

**ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
May 21, 2008**

**I ROLL CALL**

PRESENT Henry McCann, Roger Rossi, Edith Lee, Mimi Vassilev-Baker

ABSENT Barbara Montana, Shoshanna Katzman, Mark Matzen, Nita Raval, Karen Wei-Ru Lin There being no quorum present, the members are meeting as committee of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT Renee P. Clark, Executive Director Megan Cordoma, DAG

CALL TO ORDER The regular monthly meeting of the Acupuncture Examining Board was called to order at 124 Halsey Street at 10:00 a.m., all members having been notified of the time, date and, place and materials pertinent hereto having been provided.

SUNSHINE LAW In compliance with Chapter 231 the Public Law of 1975, notice of this was sent to the Courier-Post and the Record.

**II. MINUTES**

The Committee made recommendations for amendments to be made to the minutes at the next Board Meeting

**III. REGULATORY ANALYSIS**

A. Draft bill received from Legislative Liaison Burt Liebman and the Board's response.

The committee acknowledged that the board sent a written comment to Mr Liebman explaining its concerns about the proposed legislation after the Board President conducted a telephone poll regarding the issues. The committee recommends that in the future such drafts bills should be placed on Board's open agenda so that the public is allowed to make comments to the board in open session before the board makes a final comment on the legislation.

B. New Regulations

Discussion of tutorials

Discussion of practical exam

The committee of the Board made the recommendation to re-work the tutorial portion and other parts of the proposed regulations as needed before re-proposing the regulations.

Board member Mimi Vassilev-Baker will keep track of proposed regulations and proposed changes to regulations that Board would like to make.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Mitchell Green, attorney for Academy of Pain Research, sends correspondence requesting specific information from the Board.

Committee of the Board notes that the curriculum of this program may have changed subsequent to being approved by the Board such that it may no longer meet the Board's regulation requirements of 150 clinical hours. The Committee recommends that anyone who has already graduated from this program together with all physician acupuncture training programs approved prior to 2003 (the last time an official list was made).

Board member Roger Rossi will identify physician acupuncture programs created subsequent to 2003 for potential evaluation and approval.

NOTE: The committee also recommended that a poll of all Board members be taken prior to the next meeting in order to expedite formal communication between the Board and the Academy. On advise of counsel, this matter was tabled for discussion at the next regular Board meeting and a poll was not conducted.

B. Carmelo Milazzo, MD sends correspondence requesting response regarding Academy of Pain Research.

Committee makes the recommendation that the program at the Academy of Pain Research may no longer be acceptable for a physician acupuncture program with it's current structure. See above discussion. Makes recommendation that all physician approved courses are in process of re-evaluation.

NOTE: The committee also recommended that a poll of all Board members be taken prior to the next meeting in order to expedite formal communication between the Board and Mr. Milazzo. On advise of counsel, this matter was table for discussion at next regular Board meeting and a poll was not conducted.

## **V. APPLICATION REVIEW**

Janna Rome

Committee makes the recommendation to deny her application based on the fact that her bachelors degree from Bastyr College is a combined Bachelors/Masters not the traditional, stand-alone bachelors degree as required by regulation.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

Sent from the Association For Professional Acupuncture requesting guest acupuncturist.

Committee makes recommendation to accept KiKo Matsumoto as guest acupuncturist.

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