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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE MEETING OF JULY 20, 2012

### 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 20, 2012, at 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### ***CALL TO ORDER***

Deborah E. Lincoln, RN., M.S.N. Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:***

Deborah E. Lincoln, RN., M.S.N., Chairperson  
Margaret Batzer, RAC  
Jay Abel-Horowitz, M.D.  
David Krofcheck, OMD  
Rev. Charles Morris, Public Member  
Chrystal Roach, Public Member  
William Sullivan, Public Member  
Xiaohong Tan, OMD

***Members Absent:***

Echo Kimpinto  
John L. Pappas, M.D.  
Leonard D. Wright, M.D.  
Annie Haas, MSTOM

***Staff Present:***

Amy Schneider, 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:***

Stephanie Johnson

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Roach, seconded by Batzer, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Roach, seconded by Morris, to approve the agenda as with the addition of "Appointment of DSC Members" under New Business.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTIONS**

Lind assisted the Board with the nomination and election of officers.

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

A unanimous vote was cast.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

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

A unanimous vote was cast.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

*MOTION* by Roach, seconded by Batzer, to provide a Resolution to Board member, Rhonda Tousley, PhD., whose term expired on December 31, 2011.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPOINTMENT OF DSC MEMBERS**

Lincoln appointed the following Board members to the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC):

Chrystal Roach, Chair  
Rev. Charles Morris  
Margaret Batzer  
Jay Abel-Horowicz  
David Krofcheck

Bill Sullivan, Alternate  
Xiaohong Tan, Alternate

## **OFFICE OF REGULATORY REINVENTION – OCCUPATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE REPORT TO GOVERNOR**

Ramsdell provided background information on the creation of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR), as well as the formation of the Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee. She directed the Board members to the ORR Recommendation #D1 regarding the proposed deregulation of Acupuncturists and provided rationale for the recommendation. She noted that any such action would require a statutory change and that legislation had not yet been introduced.

Board members discussed the public safety aspects of deregulation and the feasibility of seeking support for licensure instead of registration. Lind noted that the ORR report included information that would be used to consider new license categories in the future.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Lincoln showed a website to the Board and asked Ramsdell to determine whether or not the website includes false or misleading advertising regarding acupuncture training programs. She was concerned that registrants of the programs may falsely believe the certification they obtain upon completing the course will qualify them for registration through the State of Michigan. Ramsdell agreed to look into the matter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

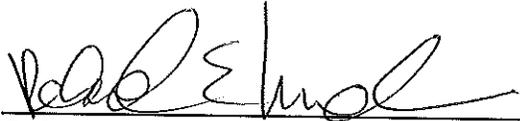
Ms. Stephanie Johnson, representing the Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAAOM), expressed displeasure regarding the ORR Report recommendation to deregulate acupuncturists. She wished the committee had gathered more information before making its recommendation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

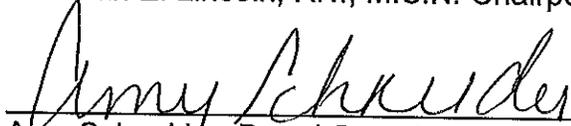
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Morris, seconded by Roach, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.



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



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

7/19/12  
Date Minutes Approved

7.20.12  
Date Minutes Prepared