



AAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

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AGENDA & MINUTES

- **Approve Agenda:** Motion Needed
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- **Save the Date:** Erika Schultz: 5 min
- **Volunteering:** Mark: 5 min
- **Bylaws Vote:** Kimberley: 5 min
 - **Membership Dues:** Kimberley: 5 min
- **Board Elections:** Mark: 5 min
- **ASA Update:** Kimberley: 5 min
- **Reporting Adverse Events:** Mark: 5 min
- **Legislative Update (Injection Therapy):** Scott: 5 min
- **Dry Needling Updates:** Scott and Mark: 20 min
- **Questions**

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion Needed



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Next year's
conference
April 13th -
April 14th
Lonny Jarrett



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BYLAWS VOTE

1) ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP SECTION ONE: MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Proposed change: Replace wording and remove word: replace Associate Member with Public Member. Remove Organizational member from this section.

Reason for change: to clarify its intent. We have people who were not Colorado Acupuncturists sign up for this and then wanted the benefits of a regular membership. This is so parents and or patients who want to support the organization have a place to land. See below that we created a Business / Organization membership that can join the association. The fee for both the public member and association/business member will be voted on by the Board of Directors (BOD).

BYLAWS VOTE

2) ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP SECTION ONE: MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Proposed change: Add membership category: Business/
Organization membership

Reason for change: we currently don't have a place for our vendors, sister organizations, schools, or other businesses who support us to join our association. Pulling this category out of the Associate member above will allow the board to give greater benefits to our vendors and partners with this membership.

BYLAWS VOTE

SECTION FIVE: NATIONAL LIAISON

Proposed change: Add National Liaison as a board position.

Reason for change: This is a brand new section that will allow us to have a designated position to represent CO on the American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA). Representing the ASA has traditionally been a role the President took on over the past 3 years since the inception of the ASA. The board has realized the burden this role has put on our President and Executive team. The board thinks creating a National Liaison position will help moderate the workload between all the board members and keep the membership better informed on national issues.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

**PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE
NOT PART OF BYLAWS BUT REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

**Current Annual renewal: \$150 per year
Current Monthly renewal: \$15 per month**

**Proposed Annual Renewal: \$175 per year
Proposed Monthly Renewal: \$17 per month**

Effective May 1st (If passed)

ELECTIONS

- Completed Terms:
 - Kimberley
 - Robin
 - Scott
 - Yvonne
 - Mark
 - Damiana

We need at least 3-4 nominations from the floor.

- Re-elect Student elections nomination:
 - Cherron (*graduating*) - CSTCM
 - Chelsey - SWAC



ASA UPDATE



American Society™
of Acupuncturists

HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INJURIES

**You can report Dry Needling injuries to:
the FDA and DORA**

Always send a copy of your report to the AAC and www.acupuncturesafety.org so that we can keep track.

- <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/>
- https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/DPO_File_Complaint

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The screenshot shows the MedWatch Online Voluntary Reporting Form page. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration logo. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for Home, Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Radiation-Emitting Products, Vaccines, Blood & Biologics, Animal & Veterinary, Cosmetics, and Tobacco Products. The main heading is "MedWatch Online Voluntary Reporting Form" with a "Welcome" message. A "Frequently Asked Questions" button is visible. The page prompts the user to "Begin report as a:" and offers two options: "Health Professional (FDA Form 3500)" and "Consumer/Patient (FDA Form 3500B)".

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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MedWatch Home | Help | CDR Reporting Reduction Act | Your Privacy Statement

MedWatch Online Voluntary Reporting Form

Welcome

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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- https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/DPO_File_Complaint



The screenshot shows the website for the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The header includes the Colorado state logo and the text "COLORADO Official State Web Portal". A search bar and a "Translate" button are visible in the top right. The main content area features the DORA logo, the text "COLORADO Department of Regulatory Agencies", and the mission statement "Consumer Protection is Our Mission." Below this is a navigation menu with links: "DORA Home", "I Want To...", "What We Regulate", "Divisions", "Executive Director's Office", and "Contact DORA". The current page is titled "Division of Professions and Occupations: File a Complaint Online". A sub-header reads "Before Filing a Complaint Online". The text states: "Before filing a complaint, be sure to register an account with Online Services. The benefits of registering include:" followed by a bulleted list:

- Making it easier for the board or program to contact you if they have important follow-up questions,
- Allowing you to track the progress of your complaint, and
- Showing you the history and status of any and all complaints you have ever submitted.

