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January 27, 2008
OKAA Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order in OKC at the home of Amit Guman by Jamie Whartenby and 2nd by Amit. Deborah Bright read the minutes and Shirley Nicholson moved that they be approved, Mark Mills 2nd. Deborah Bright gave the financial report (attached in the minutes book) and Mark Mills moved to accept with Jamie Whartenby as a 2nd.

At that time, several guests, and potential members were introduced: Michelle Jiang, NCCAOM certified Acupuncturist and M.D. from China, Michi golden also from China and Macaya Bowles from Japan. All are residents of Oklahoma City.

Jamie Whartenby then named the members who have been appointed to the OKAA Certification Board. They are Joe Mack, the husband of Cari Mack in Talequah as the neutral member, Dr. John Yang of OkC, Dr. Amit Guman of OKC, Curtic Webb, NCCAOM certified from Tulsa and Mark Hovis of Tulsa. Only Amit was present at the meeting.

Jamie Whartenby then suggested that we ask our webmaster to set up an online payment system through Pay Pal. We will charge an additional \$5.00 for online transactions to cover costs. This was passed with none opposed.

Jeff Nicholson then reported on his trip to the Oregon conference. He represented the OKAA who has a membership to the organization and was ultimately awarded voting rights during the meeting. He attended lectures that focused on the treatment of herpes and diabetes and connected with a Qigong teacher from Austin who was tentatively invited to come for a workshop for the OKAA on the weekend of March 22/23. He further reported on his own personal clinical successes with the application of the Qigong principals. CCU's/PDA's for NCCAOM are available for workshops with this teacher. Sarah Bentley, his assistant will be contacted for alternative dates as the 22/23/ weekend falls on Easter Sunday. We agreed the cost of the seminar would be \$185 and Amit will pursue finding a location for the event. Shirley and Jeff will make contact for the alternative dates.

Mark Mills then reported on a meeting of a forming acupuncture association with George Belz. Mark, Amit, Dr. Yang and others were in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Li pointed out that the purpose of licensure is "to protect the patient" and that it is important for all acupuncturists in the state to be in agreement in order to support the legislative process, should it be undertaken. Mark presented two main alternative ways to approach state licensure and a discussion ensued. The discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

We then voted to accept the new logo that Shirley had graciously created for the association. Jeff Nicholson seconded the motion to accept the art work. March 9 was set for the next meeting to be held at Eldon's office in Tulsa. Jamie will explore possibilities for continuing education topics. The meeting was adjourned at or about 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Deborah Bright, Secretary- Treasurer
 Oklahoma Acupuncture Association

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