

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, August 4, 2011

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, Chairperson
Mike Hashimoto, D.Ac., Member
Randall M. Hashimoto, Member

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

Excused: Jayne Tsuchiyama, L.Ac., Member

Guests: Christine Kapoathanasis
Nathan Tseng

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chair Howden called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Election of Officers: Members agreed to defer the election of officers.

Agenda Additions
or Revisions: None.

Minutes of
Previous Meetings: **Minutes of the June 2, 2011 Meeting**

It was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Mr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting as circulated.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory Matters: None.

At 1:08 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Mr. Hashimoto,, and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session in order 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 §92-5, HRS.

Executive Session

At 1:11 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Hashimoto, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's order of business.

Applications:

Examination and License

Ryuta Nakajima

Board members reviewed the application and documents submitted.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Mr. Hashimoto and unanimously approved to approve the application for exam and license for Ryuta Nakajima.

Yuka Nakajima

Board members reviewed the application and documents submitted.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Mr. Hashimoto, and unanimously approved to approve the application for exam and license for Yuka Nakajima.

Delegation to Executive Officer

With respect to applications from applicants who graduated from a foreign institute, school, or college with a formal program in the science of acupuncture (Oriental Medicine), for whom AACRAO issued an evaluation report that clearly states that the institute, school, or college was recognized by the applicable foreign government authority and that the program completed by the applicant is comparable to the three-years of study at a college or institute accredited by the ACAOM, it was moved by Mr. Hashimoto, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto and unanimously carried to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to approve the applications for examination/licensure, provided that there are no issues that require the Board to exercise discretionary decision-making.

Ratifications

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

Chair's Report:

The Chair asked whether there was going to be an administration bill for the upcoming legislative session. The Chair also brought up the issue of adding the Chinese Herbology exam as a requirement for licensure. The Executive Officer stated that because these matters were not on for today's agenda, they can be put on the agenda for the next meeting if the Chair desires. The Chair asked the Executive Officer to place the issues on the agenda of the next meeting.

Executive Officer's Report:

Office of Information Practices - None

Hawaii State Ethics Commission ("Ethics Commission") – None

Others

The Executive Officer stated that 90% of the eligible licensees renewed their licenses. Out of the 665 eligible, 615 licenses renewed successfully.

New Business:

May Acupuncture Licensees Place Their Licenses on Inactive Status?

An email request was received from a Hawaii licensed acupuncturist suggesting that an inactive license status should be created.

Board members engaged in a brief discussion on whether an inactive status should be created, and if it were, would the inactive licensee be required to complete requirements on reactivation. A member suggested that the inactive licensee could be required to complete continuing education, demonstrate that they are currently licensed in another jurisdiction and that their license is in good standing. The Executive Officer stated that chapter 436B, HRS, has a provision that the Board could use as a means to implement an inactive status. However, if the Board wanted to require licensees to meet additional requirements, it appears that the Board's rules would need to be revised. Board members agreed by consensus that the matter can be discussed at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Correspondence:

None.

HOMAA and Other Organizations:

Copies of an announcement from TCMCH regarding its continuing education seminar scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2011 in Hilo, HI were distributed to members for their information.

Reports or
Announcements: None.

Next
Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2011
 1:00 p.m.
 King Kalakaua Conference Room
 King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: Chairperson Howden adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy

Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski

Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer

CR:aw
9/2/11

[] Minutes approved as is.
[X] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of 2/2/12.

ACUPUNCTURE RATIFICATION AUGUST 2011

NAME	TYPE	APPROVED
Krisztina Samu	license	5/27/11
Marguerite A Doherty	intern	5/27/11
Anna M Killiona	license	6/13/11
Jennifer Lau	license	6/13/11
Nobue Gutierrez	license	6/28/11
Shannon L Sidell	license	6/28/11
Heijiro M Ikeda	license	6/28/11
Mei C Li	license	6/28/11
Mariya K Gold	license	6/28/11
Sesame Pikunas	license	6/29/11
Jessica A Montana	license	6/29/11
Lisa S Lee	license	7/1/11
Amy Evans	license	7/5/11
Christine F Cannon	license	7/20/11
Thomas R Kupiec	license	7/20/11
Adrienne M Dooling	license	7/20/11