

WAS Board of Directors Meeting

October 13, 2017

Present at meeting: Alisha Bynum, Soleiana Abernathy, Traci Wilson, Carrie Guschewsky, Tim Sheehan

Meeting was called to order by Alisha at 4 pm.

State Board Rules and Regulations Debrief

It was made clear at the meeting of the State Board that minor grammatical, phrasing and changes for clarification could be made without incurring a new 45 day public comment phase. The State Board made several minor modifications to the rules for clarity in response to public comments that had been submitted during the 45 day comment period. Also several areas within the rules were tabled for future modification after more consideration.

New Business

Workers Compensation

Currently there is no language in the Workers Compensation rules to include Acupuncture providers as approved providers. *Carrie Guschewsky will begin contact with Wyoming Workers Compensation to determine who we approach to implement the addition of Licensed Acupuncturist as approved providers in Wyoming.*

Alisha stressed the importance of getting this started as soon as possible to allow our newly licensed practitioners get this access in 2018.

CEU Opportunities

The Board will survey the membership to see where the interest lies with continuing education interest. Possible for the Spring meeting, would be a weekend including WAS meeting, and following CEU options:

QPR class: A class for healthcare providers to assist with clients who may be demonstrating suicidal behaviors by identifying signs of crisis and effective response. <https://www.qprinstitute.com/>
Alisha will contact instructor

OB/GYN class with Jani White: one of the UK's leading Integrative Medicine Fertility and Hormone experts, Jani brings together her 20+ years of experience, to share her passions and her expertise, exploring together what it means to have *Genuine Health*. <http://www.acuhouse.co.uk/>
Soleiana will contact instructor

Insurance Billing: American Acupuncture Council insurance seminar, WAS could promote the event regionally to bring more participants. We need to have 30 attendees to host a training.
Alisha will contact provider

Direction of WAS

- As an Association, 25 members are necessary to be a voting body. Currently we have 24 members. Board will be contacting previous members and others to increase our membership.
Soleiana will send out call lists to board members
- Legal representation, Traci moved that the Board consult with a lawyer on several issues, it was seconded by Alisha and WAS board will survey membership for any questions that might be applicable for a lawyer to address. Concerns about what our legal responsibilities are as an association and board. How future non-profit status would impact our activities. *Alisha will contact representation, Carrie will collect questions from membership and board*
- Insurance for WAS as an association, as part of our consultation with a lawyer, we will determine the importance of insurance. *Soleiana will research insurance options*

- Non-profit status is still in process
- Marketing, the Board discussed utilizing web presence more effectively for public education and engagement. *Alisha will speak with Kate Johnston* about avenues to increase public awareness of WAS, possibly putting content in regional medical publications, TV etc. *Traci will be in charge of developing monthly practitioner profiles on facebook and website.*

Spring Meeting

Board agreed to April 14th, 2018 as date of Spring WAS meeting. Meeting to be in Casper at a location TBD.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Wilson
WAS Secretary