

Idaho Acupuncture Association
18th Annual fall membership meeting minutes
October 14, 2005
Boise, ID

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. There were 12 people in attendance: Rosemary Yocum, Tess Hahn, lobbyist Larry Benton, David McElwain, Charles Raymond, Naomi Jankowitz, Monique Larsen, Jean Kutty, Mike Hix, Harold Klassen, George Mackie, and Heather Dixon. Those present introduced themselves.
2. Larry Benton, explained his and partner Kris Ellis' role as our lobbyists. They will watchdog the proposed legislative change being brought forth by the Idaho Acupuncture Board, to be presented this upcoming legislative session by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses (see "proposed law changes" on IBOL website at www2.state.id.us/ibol.) He discussed the naturopathic physicians' licensure act which took effect July 1, and told us that the naturopathic physicians board had not yet been appointed by the governor and may not be until the end of this year. He does not expect much legislation in the way of health care this session. We paid him the annual lobby fee of \$2500 plus \$500 extra at the meeting.
3. Rosemary Yocum, IAA secretary, read the minutes from the May 2005 northern IAA meeting which took place in Coeur d'Alene. The minutes were approved.
4. The Idaho Acupuncture Board will need a new L.Ac. member when Tess Hahn resigns at the end of 2005 in order to take up her post as board member of the NCCAOM. Those members present decided to recommend Charles Raymond, our current member-at-large officer. He has practiced acupuncture for 13 years, went to acupuncture school in CA, is licensed to practice acupuncture in CA and ID, and has a current practice in Boise. All members are encouraged to write letters of recommendation to the governor to appoint Charles to the state board.
5. Rosemary Yocum reported on our new website. Brian Beard is the webmaster and has done an excellent job of setting it up and maintaining it. All current members are listed with name, address, phone number, e-mail, and link to their own website.
6. Monique Larsen, new member, volunteered to help with the newsletter. She will do layout, printing, and mailing, in order to assist the new secretary (to be elected later in the meeting).
7. Rosemary gave the treasurer's report which treasurer Pamela Langenderfer had prepared. We currently have \$5,305 in our account. Funds so far this year have been used to pay our lobbyist fee (\$3000), supplies and newsletter costs. Income has come from membership dues and interest on our bank account.

8. Tess Hahn reported on current state Acupuncture Board activities. She explained the investigative process which occurs when a complaint is made to the Bureau regarding an acupuncturist. All complaints must be received in writing (forms can be printed online). The person making the complaint is supposedly anonymous until the process is completed, at which point the original complaint may be released to the person whom the complaint was brought against if requested. She noted that CEU courses must be either NCCAOM approved or approved by the board in order to be accepted. She said the board noted many certified acupuncturists are taking courses for chiropractic, for example, and using the same course for their acupuncture CEU requirements. She also noted that a letter regarding this will be sent from the Bureau to all certified acupuncturists in order to remind them that all CEU courses for their acupuncture certification must be “germane to the practice of acupuncture.” She reported that the AOM Alliance website has a link called “Insurance 101” which is very useful to acupuncturists who want to learn more about insurance billing.
9. Elections for secretary and president were held. Karen Young was elected new president, and Brian Beard secretary. Both are licensed acupuncturists in Moscow.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.