohong Tan, OMD

**Staff Present:** Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Karen Carpenter, Policy Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General

**Others Present:** None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Morris, seconded by Krofcheck, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2013 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Morris, seconded by Krofcheck, to approve the agenda with the following correction: "HPRC Appointment" under New Business.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HPRC Appointment**

Lind provided the Board with an overview of the program, and explained that every two (2) years, appointments or reappointments are made to the Health Professional Recovery Program Committee (HPRC). Interested candidates are welcome to submit their Curriculum Vitae to: [BushongS@michigan.gov](mailto:BushongS@michigan.gov).

### **Grandfathering**

Lincoln stated most other states have an Acupuncture grandfathering clause. She inquired if a grandfathering clause could be granted in Michigan. Lind informed that the original Michigan law did not provide a grandfathering period. Smith noted that the statute charges the Department, in consultation with the Board, to develop rules that specify the minimum standards for registration as an acupuncturist.

Smith reminded the Board that they should not hold themselves out to be experts in answering questions related to registration requirements. Further, if members are contacted by the media or people who want to discuss allegations or complaints, they should politely defer all such requests to the Department immediately.

Lind directed Board members to the "Bureau of Health Care Services-Contact Information" sheet, so that Board members would know how to refer public or media inquiries.

## 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Chinese Medicine-Report

Lincoln provided background information on the creation of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS). She stated that she attended the 10<sup>th</sup> World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS) Conference, held in San Francisco, California on September 21-22, 2013. Lincoln accepted a Vice Chair position with the WFCMS. She noted that in attendance was keynote speaker, Dr. Colin M. Feeney, M.D., who presented "Breaking New Ground With Traditional Medicine – Integrative Medicine in a Public Hospital." Lincoln also shared with board members a video-recorded excerpt from the conference.

### Department Update

Lind noted that currently there are 114 registered Acupuncturists in Michigan.

Lind informed that the Michigan Public Health Code is being reviewed by a committee appointed by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), and chaired by Lawrence Burns, a Grand Rapids attorney, to determine what revisions are needed. The committee will provide its recommendations to the MDCH by late January, 2014.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

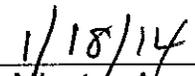
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

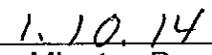
## ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION* by Morris, seconded by Converse, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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

  
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Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Date Minutes Prepared