

Mississippi Council of Advisors in Acupuncture

Minutes for Meeting on July 24, 2013

Members Present: Chair-Debbie Moore DC, LAc, Vice Chair – J. Blake Mitchell MD, Secretary/Treasurer – Jerusha D. Stephens, LAc

Attendees: John Dennery

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of minutes from July 27, 2012
 - **A MOTION** to approve the minutes. None Opposed

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Annual Report for Submission to the Legislature
 - **A MOTION** to approve the Annual Report. None Opposed.
 - **SEE ATTACHMENT**
- Nominations and Elections for 2013-2014
 - Nomination for Chair- Debbie Moore DC, LAc. None Opposed.
 - Nomination for Vice Chair – J. Blake Mitchell MD. None Opposed.
 - Nomination for Secretary Treasurer – Jerusha D. Stephens, LAc. None Opposed.
 - **A MOTION** to accept all nominations. None Opposed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **A MOTION** to add Criminal Background Checks at the next legislative session. None Opposed.
 - Evaluate costs of background checks. Medical Board increased license fee to cover the cost. Medical Board uses a scanner and gets State and FBI results in 24-48 hours. In the past, 6-8 week turn around. Cost is approximately \$50.00.
 - To date there has not been a problem with Acupuncturists.
 - This passed the Legislature in the last session.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Update on Physical Therapists doing Dry Needling (DN) by Jerusha
 - **A MOTION** to send a letter to the Attorney General by Acupuncture Council for official opinion. None Opposed.
 - Opinion stated that DN “is” within the scope of Physical Therapists
 - Letter Sent to Attorney General by Medical Board asking to reconsider opinion stated the DN “is” within the scope of Physical Therapists
 - Council Position Paper on Dry Needling by Physical Therapists can be found at www.mississippiacupuncture.org
 - A question was asked from the Attendee: “Can the Council be kept aware of DN problems that come through the Medical Board?” It was recommended to review PT Board minutes for this information if they are posted as a part of public record.

GUEST SPEAKERS, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

- There were no Guest Speakers or Special Presentations.
- There were no Public Comments.
- There was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

- **A MOTION** was made to adjourn. None Opposed.