TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Chairman, Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac. Committee members present were Marshall Voris, L.Ac. and Claire H. Smith. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

Mr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to discuss agenda item #4 first.

Agenda item #4, regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education, was considered. Mr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the course Hepatitis C Professional Training for Licensed Acupuncturists provided by Quan Yin Healing Arts Center, San Francisco, CA be approved for 11.5 general, 5 herbal, and 2 ethics hours of continuing acupuncture education.

Mr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the courses Top 50 Drugs and their Herbal Alternatives; Auricular Medicine; and Ethics, Professional Responsibility and the Practice of TCM provided by Dallas College of Oriental Medicine, Dallas, TX be approved for 8 general, 8 herbal, 2 ethics hours of continuing acupuncture education.

Mr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the Dr. Richard Tan Advanced Workshops: Advanced Balance I and Strategy of Twelve Magical Points provided by Texas Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, Inc., Austin, TX be approved for 14 general hours of continuing acupuncture education. Agenda item #2, regarding CAE approval procedure and Agenda item #3, regarding review of CAE requirements, were considered. Ms. Newbold gave a comparison of the CAE requirements versus the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners requirements for Continuing Medication Education. The committee discussed possible scenarios for amending the CAE requirements. Following further discussion, the committee directed staff to review various options for amendment of the CAE requirements including review of the Medical Board procedures for CME and provide this information at the next committee meeting.

Agenda item #5, regarding a report on education requirements in Texas, other states, for NCCAOM certification and for ACAOM accreditation, was considered. Mr. Voris summarized some of the education requirements of other states and countries. The committee discussed the emphasis of science that others are requiring and opened discussion regarding what the board may want to require in the future. Mr. Voris moved and Ms. Smith seconded the motion to place on the next full board agenda to compare states and countries with oriental models versus western models. Following further discussion, Ms. Smith proposed a friendly amendment to compare this information on only the four states of California, New Mexico, Oregon and Hawaii at the next meeting and look at the world information at the meeting following. Mr. Voris accepted the amendment and the motion passed.

Agenda item #6, regarding proposed changes to Rules 183.2, 183.3, 183.4 and 183.18, was considered. Ms. Soffer summarized the proposed changes.

There being no further business, Mr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.