

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, December 3, 2015
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Princess Likelike Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Jayne Tsuchiyama, L.Ac., Chairperson
Joni Kroll, Member, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. James Corcoran, Member
Mike Hashimoto, D.Ac., Member

Staff Present: Carol Kramer, Executive Officer
John Molay, Deputy Attorney General
Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary
Wilma Balon, Secretary

Guests: Anna Oshiro, Esq.
Christine Cannon

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chairperson Pro-Tem Tsuchiyama called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introduction of New Ms. Tsuchiyama introduced new board member Joni Kroll. Ms. Tsuchiyama indicated that Ms. Kroll has an interesting grasp of this profession and has been in practice since 1989.

Agenda Additions/
Revisions: It was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Ms. Kroll, and unanimously carried to revise the agenda by adding the following:

Election of Officers

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Officers: The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Dr. Hashimoto nominated Ms. Tsuchiyama as Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Corcoran. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Tsuchiyama was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

Ms. Tsuchiyama thanked the members for their confidence and accepted the position of Chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Tsuchiyama nominated Ms. Kroll. After hearing from Ms. Kroll, the nomination was seconded by Dr. Corcoran. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Kroll was elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

Minutes of
Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the October 1, 2015 Meeting

It was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as circulated.

Chair's Report:

Chairperson Tsuchiyama distributed an article on the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture's (AAMA) new position on dry needling. This procedure should be performed only by practitioners with extensive training and familiarity with routine use of needles and who are licensed to perform these procedures. It is inadvisable to expand scope of physical therapists to include dry needling as part of their practice. Dr. Hashimoto passed around samples of these needles.

Executive Officer's
Report:

Executive Officer Kramer informed members that Senator Baker is asking Board members to provide input regarding the addition of more public members to the board. Responses included: 1) don't need more public members, we have the right mix with two public members and three licensed acupuncturists; 2) the board appreciates and thinks it's valuable to have public members on the board; and 3) the process to volunteer is exhaustive.

Applications:

Ratifications

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

Exam and License

Irving C. Marcus

Dr. Corcoran suggested to defer the review of the above application because he was not present though his attorney Anna Oshiro, Esq. was present to speak on Mr. Marcus behalf.

Ms. Oshiro informed the Board her availability and willingness to answer any questions or concerns the Board may have.

At 1:30 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Ms. Kroll, 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), Hawaii Revised Statutes, 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

At 1:48 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Ms. Kroll, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's regular order of business.

Applications: Exam and License

Irving C. Marcus

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Chair Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to deny Mr. Marcus' application.

Old Business: Proposed Rule Revisions, HAR Title 16, Chap. 72

Chair Tsuchiyama proposed that the board members review Subchapters 2-3 and do edits on their own and will discuss at the next meeting. In addition Dr. Hashimoto distributed revised edits dated 12/3/2015 to replace his 10/1/15 version.

Open Forum: DAG Molay announced that he will be leaving the board and will return to his position in the Litigation Division.

Christine Cannon introduced herself and stated her interest in observing this meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Princess Likelike Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: Chairperson Tsuchiyama adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

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/s/ Carol Kramer
Carol Kramer
Executive Officer

/s/ Ronni-Ann Bumgarner
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Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of February 4, 2016.