

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lt. Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”)

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Michael Howden, L.Ac., Chairperson
Jayne Tsuchiyama, L.Ac., Member, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Hashimoto, D.Ac., Member

Staff Present: Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer
Steven H. Levins, Deputy Attorney General
Alice Worthy, Secretary

Excused: Dr. James Corcoran, Member

Guests: Joseph Lo, ICAOM
Carole Holmes (with Joseph Lo)
Jama Wells (self)

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chair Howden called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda Additions
or Revisions: None.

Minutes of
Previous Meeting: Minutes of the August 22, 2013 Meeting

It was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Ms. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting as circulated.

Chair’s Report: None.

Executive Officer’s
Report: The 2014 meeting schedule was mailed to members earlier for their information. The Executive Officer stated that if there are any conflicts to please contact the Board’s office.

The Executive Officer reported that Dr. Corcoran had a conflict so he will be late if he is able to make today’s meeting.

Chairperson Howden informed the members that the agenda would be taken out of order.

Applications: Ratifications

Board members reviewed the list of licenses and intern permits. It was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Ms. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to ratify the applications of the individuals as listed for respective approvals sought (attached).

New Business: National Guild of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (“NGAOM”) June 13, 2013 Proposal Regarding Federally Qualified Health Centers (“FQHCs”) and L.Ac.s

The Executive Officer reported that she received a call from Steve Paine, president of NGAOM who informed her of NGAOM’s proposal regarding the federal qualified health centers and it’s impact on L.Ac.s. He also mentioned that he had spoken with the Governor’s office on this matter. Members were given copies of an informational memo on this issue for their information.

RICO 2014 Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee

The Board was provided a list of members for the RICO Acupuncture Advisory Committee for the upcoming January 2014 term.

It was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the list of members of the RICO Acupuncture Advisory Committee and the Addendum to the RICO Acupuncture Advisory Committee List.

Unfinished Business: Report of the Rules Investigative Committee Regarding §§16-72-17, 23, 33, 35, 57

The Executive Officer stated that based on the discussions at the last meeting, both she and the Deputy Attorney General will work on the language and justification for the proposed changes. At its last meeting, the Board approved the changes and concept of language.

Dr. Hashimoto stated that he was not ready to move forward and wanted more discussion concerning §16-72-33 Examination. Dr. Hashimoto said no decision had been made as to the changes and that this section was still open for discussion.

The Executive Officer stated that it was her understanding that based on the discussions the Board had at its last meeting, the Board had agreed and approved the changes discussed. Members authorized the Executive Officer to work on the language, prepare a draft and the justification for the changes.

Deputy Attorney General Levins stated that he and the Executive Officer would come up with a draft for the Board members to review.

§16-72-33 Examination

After further discussion, it was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to amend the section to require all new applicants for licensure to take and pass Acupuncture Module with Point Location ("AM"), Foundations of Oriental Medicine ("FOMM"), Biomedical Module ("BM"), and the Chinese Herbal Exam ("CHE"), as discussed at the last meeting.

§16-72-17 Academic standards for the use of titles.

It was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the suggested housekeeping amendments by deleting (a), (b), (c) and (d), and that §16-72-17(e) be clarified regarding Ph.D., as discussed at the last meeting.

§16-72-23 Verification of education and training.

It was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the housekeeping updates regarding retention for official school transcripts, documents in case the school closes or records are destroyed as well as to clarify necessary documents for foreign schools, as discussed at the last meeting.

§16-72-35 Language.

Dr. Hashimoto stated that the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy and the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy require their foreign applicants to take the TOFEL exam. He said that acupuncture license applicants should be required to pass TOFEL.

After a brief discussion on whether applicants should be required to take the TOFEL exam and/or be required to take the licensing exams in English to prove their proficiency, the Executive Officer stated that she would do further research on this and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

§16-72-57 Use of titles.

It was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to amend the rules for clarification purposes.

NCCAOM Biomedicine Module Exam

An informational packet from NCCAOM regarding NCCAOM's Chinese Herbology examination and certification in Oriental Medicine and Chinese Herbology were given to members for their information.

Open Forum: None.

At 1:41 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to the individual applying for licensure in accordance with Chapter 92-5(a) (1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Chapter 92-5(a) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joseph T.N. Lo

At 1:43 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Ms. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's regular order of business.

Applications: Intern Permit

Joseph T.N. Lo

Board members reviewed the application and supporting documents submitted by applicant.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Ms. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to approve the application for an acupuncture intern permit for Joseph T.N. Lo.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2013
1:00 p.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: Chairperson Howden adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy

Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski

Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer

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- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of Dec. 5, 2013.

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ACU	1074	HEEBAE <KONG<
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