

**Idaho Acupuncture Association**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**7 October 2006**  
**Coeur D'Alene, Idaho**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:15PM by Karen Young, President. There were 8 people in attendance: Pamela Langenderfer, Monique Larsen, Karen Young, George Mackie, Rosemary Yocum, Rho Zaragoza, Arthur Goldblum, Tess Hahn
2. Last year's minutes were reviewed.
3. Karen Young started the meeting by assessing where the IAA is going; what is working, not working, absolute needs such as on-going legislation, and what does each person want to do to further the IAA. Rho passed out copies of the IAA Bylaws. Karen listed three specific things that she wants to address: 1. A venue that works, 2. Stay abreast of legislation and effect it as necessary, and 3. The IAA must work in a group process and work with her as president.
4. Karen Young stated her vision for the IAA and what she was willing to devote to it and asked each person to do the same. Karen stated that she is willing to attend IAA meetings and to work on legislation as needed.
5. Rosemary Yocum stated that she would like to see the newsletter and website used as a forum for communication such as effects and changes in the law and to have meetings with other acupuncturists for purposes of referrals, info, and legislative issues. Rosemary agreed to attend IAA meetings, make labels for the IAA mailing and to be a consultant for the newsletter.
6. Pamela Langenderfer stated she is willing to continue as Treasurer.
7. George Mackie made comments about his experience with the acupuncture association in Missouri and his concern about continuing licensure for acupuncturists. He agreed to be helpful as an assistant to any IAA officer that needed help and for special projects.
8. Rho Zaragoza stated he would like to see a less formal environment for meetings with acupuncturists, such as a rafting trip that includes a class for the purpose of encouraging unity. Rho Zaragoza stated he feels legislation should be a priority for the IAA, wishes to maintain professionalism about the profession, and public safety, and minimal government influence. The IAA should not watch things unfold and try to intervene, but be proactive. Rho Zaragoza would also like to see personal items such as births, marriages, etc of acupuncturists in the state announced via newsletter, website. He would like to see the IAA provide more CEUs without the participant having to spend a great deal of money and that it was possible to do so with the persons in this room. Rho Zaragoza agreed to attend the bi-annual President's Meetings held at the bi-annual FAOMRA (Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies) meetings, and report to the IAA, and will try to get the Idaho State Acupuncture Board to fund the expenses by sending him as their representative. He also agreed to take over the duties of membership for the IAA. As a final concern, Rho thinks the IAA should consider the needs of "baby-boomers" that will occur

- in the near future and how the IAA might be prepared and can prepare the members for this need.
9. Arthur stated he enjoys camaraderie and wants to know what is going on. He is interested in being involved as a member at this time and he values Rosemary Yocum and Tess Hahn's involvement.
  10. Monique Larsen stated she is willing to accept the position of IAA Secretary and to get involved in special projects (such as a rafting trip) as her time allows. Monique has concerns about legislation and seconded Rho Zaragoza's suggestion of finding ways to provide leadership and unity within the profession. Monique suggested everyone take a piece of the load so one person doesn't have to do it all and that the IAA personally invite acupuncturists to take on responsibilities/projects as they arise. Monique stated the IAA should be preparing persons for the positions on the Idaho State Acupuncture Board before they arise.
  11. Tess Hahn stated the IAA should to continue to be a voice in licensure, lobbyists, and a "watch-dog". She also stated a venue for fun might help the IAA from getting too far down the wrong road; miscommunication, need to know each other to function better, minimize "loose cannons" who go to legislators without consulting the IAA. The IAA needs to be the authority for the state of Idaho acupuncturists. The IAA needs to be able to get votes in a hurry if necessary and should be prepared for that. Tess stated that local CEUs are nice and the IAA should plan events and underwrite some of them. If necessary the IAA should hire out for newsletter/secretary and website personnel, since these positions are so critical. Tess agreed to contribute to the Newsletter and she can answer emails and phone calls for the IAA.
  12. Tess clarified she meant that the IAA should be a place where problems are brought to and can be answered in a unified, authoritative voice.
  13. Karen recapped what everyone stated above.

Break at 2:30PM

Resumed meeting at 2:45PM

14. Pamela Langensderfer passed out a copy of the IAA bank statement and reported on the N.D. boards standing and issues they are facing; vague laws, who should be licensed, hiring a lobbyist, etc.
15. Rosemary Yocum stated the IAA needs to inform our lobbyists who his contact person within the IAA is.
16. Tess Hahn will check with Roger Hales, attorney, about potential lobbyists for the IAA.
17. Rosemary Yocum stated that to change wording in the proposed legislation set forth by the Idaho Acupuncture Board to clarify requirements for C. Ac. might be too late for this year, and it has already been fine tuned over the past 5 years. However, something to add to the requirements is the term "USDE accredited" schools. Currently "federally accredited" leaves too many loop-holes.

18. Karen announced that she thinks each attendee's goals are cohesive and recapped what each person agreed to do.
19. Rosemary stated the IAA needs to update the IBOL about who is IAA contact. Rosemary stated the responsibility of membership person should be outlined.
20. Author Goldblum stated he would be willing to contact Sandpoint acupuncturists to drum up membership.
21. The IAA voted on the positions of Treasurer (Pamela Langenderfer), Vice-President (George Mackie) and Secretary (Monique Larsen). Each position is for a two year term. Karen Young agreed to continue in her term as President.
22. Membership position to be called Membership Officer and duties were outlined.
23. Karen to provide contacts for IAA fun activities to Monique Larsen and she will create phone tree for membership.
24. A discussion followed about who should be recommended to the Governor by the IAA for the vacant position on the Idaho State Acupuncture Board. Naomi Jankowitz Brownson, L. Ac. was discussed and agreed upon to be recommended for the position. Secretary to send letter of nomination to the governor and to invite Naomi Jankowitz Brownson to the next Idaho State Acupuncture Board meeting 27 October 2006 9:30AM in Boise.
25. Discussion followed about IAA's current lobbyist and the potential need for a new one or to rehire Larry Benton for another year. George Mackie and Karen to look into this and report back to IAA officers by January 2007.
26. Karen suggested conference call meetings as necessary. A conference call on 7 December 2006, 8:30AM MST is set. At this conference call the meeting for the spring is to be set (March 2007?) and a possible retreat for attendees arranged. Consider arranging an Ethics CEU after spring IAA meeting. Consider spring IAA meeting in the middle of the state in Gold Fork or Donnelly. Monique Larsen to look into sites and report at December 2006 conference call.
27. Monique Larsen suggest Boise Online Mall take over IAA website at \$45 an hour to maintain and update as necessary. Monique Larsen to be liaison for Boise Online Mall and arrange switch-over from Brian Beard to Boise Online Mall.
28. Meeting concluded at 4:30PM.