

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Minutes of the Rules Committee

Held at 1951 West Camelback, Ste 300, Phoenix, Arizona
at
8:00 .m. on
June 20, 2014

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the Rules Committee of the Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dr. Todd Rowe who was present along with Dr. Bruce Shelton and Mario Fontes, L.Ac. C,C,H.

Christine Springer the Executive Director was also present. No members of the public were present.

II. Review and Discussion of *Arizona Administrative Code, Chapter 38 Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners, Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4*

Committee members reviewed questions posed by Jeanne Haun, the Board's contracted rules writer. They began with *Article 1, Section R4-38-101 Definitions*. They agreed that the definition of an 'approved school of medicine' should be removed from the draft since this definition was already in statute. They discuss the definition of 'generally accepted experimental criteria in homeopathy' particularly subsection c. and requested that the word 'physician' should be changed to indicate 'homeopathic doctor and physician', since both license groups could utilize innovative diagnostic procedures and devices.

The committee discussed *Section R4-38-102, Additional Requirements for Applicants Graduated from an Unapproved School of Medicine*. In Section B.1. they changed the wording to indicate a 'board approved science examination to include the following subject areas: anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, endocrinology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, neuroanatomy, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and physiology. The list of science subjects is recognized by ACHENA (Accreditation Commission on Homeopathic Education in North America). After some discussion they agreed that an outside entity (to be determined) would be most suited to administer the examination. Committee members requested that the executive director contact the director of the Pima School of Acupuncture for information about their health sciences

class. In addition they requested she research to determine what science coursework is required for the nurse practitioner examination.

They also discussed *Section R4-38-102 B.2.* and agreed that applicants whose first language is not English should pass the *Toefl (Test of English as a Foreign Language)* with a score of at least 500.

With regard to *Section R4-38-102B.3.* Dr. Rowe directed Mrs. Springer's attention to the ACICS (Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges). The ACICS recognizes two entities that evaluate educational transcripts of foreign students. These are the Association of International Credentials Evaluators (AICE) or the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). ACICS also requires that the schools attended by foreign applicants must be recognized by its government as an institution of higher education. Committee members also considered whether to add language that would indicate that the reputable foreign credentials assistance agency must be 'board approved'.

The number of class hours to be referenced in *Section R4-38-102 B.4* was discussed with committee members agreeing on a total of 3000 class hours (2000 academic and 1000 clinical). Committee members directed Mrs. Springer to research the number of class hours required in an ACHENA recognized program and compare that number to the recommendation of the committee.

In the discussion of Section R4-38-119, Approval of a School of Homeopathic Medicine, the committee directed Mrs. Springer to contact John Soliven and inquire whether the Canadian government approves educational institutions of higher learning. They suggested that a number 5. be added to this section and the language indicate 'a board approved accreditation body'. This would provide the board the ability to accept homeopathic schools that are approved by the Canadian government.

The committee discussed Articles 2 Dispensing and agreed that Section R4-38-202 should include medical devices as an item a Homeopathic Doctor can prescribe.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Christine Springer, Executive Director