

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 110

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

July 14, 2009
1:05 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Mercier, L.Ac., Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac., and Grant Zhang, L.Ac.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny K. Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, and Richard Bloom, AAG

GUESTS:

Steve Solomon, L.Ac., MAS, Deneb Falabella, L.Ac, TAI-SOPHIA, Cara Michelle Nether, L.Ac., Paula Hollinger, Associate Director for Health Occupation Boards, and Sharon Bloom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Gigliotti called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:05 pm and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF May 12, 2009 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Mr. Mercier moved to approve the Minutes as written and Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. ADS SUPERVISOR DUTIES

David Mercier reported on the Auricular Detoxification Specialist Committee meeting that was held on June 23, 2009. Richard Bloom, Penny Heisler, Cara Michele Nether and David Mercier were in attendance. The Committee felt that the 2 year licensure requirement for supervisors was unnecessary and recommended that this language be removed.

The Committee also discussed options regarding mandating supervisory training for licensed acupuncturists that wished to supervise Auricular Detoxification Specialists. Mr. Bloom indicated that the Maryland Dental School had a sole training program for dental hygienists alleviating the Board's concerns over anti trust issues. After a lengthy discussion concerning supervisor training, the Board directed the Committee to meet

again to draft regulatory changes regarding these issues. Tyme Gigliotti volunteered to sit in for David Mercier.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. INITIAL LICENSURE APPLICATION APPROVAL

After review of the list of approvals for licensure, Mr. Kaufman moved to approve the list and Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE

None.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler reported that she asked the Physical Therapy Board Executive Director, Ms. Ann Tyminski, to inquire whether a Board member from her Board could attend the next acupuncture board meeting to discuss "dry needling". Ms. Tyminski stated that she would check with her Board and asked whether the Acupuncture Board could prepare questions in advance so that she and her board members could prepare for the meeting.

Ms. Falabella and Mr. Solomon will also submit questions to Ms. Heisler.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.