

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair, Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac. Committee members present were Marshall Voris, Ph.D., L.Ac. Pedro (Pete) Garcia joined to ensure a quorum. Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

**Agenda item #2, concerning proposed changes to Chapter 183.20(b) regarding Continuing Acupuncture Education requirements as posted for public comment by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners, was considered.** Ms. Soffer reported that changes were approved by the Medical Board and would be posted for public comment for the June 2003 Medical Board Meeting.

**Agenda item #3, regarding proposed changes to 183.20 regarding Continuing Acupuncture Education approval procedures, was considered.** Ms. Soffer reviewed the proposed changes for approval procedures. **Mr. Garcia moved and Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board to accept the Continuing Acupuncture Education procedures with changes.**

**Agenda item #4, regarding proposed changes to 183.20 regarding the receipt of Continuing Acupuncture Education credit for Ethics courses taken to meet other Texas licensing requirements, was considered.** Ms. Soffer reviewed the proposed rule changes. **Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Continuing Acupuncture Education credit for Ethics courses completed for the maintenance of Texas licensure for another health profession to satisfy the Ethics requirement.**

**Agenda item #4 regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered.** Following discussion, **Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia**

**seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the courses by Southern California University of Health Sciences, Whittier, California: Critical Thinking/Professional Boundaries (1 hour ethics), Risk Management/Ethics (1 hour ethics), and Herbology (5 hours herbal) be approved.**

**Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board to defer a decision on the course provided by Standard Process of Central Texas, Inc., Austin, Texas: Effective Herbal Remedies (4 herbal credits) until a course outline of topics, supportive research data, and evaluations from attendees can be provided.**

**Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the course provided by Quan Yin Healing Arts Center: Hepatitis C Professional Training for Licensed Acupuncturists (14 general credits).**

**Agenda item #6, regarding modification of the education requirements of a reputable acupuncture school, was considered.** Mr. Speer reviewed the comparison of state education requirements. The committee directed staff to draft a letter to Texas acupuncture schools requesting a list of courses required for graduation.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.**