



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Committee Members Present:	Lisa Miller, Public Member Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair Yiwen Su, AEMP Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Vice-Chair
Committee Members Absent:	Jacob Goodwin, AEMP, DAOM
Staff Present:	Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4 Jennifer Santiago, Acting Executive Director Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1 Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Julianne Kolln, Policy Analyst
Others Present:	Susan Schultz Deborah Magallanes Leslie Emerick, Director of Public Policy, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee members, staff and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to correct the spelling of committee member, Yiwen Su's name. A motion was made by Lisa Miller to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and the committee unanimously approved the amended agenda.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2021

A motion was made by Lisa Miller to approve the July 16, 2021 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the July 16, 2021 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee elected the chair and vice-chair for the 2022 calendar year. The committee nominated and re-elected Inderjeet Ramgotra as chair and Lisa vanHaagen as vice-chair for 2022.

3. 2022 MEETING DATES AND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

The committee discussed and set the following meeting dates for 2022:

Meeting Date	Location	Start time
February 11, 2022	Webinar	9:00 a.m.
June 10, 2022	Webinar	9:00 a.m.
November 4, 2022	Tentatively Kent	10:00 a.m.

Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.

4. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND MEET-ME-CALL PARTICIPANT

Ms. Brown explained that the legislative liaison would be her contact person that could review a bill quickly and provide feedback. The committee voted and delegated Jacob Godwin and Lisa vanHaagen as the legislative liaisons for the 2022 legislative session.

Ms. Brown also explained the purpose of the meet-me-calls is to go over bills that are introduced during the legislative session. The calls are held weekly and last approximately 30 minutes each. The committee voted and designated Lisa vanHaagen, Lisa Miller and Yiwen Su as the 2022 legislative meet-me-call representatives. Inderjeet Ramgotra will be the back-up representative in the event Ms. Miller, Ms. vanHaagen or Mr. Su are unable to attend.

5. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the committee by the program manager and executive director.

4.1 Interim Operating Budget Report – The report showed the program revenue continues to exceed expenditures. The report presented was for the three-month period ending in September. Due to staffing issues the financial office has delayed looking at a fee

reduction at this time and plans to re-visit this issue in the future. Ms. Brown will update the committee on the status of a fee reduction at a future meeting.

4.2 Updated credentialing and disciplinary report

Ms. Brown provided an updated licensing and disciplinary statistics report showing the number of licensees. The report listed the following:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	AEMP LICENSURE
Active	1,558
Inactive	50
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	1
Active with Conditions	0
Active on Probation	1

The committee and audience asked if it would be possible to provide a report showing any new discipline by month versus a running total. Ms. Brown will look into this and see if it can be provided for the February 2022 meeting.

4.3 Update on rules for Senate Bill (SB) 5018

Ms. Brown shared that she was waiting to receive information and asked that the information be re-sent to her to her email address. Ms. Brown will work with Ms. Emerick on this after the meeting. Ms. Brown explained the rule making process. SB 5018 is to be effective on July 1, 2022. This item will be added to the next agenda for an update.

4.4 Other

There was no other business presented to the committee at this time.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

There was nothing presented for the consent agenda at this time.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Fee Study – invite Miceal Carnahan to the February 2022 meeting
- HELMS Update
- Continuing Education Implementation
- Rules update

8. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Leslie Emerick shared with the committee the items the association is currently working on for the upcoming legislative session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. by webinar. Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.