

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, June 1, 2018

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The June 2018 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on Friday,
5 June 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board members present: Chairperson
6 Cissy Majebe, L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac.; Chester Phillips, L.Ac. and Keli Beck, M.D.
7 Nikole Mariencheck, Esq. joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Karen Vaughn, L.Ac. was absent due to an
8 illness; Mark Cutler, L.Ac. was absent due to a family matter; and Shay Cline, L.Ac. was absent to attend
9 a CEU class.

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11 Also present at the meeting were Board Counsel, Michael Tadych, Esq.; and Pat Pritchard, Associate
12 Director.

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14 The following members of the public were present: Junie Norfleet.

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16 C. Majebe called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., took roll, and established a quorum. C. Majebe read
17 the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. C. Phillips moved to approve the draft minutes
18 for the April 27, 2018 meeting. K. Beck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr.
19 Tadych confirmed that he was unaware of any need to go into closed session.

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21 Ethics Committee

22 C. Phillips summarized the status of a few issues, including the status of Kevin Shin, who had been told
23 he needed to take a course regarding standard of care. It was determined that P. Pritchard would check
24 with Mr. Shin and report back to the Board regarding his progress. C. Phillips also raised the issue of a
25 practitioner's card he has recently seen that said "nationally licensed" acupuncturist. It was determined
26 that C. Phillips would take a picture of the card and send to P. Pritchard for the preparation of a letter to
27 advise that there is no such thing as national licensure, but only national certification and state
28 licensure. Also discussed was a telephone call from a patient who said her acupuncturist was refusing to
29 communicate with her physician. At the time she did not leave a name, as she did not want this to
30 affect her husband's treatment by the same acupuncturist. It was determined that if we hear from her
31 again, we suggest she give her acupuncturist a written release if he is concerned about HIPPA, although
32 K. Beck confirmed that a verbal request is generally considered sufficient between providers.

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34 Standards and Licensing Committee:

35 Due to the absence of K. Vaughn, Chair of the Committee, who was not well enough to review
36 applications during the week, there were only a few applications that were reviewed and approved by
37 two committee members, as follows:

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39 License Reinstatement

40 J. Wang reported that members of the Committee reviewed and approved the application for license
41 reinstatement of Amanda Brown. J. Wang moved to approve the license reinstatement of Amanda
42 Brown. T. Rittenberg seconded the motion and the license reinstatement of Amanda Brown was
43 unanimously approved.

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45 Inactive Status Request

1 J. Wang reported that the Committee had received and approved one request for inactive status from
2 Lisa Forsyth. J. Wang moved that the inactive status request of Lisa Forsyth be approved. C. Phillips
3 seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
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5 Extension of Time to Submit License Renewal Application

6 J. Wang reported that the Committee had received and approved David Stetter's request for an
7 extension of time to submit his license renewal application. J. Wang moved that David Stetter be
8 granted a six-month extension of time to submit his renewal, up to January 1, 2019. T. Rittenberg
9 seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
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11 License Renewals

12 J. Wang reported that the Committee had reviewed and approved seven applications for the current
13 license renewal period, for Pradip Bulsara, Jaime Oshrin, Kevin Shin, Kristen Lambertin, Maret Kunze-
14 Roche, Susan Lorentzen and Yijin Qui. It was noted that Susan Lorentzen had included CEUs for point
15 injection, which is not legal in NC but it was also noted that she practices in North and South Carolina. J.
16 Wang moved to approve the license renewals of Pradip Bulsara, Jaime Oshrin, Kevin Shin, Kristen
17 Lambertin, Maret Kunze-Roche, Susan Lorentzen and Yijin Qui; C. Phillips seconded the motion and the
18 renewals of all seven licensees were unanimously approved. It was suggested by C. Majebe that Ms.
19 Lorentzen's renewal letter point out that while point injection may be legal in other jurisdictions where
20 she practices, that it is not legal in NC.
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22 Board Operations Committee

23 J. Norfleet reported that the work on the website is coming to an end and that the committee is happy
24 with the work being put into building the new website. C. Majebe noted that a link will be sent to view
25 the new website and that everyone should report any issues they see. C. Majebe also requested photos
26 from all Board members.
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28 C. Majebe confirmed that the next meeting will take place in person at the office of M. Tadych, on July
29 13, 2018. Following that the meetings for the rest of the year are scheduled for August 24, September
30 28, October 19 and November 30. T. Rittenberg noted that she will be in China during the October
31 meeting. C. Majebe also stressed the importance for everyone to review the renewal applications that
32 are in their Dropbox folders to share the work of the Standards & Licensing Committee.
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34 At 9:52 a.m., C. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting; T. Rittenberg seconded the motion and the
35 motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.
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