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March 16, 2008
OKAA Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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Members present: Eldon, Jamie, Angela, Deborah, Mark Mills, Amit, John Yang, Indu, Yvonne, Curtis, David Zeliff and guest Michelle Jiang.

The meeting was called to order in Tulsa Oklahoma at the Center for the Healing Arts by Jamie Whartenby and 2nd by Amit. Deborah Bright read the minutes and gave the financial report (attached in the minutes book) and Mark Mills moved to accept with Jamie Whartenby as a 2nd.

Jamie Whartenby asked for a report from 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-not present, Dr. John Yang of OKC, present, Dr. Amit Guman of OKC, present, Curtis Webb, NCCAOM certified from Tulsa, present and Mark Hovis of Tulsa, not present. The Board had nothing to report.

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Mark Mills then initiated a discussion on a meeting of a forming acupuncture association with George Belz that was tabled from the last meeting. Mark, Amit, Dr. Yang and others were in attendance at the meeting. Two possibilities were presented from a group meeting with the NCCAOM representatives interested in promoting licensure of acupuncture in the State of Oklahoma. The following options were discussed:

- 1) All members certified under the guidelines of the OKAA at the time of the adoption of licensing policies in the State would be grandfathered for practice in the State of Oklahoma only.
- 2) All members certified under the guidelines of the OKAA at the time of the adoption of licensing policies in the State would be grandfathered for a specified length of time during which they would be eligible to sit for the NCCAOM examination. After such specified period of time only NCCAOM licensed and OKAA members who passed the test would be able to be licensed in the State of Oklahoma.

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After extended discussion a motion was made and seconded that the OKAA will adopt and promote the standards for certification previously established by the organization as the basis for any future grandfathering of members under provisions adopted by any other group, legislation or authority. And further, that Option 1 would be our first choice to present to the Oklahoma lobby working with the NCCAOM representatives. The question of the nature and type of governing board that might be supported or established outside of this group was tabled for future meetings.

The next meeting of the Association will be on June 8th, 2008, location to be determined. Jeff Nicholson will be asked to present a Qi Gong workshop at the meeting.

Financial Report: There were no deposits and no checks written during the period. The balance remains at \$3234.26.

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