

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair, Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac. Committee members present were Marshall Voris, Ph.D., L.Ac. and Claire H. Smith. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

**Agenda item #2, regarding possible changes to CAE requirements proposed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, was considered.** Ms. Soffer explained that the TMB was returning the proposed rule changes regarding CAE with the suggested amendments requiring 17 total hours to include 5 hours of herbology and 1 ethics. Following discussion, **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to request the full Acupuncture Board to recommend that the Education Committee, along with staff, prepare a response for the Standing Orders Committee of the TMB regarding these proposed rules changes. The committee directed staff to place on the agenda for the next committee meeting the discussion of ethics continuing education requirements for acupuncturists who maintain other Texas licenses that have ethics continuing education requirements.**

**Agenda item #4 regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered.** The Committee reviewed the courses provided by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Following discussion, **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to deny approval of Track 3 - Secrets of Integrating Complementary Medicine in Conventional Western Medical Settings because it was determined that the course was not related to the practice of acupuncture or oriental medicine. Dr. Voris moved to recommend to the full Board to approve Track 3 - Introduction to Chinese Medicine: The Body as Ecosystem. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with one vote against. Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to**

**recommend to the full Board that the other courses provided by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio be approved.**

The courses approved are:

**Track 1:**

- a) Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Treatment of Autoimmune Diseases: Clinical Practices and Advancements **(5 herbal credits)**
- b) Ethics, Professional Responsibility and the Practice of Oriental Medicine **(2 ethics credits)**
- c) Inner Functions & Energetics of Acupuncture Points **(7.8 general OM credits)**
- d) Treating Pediatric Conditions with Chinese Herbal Products **(3.9 herbal credits)**
- e) Treating Nasal and Respiratory Conditions with Chinese Herbal Products **(3.9 herbal credits)**

**Track 2:**

- a) Korean Hand Theory - A Micro-system for Needle-Free Pain Management **(5 general OM credits)**
- b) Course Overview: Who Am I? Identifying the Five Constitutional Types in Chinese Medicine **(7.8 general OM credits)**
- c) Awaken the Healing Power of Qi: Ten Phases of Cultivation and Mastery **(3.9 general OM credits)**
- d) Recognizing (Understanding) and Treating Stress Syndrome with TCM **(3.9 herbal credits)**

**Track 3:**

- a) Introduction to Chinese Medicine: The Body as Ecosystem **(5 general OM credits)**
- b) Herb-Drug Interactions: Safety and Compatibility Issues **(3.9 herbal credits)**
- c) Menopause Treatment Using Oriental Medicine and Herbs **(3.9 general OM credits)**
- d) Qigong for Healing Body, Heart and Mind **(3.9 general OM credits)**

**Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board approval of the courses provided by Dallas College of Oriental Medicine: a) Ethics in the Practice of TCM (2 ethics credits); b) Toyohari Acupuncture (8 general credits); and c) Shang Han Lun: Herbal Theory and Applications (8 herbal credits).**

**Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the course provided by Technical Learning College: Bloodborne Pathogen (3 ethics credits).**

**Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the courses provided by Toyohari Association - United States Branch: Toyohari Acupuncture Training Program (119 general credits) asking them to provide further information regarding which courses would be given herbal credits. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Following further discussion, Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to defer action on this course pending clarification of the course content and also proof that this course has been approved by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).**

**Following discussion, Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to deny approval of the courses provided by Transformation Enzyme Corp. because it was determined that the courses were not related to the practice of acupuncture or oriental medicine.**

**Following discussion, Dr. Voris moved to deny the application submitted by the Southern California University of Health Services because the necessary course information was not provided. The motion died for lack of a second. Following further discussion, Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to defer action on the application submitted by the Southern California University of Health Sciences until they can provide more information regarding course content and type of CAE credit hours they are applying for.**

**Agenda item #3, regarding possible changes to the CAE approval procedure, was considered. Mr. Speer explained several ways that CAE courses could be approved by the Board. Following discussion, the committee directed staff to provide to the committee, at the next meeting, information and draft rules regarding the methods of approval for providers and reciprocity for CAE approved by other states.**

**There being no further business, Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.**