

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 22, 2013  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Michael Howden, L.Ac., Chairperson  
Dr. James Corcoran, Member  
Mike Hashimoto, D.Ac., Member  
Jayne Tsuchiyama, L.Ac., Member

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

Guests: Anne Brunn, L.Ac.  
Christina Kapothanasis, HOMAA  
Joseph Lo, ICAOM

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chair Howden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Additions  
or Revisions: None.

Minutes of  
Previous Meeting: Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Meeting  
It was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting as circulated.

Chair’s Report: None.

Executive Officer's Report:

In a continuing effort to assist board members in complying with the Sunshine law, the Office of Information Practices ("OIP") has put together a 3-part guideline entitled "Quick Review: Who Board Members Can Talk To and When". Copies of the guideline were given to members for their information.

The Executive Officer reported that there is still no word from the Governor's office regarding the vacant public member position.

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:

August 12, 2013 Letter from Kory Ward-Cook, Ph.D., MT (ASCP), CAE, Chief Executive Officer, NCCAOM Regarding Biomedicine Examination

An informational packet from NCCAOM regarding NCCAOM's biomedicine examination and certification requirements were given to members for their information.

Members requested getting similar material from NCCAOM on its Chinese herbology examination. The Executive Officer said she would contact NCCAOM.

There was a brief discussion regarding rule revisions to include Chinese herbology and the biomedicine examination as requirements. Deputy Attorney General Levins suggested that members take a look at the requirements in the rules and the curricula of study and list what they would like to see changed and submit their proposals to the Executive Officer. It was agreed to defer further discussion on this issue until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Acupuncture Today, August 2012, Vol. 13, Issue 08 – "Is There Still a Need for the NCCAOM Foreign Language Exams?"

NCCAOM is asking for feedback on whether its foreign language exams are still necessary.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto and unanimously carried that the Board has no comment on this issue.

Report of the Rules Investigative Committee Regarding §§16-72-17, 23, 33, 35, 57; Proposal to add English Competency Requirement (Deferred from June 6, 2013 Meeting)

After some discussion, Deputy Attorney General Levins suggested that members take a look at these sections and put in writing what they want to achieve, then send their comments to the Executive Officer. After that the ideas can be compiled and put in a draft form.

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

Dr. Hashimoto suggested that this section needs housekeeping amendments only by deleting (a), (b), (c) and (d). He suggested that §16-72-17(e) be retained but clarified more regarding Ph.D.

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

Dr. Hashimoto said that this section requires housekeeping updates with retention for official school transcripts, documents that can be submitted in case the school closes or records are destroyed as well as to clarify necessary documents for foreign schools.

§16-72-33 Examination.

Board members continued previous discussions regarding the pre-license exam requirement. Board members agreed by consensus that applicants need to show competency and should be required to pass Acupuncture Module with Point Location ("AM"), Foundations of Oriental Medicine ("FOMM"), Biomedical Module ("BM"), and the Chinese Herbal Exam ("CHE"). The Chair commented that FOMM content is found within AM and CHE. He asked the members to keep this in mind as the discussion continues.

§16-72-35 Language.

Board members briefly discussed to what extent applicants should be required to show they are competent in the English language. For example, should they be required to take the TOFEL exam and/or should they be required to take the licensing exam in English.

§16-72-57 Use of titles.

Dr. Hashimoto stated that the public should not be confused by advertising and that the rules need to be clear, particularly as pertains to the doctor titles.

Chairperson Howden announced that the Board would return to the order of the agenda.

Election of  
Officers:

Nominations were open for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Dr. Corcoran nominated Mr. Howden to continue as Chairperson. It was seconded by Ms. Tsuchiyama and unanimously carried. Mr. Howden accepted the position.

Dr. Corcoran nominated Ms. Tsuchiyama as Vice-Chairperson. It was seconded by Dr. Hashimoto and unanimously carried. Ms. Tsuchiyama accepted the position.

Open Forum:

None.

Next  
Meeting:

Thursday, October 3, 2013  
1:00 p.m.  
King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

Chairperson Howden adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy

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Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski

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Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer

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- [ X ] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

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