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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE JANUARY 26, 2023 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Acupuncture met in regular session on January 26, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Caitlin Bonk, OMD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Caitlin Bonk, OMD, Chairperson
Carey Ryan, RAc, Vice Chairperson
Mark Crapo, OMD, DAc, LAc, Professional Member
Abigail Ellsworth, ND, LAc, Professional Member
Fatima Fahs, MD
Liz Lukasik, Public Member
Ryan Mehmandoost-Gauthier, DAOM, LAc, LMT, Professional Member
Heather Sloan, LAc, Professional Member
Zhiling Trowbridge, MD

Members Absent: Kristen Hall, Public Member
Jeffrey Rogers, OMD
Jonell Underwood, Public Member

Staff Present: Dena Marks, JD., Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
Brian Hoot, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Lukasik, seconded by Crapo, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Trowbridge, seconded Crapo, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting minutes as written.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Licensing Review Committee Applicants

Kristy Heron

MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Lukasik, to accept the application for licensure.

Discussion held

Roll call vote held: Yeas – Crapo, Ellsworth, Fahs, Lukasik, Mehmandoost-Gauthier,
Sloan, Trowbridge, Ryan, Bonk
Nays – None

MOTION PREVAILED

Board Member Resolutions

Bonk presented the board member resolution for Dr. John Sealey, thanking him for his time on the board.

Committee Assignments

Bonk made the following committee appointments:

Allegation committee: Bonk, Ellsworth, Trowbridge

Licensing committee: Bonk, Ryan, Sloan

Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC): Hall (Chair), Lukasik, Underwood (Alt) for public members. Fahs, Mehmandoust-Gauthier, Crapo, and Sloan (Alt) for professional members.

HPRP Annual Report

Marks discussed the annual Health Professionals Recovery Program (HPRP) annual report. The report covered October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Chair Report

Bonk reminded board members to check their state email accounts leading up to the meetings for changes to quorum. Bonk welcomed the new members to the board.

Department Update

Marks announced that recording of board meetings will begin on March 28, 2023. Additionally, there are plans for live streaming of the meetings, but the department is still considering the feasibility of this proposed feature.

Marks announced the new member board training would occur March 8, 2023, via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Moreno-Wallen, Serenity House Communities – Flint, asked the board to consider the People’s Organization of Community Acupuncture (POCA) a comparable / equivalent organization as the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) in reference to MCL 333.16513.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ellsworth, seconded by Trowbridge, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on April 27, 2023.

Prepared by:
Brian Hoot, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 30, 2023