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**NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
PUBLIC MINUTES OF MAY 31st, 2019 MEETING**

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), Jeanne Ann Whittington (JAW), Deborah Meuse (DM), Amy Goldstein (AG) and Diane Chase (DC). AG joined the meeting at 12:27 pm.

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.

The Board met with Sheri Walsh, Division Director of the Health Professions who announced her retirement. The Board will greatly miss her expertise and knowledge.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2019 meeting. AIF

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of Dc, the Board voted to ratify the approval of Janice Perry's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to approve Marielle Ceresa's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to approve Abbey Theroux's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to approve Kevin Daly's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve Lori Tusa's application. AIF

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Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to approve Sara Khosrowjerdi's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve Christine Labreque's application. AIF

The Board reviewed an application from Nina Gee. Ms. Gee's was missing her transcript from her post-secondary acupuncture program and her NCCAOM certification expired in 2014. Correspondence will be sent to Ms. Gee informing her of the missing items.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to approve Deborah Young's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to conditionally approve Annie Leslie's application pending receipt of the final moral character statement. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board presented Jeanne Ann Whittington with a Commendation from Governor Sununu for her service to the Board. Jeanne Ann Whittington is a founding member of the NH Board of Acupuncture Licensing. She was key in writing the licensing bill that established the board in 1997, and was instrumental in developing the statute and rules that govern the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine in the state of NH. Jeanne Ann has attended and testified at public hearings, has met with stakeholders and legislators to educate and discuss matters affecting the profession and the board, and has dedicated countless hours in service to the public through her work on this board. She has set a fine example for us to follow, serving with excellence for over 20 years, and building this board to what it is today. We, the current members of the Board of Acupuncture Licensing, are beyond grateful and will miss her dearly. We cherish her experience, insight, and commitment, offer her our sincere gratitude, and wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board reviewed a draft of administrative rule changes. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to initiate the rulemaking process to make updates to time frames for renewal applications, fee updates in accordance with RSA 328-G:9, II (d), and general requirements of continuing education courses. AIF

The Board entered into non-meeting from 11:23 to 11:25.
The Board took a break from 12:00 pm to 12:27 pm.

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The Board reviewed the reciprocity section on its website. The wording will be changed to say “Individuals Licensed in Another State” and clarify that an initial license application is still required for the states that are equivalent to NH requirements.

The Board discussed statute updates for the fall of 2019. The Board discussed changing RSA 328-G:9, X to allow NCCAOM certification to satisfy the continuing education requirements. The Board also agreed upon wording to change RSA 328-G:9, V to allow individuals with a doctoral degree to use words denoting that the individual has earned an accredited doctoral degree in the practice of acupuncture.

The Board discussed the succession plan.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of Deborah Meuse, The Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing alleged licensee misconduct and licensees’ criminal convictions. Non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3 II (c), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges. The Board voted as follows: Cindy Theroux-Jette, Deborah Meuse, Amy Goldstein, Diane Chase, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes. The Non-Public session began at 1:35 pm and ended at 1:44 pm.

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of Deborah Meuse, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. The Board voted as follows: Cindy Theroux-Jette, Deborah Meuse, Amy Goldstein, Diane Chase, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

The meeting dates for 2019 are May 31st, October 11th, and December 13th all at 10 am.