

Minutes October 6, 2007

Idaho Acupuncture Association

Karen Young, President, opened the meeting at 1320 hours CST in Moscow, ID. Shelle Marks-Treasurer, Neeki Larsen - Secretary, and Rosemary Yocum attended via conference call. Karen Young, Heather Dixon – Membership Officer, Lauri McKean, and Tess Hahn in person.

Karen gave a condensed version of the April 2007 IAA Minutes.

Rosemary moved to approve the minutes, Heather seconded.

Karen: Tess sent an email to Karen stating that the IAA's purpose is to have a professional voice in the state of Idaho. The IAA also keeps track of what is going on in legislation, and nominates positions to the IBOL – Acupuncture.

Rosemary reported on the proposed rules from the Naturopathic Medical Examiners board, which the IAA lobbyist alerted us to. Our lobbyist suggests the IAA take a stand on these rules before the October 24th deadline. Oct 23rd is the ND meeting to discuss the rules.

The portions of the ND Rules which may cause the IAA concern are: 1. The definition of an accredited school or university is too broad. 2. Meridian therapy is included in the ND scope of practice in the proposed rules. What should the comment from the IAA be

Those present also discussed commenting on the proposed Acupuncture Board rule changes. Tess suggested that the IAA comment on the proposed acupuncture rules include changing wording in section 010.09 Clinical Practice to include "under the direct SUPERVISION of a qualified practitioner".

Shelle suggested the IAA look at what the USDE uses to accredit acupuncture schools. Tess said ACOM accredits on a national level. Rosemary pointed out that the acupuncture board was under the impression that the USDE can only accredit a physical facility, not distance learning or online programs, but Shelle said this may not be the case.

Rosemary: if we are going to take a stance, it has to be approved by the ACOM. Tess states that they are not the ones to accredit naturopathic schools.

Tess: What do they need to do to be a certified tech? Rosemary: Details listed in the acupuncture board rules and that rule is already set.

Anyone may give written comments by Oct 24th to have any input to the proposed rule changes.

Rosemary: The proposed ND rules define Meridian therapy and specifically state this "does not involve insertion of acupuncture needles."

Tess: ask Pamela Langenderfer which schools are not positively recognized by the ND board and look at why not. Rosemary: ask Pamela her opinion about these rules.

Karen & Tess will craft letter to ND board for rule changes. 2 letters; 1 to the N.D. board and one to the acupuncture licensing board.

Rho attended the last 2 IBOL – Acupuncture meetings.

George Mackey to be liaison with Lobbyist. George to meet with the lobbyist this fall with copies of the letters to the ND board.

Rosemary: should we continue with our current Lobbyist? Tess and Rosemary are happy with them. Especially happy with Kris Ellis, who does most of our lobbyist work now.

Karen: George to pay lobbyist, get a check for \$3,000 from Shelle. Karen to notify George so he can set up a meeting with the lobbyists.

Treasurer's report: Shelle: The IAA has deposited \$1500 since May 1st 2007. Checks outstanding : \$1071.92. Balance: \$4,538.66. Breakdown of where money comes from: membership, newsletter ads.

Heather states she made deposits from memberships recently.

Handmade Designs is now hosting the IAA website as well as maintaining it. Need to remove old announcement for a CEU's.

Montana Acupuncture Association to send the IAA \$100 for advertising we have done for them in the past year.

Karen; Newsletter, Neeki needs to step down due to a full time job. Karen gave a report of costs if out-sources; estimate is \$420 to put it together, plus farm out photocopy and mailing for \$380 = \$800 total. Website checking: \$45 an hour. The IAA cannot afford this more than once or twice a year with our present income.

Ideally newsletter to come out quarterly, at the least 2 times a year after Jan 2008 issue.

Discussion to pay Neeki to put out newsletter. Also need secretary of the IAA. Neeki to advertise in the next newsletter for a editor for the newsletter. Laurie suggested a base rate, plus commission for ads generated. Editor to be paid \$200 base, plus 25% commission per newsletter. Have a Dec/Jan conference call to discuss this. All IAA officers to submit an article; their own or one they found to submit. Also need a website liaison to our search.

E-mailing newsletter not feasible due to lack of email addresses from non-members and some members.

Is Paypal functional on the IAA website? Handmade design says it is. Neeki to check.

Who can sign on checks over \$300? Karen to be signer, along with the Treasurer. The idea is to have check & balance system by having a northern and a southern Idaho IAA officer signer.

Membership Report – Heather: Took over membership in April 2007 from Rho. Working on membership for 2007-08. Has sent one mailing to 197 people. 9 members signed up so far. 3 new members. Will send out reminder postcard in mid-November. Sends out certificate and letter if member signs up. Will send email to Neeki with new membership info for newsletter. \$800 in new membership this year. Need to change address on website to Heather's from Rho's. Would like to pro-rate membership fees to quarterly from yearly. Motioned to make membership fee quarterly, seconded and passed.

IAA Officers, Shelle to continue as Treasurer, George to continue as V. P., Heather will continue as Membership Officer. President and Secretary are up. Karen nominated for President and Neeki for Secretary. Karen will continue as President for another term. Neeki will continue until a replacement is found. Secretary position to take minutes, get info to newsletter person, update website. Rosemary to continue to edit newsletter and create labels. Tess will continue to take emails, along with Karen taking emails and phone calls.

Next conference call to be held in late January 2008 to discuss newsletter. Possibly Saturday Jan 26th 8am CT, 9AM MT.

Spring meeting in Boise in April 12th at 1 PM. Place to be decided.

Heather would like the Acupuncture board to certify her to practice on animals. How does she go about that? She would have to petition the Acupuncture board and they would need to make a rule or law change in order to include this. Rosemary said she would help Heather if she decides to pursue this matter.

Rosemary motioned to adjourn. Seconded and adjourned at 3:34PM.