

MINUTES for OAA's Annual Membership Meeting April 8, 2006 9:15 am– 11:45 am

Introduction of Executive Board Members: President: David Tara; Vice President: Erico Schleicher; Secretary: Caryn Tierney; Treasurer: Laura McGraw; Membership Director: Natalie Arndt. See sign-in list for list of voting members present. Note: Unless indicated, all motions were passed without any dissenting votes.

#1- Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2005

Motioned Maggie Zadikov/Dawn-Starr Crowther – approved unanimous

#2. Treasurer's Report: (Laura McGraw, Treasurer)

..A - Bank balance 3/7/06 \$7,642 (bank balance is always very high this time of year)

Current number of OAA members: 278

..B - 2006 Budget approved: Motioned: Dawn-Starr Crowther/Sandy Giltinan See budget attachment.

..C – Approval of Option #1 New Dues Structure: **Motioned:** Jane Burch-Pesses/Lindsay Armstrong. Vote tally: 39 y 11 n, 7 abstain. See dues proposal attachment.

First Year Dues	\$160 per year
Second Year Dues	\$240 per year
Third Year Dues	\$340 per year
Benefactor	\$500 per year
*Student Associates	\$45 one time fee while in school
*Associates	\$60 per year (this is for non-Oregon LAcS & members of the public)

Motion to amend Option #1 which states: 1a) Raise each of the three levels by \$40, 1b) Continue to allow members to choose the level that is appropriate for them considering years in practice, dual licensure, part-time practice, etc.

Motioned: Martin Brother/Jane Burch-Pesses—approved unanimous.

Motion to approve Additional Proposal A, which states: Sending out billings to members every quarter is expensive, so the Board proposes that if a member chooses the lowest level of dues, quarterly payments must be done automatically by credit card. **Motioned** by Ellen Shefi/Maggie Zadikov—approved unanimous.

#3. Old Business

..A - Membership Development and Membership Benefits

..B – Committee Reports: Each Committee has a board member as Liaison. See below for names of committee liaisons and members.

Introduction of committee members.

Insurance

Stuart Greenleaf asked if members interested in pursuing creation of CPT codes to identify Lac modalities other than insertion of needles (i.e. moxa, cupping, etc) so LAcS can get these covered by insurance. **Show of hands** who feel it's an issue OAA should address. Insurance committee will work on CPT codes/ins issue.

#4. New Business

..A Proposal for OAA to adopt an official Code of Ethics for Oregon Licensed Acupuncturists. The Ethics committee recommends adopting the code prepared by a joint committee of AAOM and AOMAlliance See handout (blue) If adopted, the OAA will recommend the BME adopt this code. Discuss how the BME uses Ethics codes when investigating LAcS. Determine if the OAA should work with BME to develop minimum standards of practice by which LAcS would be held accountable (salmon handout).

David Tara presented Code of Ethics info – 1A-Nat'l Model vs 1B-modified Nat'l Model

Motion: Natalie Arndt/Caryn Tierney: OAA adopts Code of Ethics as per line 39 (motion 1B). Allow board to make amendments according to discussion of members this afternoon.

Discussion of group treatment, taking complete history, clean needle technique, maintaining high standards.

Motion not approved.

Motion: Adopt 1A: I move the OAA adopt the National Model Code of Ethics for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in its original form as the official OAA Code of Ethics, OAA board to amend as membership requests. Motioned: Michael Suchyta/Maggie Zadikov– approved unanimous.

