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**NOTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, May 26, 2017

Upon conclusion of the Exam Committee until completion of business

Location:

Tai Chi Studio – 2nd floor

**Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
13315 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90066**

Research Committee Members

*Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair,
Licensed Member
Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member*

AGENDA

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

- 1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum (Corradino)**
- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
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- 3. Update on Research Committee Assignments (Bodea)**
- 4. Approval of September 21, 2016 Research Committee meeting minutes (Johnson)**
- 5. Approval of December 14, 2016 Research Committee meeting minutes (Johnson)**
- 6. Future Research Committee Agenda Items (Corradino)**
- 7. Adjournment**

Public Comment on items of discussion will be taken during each item. Time limitations will be determined by the Chairperson. Times are approximate and subject to change. Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.

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Research Committee

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Approval of September 21, 2016

Meeting Minutes



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**ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**LOCATION:
PACIFIC COLLEGE OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE
ROOM 100
7445 MISSION VALLEY ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108**

Committee Members Present

Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair, Licensed Member
Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac, Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member

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Staff Present

Benjamin Bodea, Interim Executive Officer
Jay Herdt, Education Coordinator
Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

AGENDA

Agenda Item #1 -- Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Chair Corradino called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Roll was taken: Corradino – present; Chan – present; Kang – present; Zamora – present. *4-0 quorum established.*

(Taken out of order) Agenda Item #3 -- Discussion of Educational Requirements for Licensure and Recognition of Advanced Degrees in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine – Discussion (Corradino)

Chair Corradino introduced the discussion by stating that the Board has not taken position on the issue and that the Board was gathering information for a future meeting. He noted there were 4 different types of doctorate programs in Acupuncture, and gave an overview of the programs and the history. He also noted it was not the role of the Acupuncture Board to accredit these programs. He encouraged schools to come together to help promote the growth of the profession.

Committee Member Jamie Zamora (Zamora) asked about the reasons why an individual would choose a specific doctoral program and if the person would be a practitioner or a teacher. Chair Corradino replied they could do both, and that the differences between

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doctoral and master's programs were often confused due to the initials after the program. He felt it was a major issue, since schools are now trying to approve a "first professional doctorate". Committee Member Jeannie Kang (Kang) noted ACAOM was going through a transition due to the new degrees being offered, including the first professional doctorate. She also said ACAOM was dealing with six different types of advanced degrees.

Executive Officer Ben Bodea (EO Bodea) noted the Board does not approve degree programs, only curriculum. He said most schools currently offer a Master's program, but the Board could look to add a doctorate level curriculum in the future. Member Kang agreed but pointed out that international programs offer degrees in Acupuncture at the doctorate level. She said the degrees conferred in America were not on an equal part with those countries.

Public Comment was taken on the item. The first commenter noted that the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture (ACA) actually took up the first professional doctorate beginning in 1994 and finalized it in 2013. He felt the process was inclusive and has had the schools involved. A second comment was made saying that schools have been offering the program for many years, and the ACA called the programs title DAOM. She noted the programs interact with a master's program. EO Bodea repeated that the Board has no authority over the degrees offered and that is the purview of BPPE.

A third commenter observed her college offered a transitional DACM, and there were five different titles for different degrees, which she said were approved by accreditors. She also said there was a lot of confusion on the titles with students. A fourth comment was made noting the confusion of the degree titles and explained the process for their first professional doctorate program. A fifth comment was made with concern about a proposed DACM program compared to a DAOM program. A sixth comment was made regarding the different degrees offered and the levels of work they do. A seventh comment was made in support of the market determining the need for the degrees.

Agenda Item #2 -- Regulation of the Sale of Acupuncture Needles – Discussion (Corradino)

This item was tabled by the Chair.

Agenda Item #4 -- Regulation of the Practice of "Dry Needling" or Unlicensed Individuals Applying a Needle to the Human Body – Discussion (Corradino)

This item was tabled by the Chair.

Agenda Item #5 -- Future Agenda Items

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No agenda items were identified by the Committee.

Agenda Item #6 -- Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

A public comment was made asking the committee to look at the so-called bleeding issue.

Agenda Item #7 -- Adjournment

Adjournment at 9:30am.

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Approval of December 14, 2016

Meeting Minutes



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**California Acupuncture Board
Research Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
DRAFT meeting minutes**

Location:

**Elihu M. Harris State Office Building
1515 Clay Street
Meeting Room #2
Oakland, Ca 94612**

Committee Members Present

Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member

Research Committee Members

*Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair, Licensed Member
Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member*

Committee Member Absent

Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair

Staff Present

Ben Bodea, Executive Officer
Kristine Brothers, Enforcement Coordinator
Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING – 9:24 AM

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Jeannie Kang (Kang), acting as Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 9:24am. Policy Coordinator Marc Johnson (Johnson) called the roll. Michael Corradino – absent; Kitman Chan – present; Jeannie Kang – present; Jamie Zamora – present. 3-0 Quorum established.

**Agenda Item #2 – Regulation of the Sale of Acupuncture Needles – Discussion
(Corradino)**

Kang turned the meeting over to Executive Officer Ben Bodea (EO Bodea) who gave a short overview of the memo to the Board regarding the sale of Acupuncture Needles. The sale and distribution of needles in California is solely licensed by the California Pharmacy Board.

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Public comment was taken on the item. One commenter informed the committee that all Acupuncture colleges in California were made aware of the license requirements for needle sales, and another commenter mentioned the Pharmacy Board did reach out to each school.

Agenda Item #3 – Regulation of the Practice of “Dry Needling” or Unlicensed Individuals Applying a Needle to the Human Body – Discussion (Corradino)

Jamie Zamora (Zamora) motioned to table this item to a future Committee Meeting. Kitman Chan (Chan) seconded the motion.

Public comment was taken on this item. A commenter described his participation in a recent court case involving dry needling.

Agenda Item # 4 – Future Research Committee Agenda Items

No items were placed on a future agenda.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

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Public comment was taken on items not on the agenda. Several comments were made regarding the Board’s position taken on the national NCCAOM exam versus the existing California Acupuncture Licensing Exam (CALE). The commenters felt the Board should reconsider its position of switching to the NCCAOM in 2019 and keep the CALE instead. Another commenter would like the herbal supplement in the CALE and NCCAOM exams to be discussed in committee.

Adjournment at 9:55 am.

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