



# Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques

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## December 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President W. Martin Eisele at 1:04PM. In attendance were: W. Martin Eisele, LAc (President); Cynthia Wolfe (Secretary / Treasurer); Mark Arouh, LAc (Professional Member); Stephanie Bland, LAc (Professional Member); Ines Polonius (Public Member); Jonathan Norcross, MD (Ex Officio Member); Meredith Rebsamen (Assistant Attorney General, Arkansas Attorney General's Office); Christina Hamilton (Executive Director).

The board welcomed Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, who has been temporarily assigned to represent the acupuncture board until a new representative is assigned.

The board reviewed minutes from the board meeting that occurred on September 23, 2011. The board discussed replacing "requiring" with "requesting" on page 2, changing the statement to "...Mark Ohrenberger is [requesting] a hearing..." The board also discussed the addition to the minutes of S. Bland's suggestion to the board that CPR and HIPAA courses be added to the continuing education requirements for acupuncture licensure. C. Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously.

C. Hamilton presented the financial report through November 30, 2011. I. Polonius made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously. C. Hamilton will work with M. Arouh to create a historical cost vs. budget analysis for the acupuncture board and will present the report at the next board meeting.

The board reviewed additional information submitted for further consideration of Denise Hoffecker's application for licensure. Upon review of Denise Hoffecker's official transcripts reflecting completion of the required program of study in acupuncture and oriental medicine from an accredited educational institution, S. Bland made a motion to approve the license application for Denise Hoffecker. The motion was seconded by M. Arouh and passed unanimously. The board reviewed a new application for licensure from Jana Brady. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the license application for Jana Brady. The motion was seconded by S. Bland and passed unanimously.

Review and approval of license renewal applications was deferred to the end of the meeting.

W. Eisele updated the board on current progress towards filing the board's Rules and Regulations with the state. Draft Rules have been filed with the Bureau of Legislative Research, and the public comment period has ended with no responses. W. Eisele presented the draft Rules to the Arkansas State Medical Board on December 15, 2011, and received verbal approval of the draft Rules and advisement that a written confirmation of the Medical Board's approval of the draft Rules will be mailed. Minor revisions and some questions have been submitted by Jessica Sutton, staff attorney at the Bureau of Legislative Research. Any additional revisions to the Rules will need to be finalized prior to January 15, 2012 in order to remain on the February agenda for the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee. J. Sutton advised that the Subcommittee may not meet in February, in which case any revisions to the Rules and a new public comment period, if necessary, would need to be completed by February 15, 2012 in order to make the Subcommittee's March agenda.



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The board discussed all questions and recommended revisions to the Rules, including but not limited to stating the board's fees in the Rules, clarifying language regarding the practice of acupuncture with an expired license, the addition of "Crimes Relating to Acupuncture" under the Rules' prohibited acts, adding CPR courses to required continuing education for license renewal, and miscellaneous minor corrections. C. Wolfe made a motion to approve not accepting reciprocal licensing in the state of Arkansas. The motion was seconded by I. Polonius and passed unanimously. W. Eisele will work with C. Hamilton to finalize all other recommended revisions to the draft Rules and submit to M. Rebsamen for review and advisement. J. Norcross will research providers and courses for which CPR courses should be required for license renewal.

Regarding Case No. CV 2010-350-2, the board reviewed a notice from Assistant Attorney General Mark Ohrenberger advising that a Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice has been filed by the Plaintiffs' counsel. M. Rebsamen will follow up with M. Ohrenberger to confirm if the Motion to Dismiss has been filed.

In items too late for the agenda, Joie Ketcham of Brent Stevenson Associates brought forward questions on behalf of a patient advocacy group regarding the board's Rules and scope of practice. Regarding the question of how to prevent the board's Rules from being repealed, the board responded that the Rules are already repealed and new Rules are pending state approval. Regarding the question of whether a court date is pending for Case No. CV 2010-350-2, the board responded that the date is pending. Regarding the question of whether the board's public notices are published in local newspaper circulations or only the state newspaper, the board responded that public notices are published in the statewide newspaper, and follow state requirements for public notices.

In other items too late for the agenda, C. Hamilton informed the board that inactive licensee Nicholas Dore has submitted the late renewal fee in order to reinstate his license; however no other renewal requirements have been submitted. In order to meet the renewal requirement deadline of renewing within one (1) year of license expiration, N. Dore must submit all other license renewal requirements (namely the application for renewal, continuing education requirements and renewal fee) by December 31, 2011. C. Wolfe made a motion to approve N. Dore's license renewal contingent on the submission of all missing renewal requirements, and authorize W. Eisele to review and approve N. Dore's renewal submission on behalf of the board provided that submission is received by December 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by I. Polonius and passed unanimously.

The board reviewed all license renewal application submissions. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the license renewals of: Mark Harper Arouh, L.Ac.; Gary Axley, L.Ac.; Pamela Jayne Bayers, L.Ac.; Stephanie Bland, L.Ac.; Julia Bludworth, L.Ac.; W. Martin Eisele, L.Ac.; Lance Gram, L.Ac.; Lisa Michele Joblin, L.Ac.; QiaoLi Lei, L.Ac.; Jiang Liu, L.Ac.; Dan Martin, L.Ac.; Lavinia McKinney, L.Ac.; Toni Maria Santos, L.Ac.; Rene Sparrow, L.Ac.; and Janice Vigh, L.Ac. The motion was seconded by S. Bland and passed unanimously with C. Wolfe absent from the vote. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the license renewal of Michael Ranft, L.Ac., pending receipt of a completed renewal application statement. The motion was seconded by I. Polonius and passed unanimously with C. Wolfe absent from the vote. M. Arouh made a motion to approve the license renewal of Patrick Holiman, L.Ac. The motion was seconded by S. Bland and passed unanimously with C. Wolfe absent from the vote.



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The board discussed an inquiry received from Dr. Holmes Keikobad of Acu-Free.Com regarding whether it is permitted to take a course in the current licensure period that was taken in the previous licensure period. C. Hamilton to inform Dr. Keikobad that the board intends to revise its Rules to state that courses cannot be repeated for credit in consecutive biennial periods.

The board scheduled the next meeting for February 3, 2012 at 1:00PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM.

Approved