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63 Practice Standards:
64 **Motion:** Have ethics committee work on Practice Standards as per language of 1A & 1B (line 27-32). **Motioned:** Donna
65 Stewart/Ellen Shefi – approved unanimous
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67 ..B Proposal to introduce legislation in the 2007 session to form an Acupuncture Licensing Board to be administered by
68 the OHLA.
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70 David Tara discussed overview of possible acupuncture licensing board (independent of BME).
71 Perspectives presented by:
72 Malvin (AAC committee, BME), Craig (OHLA) Stephen Kafoury (lobbyist), OAA Board members, Kathleen Haley
73 (BME director), and Dr. Watt (BME member)
74 Open discussion took place with questions to the OHLA.
75 DT asked for **show of hands** who would be in favor/against forming an independent board. Majority opposed. No
76 motion proposed.
77 Main opinions:
78 For the members of the public, LAcS would have more credibility if under BME than if administered by BME. There
79 don't appear to be major problems, so why change the status quo. LAcS should have a licensing board where they have a
80 vote in their issues.
81 **New Motion:** OAA Board to investigate further forming licensing Board independent of OR BME and report findings
82 back to membership. **Motioned:** Natalie Arndt/Laura McGraw – approved unanimous.
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84 ..C - Acupuncture Assistant Position (Natalie Arndt). Natalie Arndt asked for **show of hands** to investigate issue of aides
85 or assistants. Members supported investigation.
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87 ..D – Appoint New Committee Members (Only voting members can hold a position on a committee. A voting member
88 makes a motion to nominate someone for a committee, it is seconded and the group votes on it. Current committee
89 members are listed in parentheses)
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91 1-Legislative Committee: Natalie Arndt Board Liaison
92 Monitors and reports to the board on legislative issues; helps to organize legislative efforts
93 on the behalf of the OAA membership.
94 Legislative Committee: Gonzo Flores, Stuart Greenleaf, Arnaud Verslys, Dawn-Starr Crowther, Brynn Graham,
95 Michael Suchyta
96 New Licensing Board (subcommittee): (Arnaud Verslays, Gonzo Flores, Stuart Greenleaf, Jane Burch-Pesses)
97 BME subcommittee: (Maggie Zadikov)
98 Pain Management subcommittee: Tim Eng
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100 2-Insurance Committee: Laura McGraw Board Liaison
101 Monitors and reports to the board on insurance matters; helps to organize efforts to promote and protect
102 insurance coverage of acupuncture. (Malvin Finklestein, Teresa Bresnan), Stuart Greenleaf, Tom Williams
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104 3-Treasures of Oregon Committee: Caryn Tierney Board Liaison
105 Contacts speakers for TOO talks, arranges for times and locations for TOO talks.
106 New members: Martin Brother, Bridgit Beasley
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108 4-Newsletter Committee: Erico Schleicher Board Liaison
109 Collect information and prepare articles for the *OAA News*, and assist in formulating the newsletter.
110 Form newsletter committee: Brodie Welch
111 (Natalie Arndt, Marcia Mueller, Zdenek Zmur)
112 (Proofers: Heather Heatlie, Kathy West, Ellen Shefi, Maggie Zadikov)
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114 5- Ethics & Practice Standards Committee: David Tara Board Liaison
115 Establish guidelines for ethical practice for LAcS in Oregon
116 (Roger Lore, Carol Griesmeyer), Donna Stewart, Maggie Zadikov, Liane Owens, Ella Roggow
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118 6-Friends of Acupuncture Committee (Undeveloped) Establishes and maintains a network with the public to
119 informs them about AOM, and to recruit their support for legislative actions.
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121 **Motion** to elect new committee members: **Motioned:** Donna Stewart/Natalie Arndt – approved unanimous
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123 ..E – Updates on Current Issues in the Profession

124 *Bear in mind that OAA focuses on issues pertinent to Oregon, while the national organizations work on national issues.*
125 *OAA is a member of both of organizations and we work with them on national matters.*
126 1-Hospital Privileges – Brynn Graham gave a report
127 2-Oregon Pain Management commission– Erico Schleicher presented report
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129 **#5. Announcements & Updates (who to do?)**
130 **1. AAC/BME News 2.OCOM News 3. NCNM News 4. OAA Website 5. AAOM Regulatory Model for**
131 **Traditional Medicine, CPT update (PE deletion changed)**
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133 **#6. Meeting Date for 2007:** Proposed date for next Annual Conference: April 14-15, 2007
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135 **#7. Introduce and Recognize:**
136 Thanked Brandon LaGreca, Kathryn McCarthy, Jeremy Jacks, Nadja, Mary, Cindy Nelson,
137 David Adler, Debbie Jones, Heather Heatley & others!
138 Recognized newly licensed Oregon acupuncturists
139 Natalie announced her move to La Grande
140 Introduced vendors at our conference
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142 **#8. Adjournment at 12:15**
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