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**Conference Call
Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Committee
March 12, 2010 - 8:00 a.m.
Conference Call – 573-526-5398
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3605 Missouri Boulevard - Jefferson City, Missouri**

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The Committee may convene in closed session at any time during the meeting. If the meeting is closed, the appropriate section will be announced to the public, with the motion and vote recorded in open session minutes.

Please see attached agenda for this meeting.

Attachment

**Tentative Open Agenda
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Call to Order

Jane Van Sant

Roll Call

Loree Kessler

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Open Session Minutes

- Conference Call January 8, 2010
- E-Mail Ballot January 27, 2010

Financial Report

Legislation – No Materials

AAAOM Doctoral Degree and NCCAOM Apprenticeships (email sent 3/9/10)

Meeting Schedule

Motion to Close

Pursuant to sections 610.021 subsection (14), 324.001.8 and 324.001.9 RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 RSMo which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings.

Adjournment

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Committee
March 12, 2010 – 8:00 a.m.
Missouri Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri

At 8:01 a.m., the Missouri Acupuncturists Advisory Committee telephone conference call meeting was called to order by Jane Van Sant, chairperson, at the Missouri Division of Professional Registration, located at 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Advisory Committee Members Present

Jane Van Sant, Chairperson
Kathleen Coleton
Jason Hackler

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Wilde, Executive I
Greg Mitchell, Counsel

Visitors

John Schmieder, President Acupuncture Association of Missouri
Scott Penman, Lobbyist Penman Wright Associates

Ms. Van Sant indicated she would be voting in open and closed session.

Prior to proceeding with advisory committee business, the executive director updated the committee members regarding the recent death of Dr. Rick James. The advisory committee expressed its condolences.

A motion was made by Mr. Hackler and seconded by Ms. Coleton to approve the open session agenda. Advisory committee members voting aye: Ms. Coleton, Mr. Hackler, and Ms. Van Sant. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Coleton and seconded by Mr. Hackler to approve the open session minutes of the January 8th conference call and January 27th mail ballot. Advisory committee members voting aye: Ms. Coleton, Mr. Hackler, and Ms. Van Sant. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

The executive director provided an overview of the composition of the advisory committee's fund balance.

An updated was provided regarding Senate Bill 1000 and a potential one time sweep of \$4,000 of the advisory committee's fund as a measure to offset the shortfall in general revenue. The advisory committee and Mr. Schmieder discussed the balance of the appropriation, current fund balance, and impact of any sweep of excess funds. The executive director report a current fund balance of over \$29,000 and remaining appropriation of over nearly \$12,000 and explained that there must be adequate funds to last through three years, since acupuncturists renew biennially. To avoid any future fund sweep

and cover operational costs authorized by the current statute, the renewal fee was reduced in 2009 to \$225.

A concern addressed at recent legislative hearings was the possibility of any one time sweep resulting in an increase in licensure fees and that scenario needing to be avoided. As the session progresses, the budget and corresponding implications are being closely monitored.

Legislative Update

Mr. Penman provided an overview SB 991 thus far explaining the association provided substitute language to the sponsor. The executive director explained that it was her understanding that SB 991 and SB 645, both dealing with various committees and commissions, would be merged into a senate committee substitute. Mr. Penman indicated substitute language would be sent to the sponsor by Connie Clarkston, the division's budget and legislation liaison. It was requested the executive director contact Ms. Clarkston regarding the statutes of the substitute language.

Meeting Schedule

The advisory committee tentative scheduled a conference call meeting for April 30, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

At 8:20 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Coleton and seconded by Mr. Hackler to convene in closed session pursuant to section 610.021 subsection (14), 324.001.8 and 324.001.9, RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and or complaints and or audits and or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 Subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of actions or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 RSMo which authorizes agencies to go into closed sessions during those meetings. Advisory committee members voting aye: Ms. Coleton, Mr. Hackler, and Ms. Van Sant. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:30 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Coleton and seconded by Mr. Hackler to convene in open session. Advisory committee members voting aye: Ms. Coleton, Mr. Hackler, and Ms. Van Sant. Motion carried unanimously.



Executive Director

Approved by Advisory Committee April 30, 2010