A blue button labeled "Register to File a Complaint" is located at the bottom of the page.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Injection Therapy Update
- Scott Richardson



DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155

PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb18-1155>



The screenshot shows the official page for House Bill 18-1155 on the Colorado General Assembly website. The page header includes the Colorado state seal, the text "Second Regular Session | 71st General Assembly", and "Colorado General Assembly". A hamburger menu icon is in the top right. The main content area features the bill number "HB18-1155" and a "Share" icon. The title is "Sunset Continue Physical Therapy Board Functions". The description states: "Concerning the continuation of the physical therapy board, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2017 sunset review and report by the department of regulatory agencies." Below this, it lists the session as "2018 Regular Session" and the subject as "Health Care & Health Insurance". A "Sunset Process" section notes the bill is in the "House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee". On the right, under "PRIME SPONSORS", three individuals are listed with their photos and titles: Representative Jonathan Singer, Representative Larry Liston, and Senator Beth Martinez Humenik.

Second Regular Session | 71st General Assembly
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HB18-1155 [Share](#)

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SESSION: 2018 Regular Session

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DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

- During the sunrise and sunset reviews dry needling was not mentioned
- With only 24 hours notice amendments passed the House Health and Human Services Committee adding Dry Needling into the practice act for Physical Therapy
- The added language, if not removed, will end our lawsuit in the court of appeals on behalf of public safety regarding the minimum standards for the practice of acupuncture in Colorado

DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

- Currently the bill is scheduled for the Senate Appropriations committee next week April 24th
- Here is how the bill currently has been amended with our the help of our lobbying efforts...

DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

- (b) the PT Regulatory board shall update the requirements - *timeline not directly stated for the update*
- (b) prior to promulgating the initial update... the board shall seek input from CMB and from the director - *does not require they adopt input nor does it specify which director*
- Overall, rule 211 continues to remain in effect allowing a PT to take a weekend course and on the following Monday insert acupuncture needles into patients up to 5 inches in depth

5 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-41-113, add (5)
6 as follows:
7 **12-41-113. Special practice authorities and requirements -**
8 **rules. (5) Dry needling.** A PHYSICAL THERAPIST IS AUTHORIZED TO
9 PERFORM DRY NEEDLING IF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST:
10 (a) (I) HAS THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, ABILITY, AND DOCUMENTED
11 COMPETENCY TO PERFORM THE ACT;
12 (II) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A DRY NEEDLING COURSE OF
13 STUDY THAT MEETS THE SUPERVISION, EDUCATIONAL, AND CLINICAL
14 PREREQUISITES; AND
15 (III) OBTAINS ONE WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT FROM EACH
16 PATIENT FOR DRY NEEDLING, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING
17 POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND RISKS OF DRY NEEDLING,
18 (b) THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO UPDATE THE
19 REQUIREMENTS FOR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST TO PERFORM DRY NEEDLING
20 IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC. PRIOR TO
21 PROMULGATING THE INITIAL UPDATE OF THE RULES, THE BOARD SHALL SEEK
22 INPUT FROM THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD AS CREATED IN SECTION
23 12-36-103 (1) AND FROM THE DIRECTOR.
24 (c) THE PERFORMANCE OF DRY NEEDLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
25 THIS SECTION IS NOT THE PERFORMANCE OF ACUPUNCTURE AS DEFINED IN
26 SECTION 12-29.5-102 AND IS NOT A VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-29.5-105.

DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

- (SECTION 16) Allows volunteers to collect signatures to add a referendum that would be voted on in the general election in November
- We would have 90 days to collect signatures from the end of this legislative session - *probably around May*
- If we were able to collect the 98,497 signatures from Colorado registered voters, then we would need to focus on campaigns to educate the public regarding acupuncture safety - *since the petition would then become a law requiring approval by the people at the general election*

5 **SECTION 16.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
6 takes effect September 1, 2018; except that, if a referendum petition is
7 filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against
8 this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
9 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
10 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
11 general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take
12 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
13 governor.

DRY NEEDLING UPDATE

HOUSE BILL 18-1155 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

- Currently we need to focus on the “dry needling is not acupuncture” terminology as the bill continues through the senate
- We can continue to focus on our lobbying efforts in the senate to continue the public safety message along with minimum standards: “Same procedure, same medical device, same risks, same training...”
- Also, we can create a PR campaign to help teach the Colorado Medical Board and the “director” regarding the public safety issues at hand



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