

IDAHO BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 1/25/2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Downey - Chair
Rho Zaragoza
Charles W. Raymond
Naomi L. Brownson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donessa L. Horsewood

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel
Helle Newton, Technical Records Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM MST by John Downey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/12/2012. It was seconded by Mr. Zaragoza. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. She said that the proposed changes to the Rules have been accepted by the House and will be considered by the Senate next.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board has a cash balance of \$123,332.33 as of 12/31/2012. The Bureau will monitor the balance and the Board may wish to consider a fee decrease in the future.

Ms. Brownson arrived at 1:19 p.m. MST.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Open Book Jurisprudence Exam. Mr. Raymond made a motion to update question #14 on the exam to reflect current language from "technician" to "trainee". Mr. Zaragoza seconded, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from Margo Jordan Parker requesting clarification if CEU courses which are considered “adjunctive” and approved by NCCAOM are also considered germane to the practice of acupuncture. These would include courses such as Chinese Herbal Medicine and Drug/Herb Interactions with Chinese Herbal Medicine. Mr. Raymond moved to direct the Bureau to respond regarding the pending rule change after the Senate hearing on Monday, January 28. Mr. Zaragoza seconded, motion carried.

CE COURSES

The Board discussed CPR being accepted as continuing education. The Law and Rules don't specifically state that CPR is not allowed as CE credit. However, the position of the Board is that CPR is not acceptable since it is not germane to acupuncture, and is fundamental to the general medical field. In addition, it does not fulfill the intention of continuing education or further a practitioner's knowledge of Chinese medicine. Mr. Raymond moved that CPR for CEU credit will no longer be accepted. Ms. Brownson seconded. Mr. Zaragoza voted nay. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Laurence V. Hicks regarding two courses offered by the Professional Development Academy, Inc. The first is titled, “Bodywork and Medical Massage Techniques for the Acupuncturist,” offering 18 continuing education hours. The second course is titled, “Overview of Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Primary Care Practitioners, Part I,” also offered for 18 continuing education hours. The Board directed the Bureau to respond to Dr. Hicks requesting more information about the courses demonstrating that they are germane to acupuncture.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Raymond made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials and review continuing education audits. It was seconded by Ms. Brownson. The vote was: Mr. Raymond, aye; Ms. Brownson, aye; Mr. Zaragoza, aye; Dr. Downey, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Raymond made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Brownson. The vote was: Mr. Raymond, aye; Ms. Brownson, aye; Mr. Zaragoza, aye; and Dr. Downey, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Raymond that the Board approve the licensure application for Pamela Price. It was seconded by Ms. Brownson. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Raymond that the Board table application 901031346 pending further review of documentation, and table application 901124427 pending submission of further documentation. It was seconded by Ms. Brownson, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. MST.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m. MST. It was seconded by Ms. Brownson. Motion carried.

John Downey, Chair

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