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The OAA Needs Your Participation!

OAA is Seeking: A Manager for the OAA News

In 12 years, the OAA News has grown from a simple four page issue to a major publication. Over all these years, we have relied on volunteers, especially Natalie Arndt, to produce the OAA News. With the support of your dues, we are able to create a paid position for an "OAA News Manager." For the description of the position on our website, go to Postings and select OAA Biz.

Also, we are organizing committee members to collect and prepare articles for the News. Contribute to your organization. Contact Natalie Arndt at acunat@pobox.com, or 503-230-1340.

OAA is Seeking: An Office Projects Manager

This is a paid position as well, and you can work at home on your own computer. For the description of the position on our website, go to Postings and select OAA Biz.

OAA is Seeking: Nominations for the open board position of Vice President

OAA Board members are entrusted with the responsibility of directing the OAA, which represents over 40% of the acupuncturists in the state. If you want to help influence the political climate of acupuncture and the advancement of our profession in Oregon, this is a great opportunity.

OAA is Seeking: A new location for our office

Basically we need a phone line, DSL and some space for file cabinets and supplies. Our project managers do most of their work offsite, from their own computers.

Pain Management with Acupuncture OAA's 2007 Conference: April 14-15, 2007 (Portland)

↳ Fulfill your one-time PMC requirements

↳ Earn PDA 10 hours (NCCAOM)

Look for flyers early next year.

Did you receive your copy of the Fall issue of the OAA News?

It is also on our website, www.oregonacupuncture.org. Select Postings and News.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter is January 3, 2007

**** Membership Receive 20% Discount****

Quality In Complementary & Alternative Medicine, a new book on practice standards with everything you need to know in order to comply with government standards like HIPPA, CDC, etc.

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Select Postings, Newsletter

OAA's Ethics Code and the AAC

The AAC has expressed interest in using the OAA Code as a reference for standards for LAc's and evaluating complaints against LAc's. The OAA board feels that a clear code of ethics document will help in educating Oregon LAc's. We hope to continue working cooperatively with the AAC towards our common goals of informing LAc's and keeping the number of investigations of Oregon LAc's low. See the "News from the BME" for more details.

The Pan African Acupuncture Project

In early December, Peter Chabarek, LAc (Eugene) will travel with five other US Licensed acupuncturists to Uganda. He will be training about 50 Ugandan healthcare practitioners on how to administer a simple, "barefoot doctor" acupuncture approach for treating AIDS, TB, and malaria. Working mainly with nurses, nurse midwives and midwives, hundreds of patients will receive treatment as well. The trainees will then return to their clinics and hospitals to integrate acupuncture into their practices. *To donate or to learn more about the project go to:* www.panafricanacupuncture.org.

The Oregon Pain Management Commission

Upon a request from the Oregon Acupuncture Association, OAA member Tim Eng, LAc was appointed as the representative for Licensed Acupuncturists to the Oregon Pain Management Commission. Tim attends the bi-monthly meetings in Salem. The PMC is currently working on the membership of the commission, and revamping its structure. Although it's not required until 2009, LAc's are encouraged to view the one-hour video on pain management soon. Also you'll see what thousands of practitioners are learning about pain, including our slide on acupuncture. It's at: www.oregonpain.org. We plan to offer it at our April 14-15 conference as well.

OAA Insurance Committee Requests Input on CPT CODES

At the OAA membership meeting in April, problems with the 4 CPT codes for acupuncture and electro-acupuncture were discussed. The OAA Insurance Committee has begun to research other existing CPT codes which may be applicable to these additional services. The Committee is requesting input from OAA members about which other CPT codes are used for acupuncture and the standard evaluation/management codes. See article in the newsletter for more details

Legislative Alert

Stephen Kafoury has alerted us that the U.S. Senate will be voting on S-3546. This would create a serious Adverse Event Reporting mechanism (AER) for nonprescription drugs, like our Chinese herbs. The vote will be between Nov. 7 and Dec. 24. AAOM suggests supporting this bill, see: www.aaom.org/45200.asp. Senator Wyden has not made a commitment on this bill yet. Send your opinion to our Oregon Senators, Sen. Wyden & Sen. Smith. Address it to: The Honorable ___ United State Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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OAA Meets Your Needs

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