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**NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
PUBLIC MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7TH, 2018 MEETING**

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), Jeanne Ann Whittington (JAW), Deborah Meuse (DM), Amy Goldstein (AG) and Diane Chase (DC).

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

The Board welcomed Diane Chase to her first meeting as a Board member.

The Board met with Sheri Walsh, the Heath Division Director to discuss SB334 relative to temporary licensure. SB 334 will take effect in January of 2019. Applicants who have a completed application pending can request a temporary license while waiting for the Board to review and approve the application. The Board currently has a sub-committee in place to review complete applications and any approved application is ratified by the full board at the next meeting. A temporary license shall not be granted to anyone from a state that does not substantially meet NH requirements. The Board shall publish a list on their website of any state that does not qualify.

The Board also discussed adding reciprocity language to the administrative rules. Tom Broderick has recently taken over the position of rules attorney for the OPLC. The Board will review whether or not reciprocity can be added by rule. There are also corrections to the administrative rules that need to be addressed. The Board Director will work with Tom to draft rules for the Board to review at their next meeting.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2018 meeting with corrections. AIF

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NEW APPLICATIONS:

The Board reviewed a complete application from Gary Williams. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a complete application from Sandra Gray. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a complete application from Brenda Scott. Upon the motion of DM and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a complete application from Xiao Huidi. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed inquiries to the Board office and the responses. The Board did not have additional information to add.

The Board reviewed an Acupuncturist Verification of Licensure form from Vermont. This form asked questions relative to what NH requires for licensure. A response will be given to Vermont stating any potential licensee must have graduated from a school that is ACAOM approved and the individual must hold a current NCCAOM certification.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Board office. The Board did not have additional information to add.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed the succession plan.

The Board discussed dry needling and other health professions that allow the practice of dry needling in their scope. RSA 328-G:9 VII allows for this practice.

The Board set the meeting dates for 2019 to be May 31st, October 11th, and December 13th all at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.