

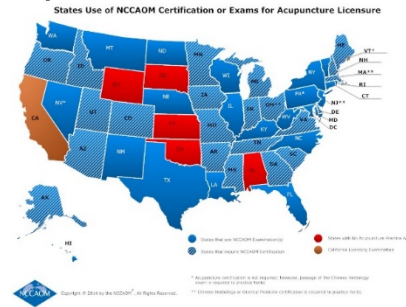


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## North Dakota Passes First Acupuncture Law

### Harmony Meets Creativity and Productivity - NCCAOM's Commitment to Its Diplomates



As a result of the efforts of a small group of dedicated acupuncture and Oriental medicine (AOM) practitioners from the North Dakota Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and proponents of AOM in North Dakota, Governor Jack Dalrymple signed SB 2191 into effect on March 23, 2015, the state's first law regulating the practice of acupuncture.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## NCCAOM Governance Update: Thank you, Tess Hahn



The NCCAOM extends a heartfelt thank you to one of its Commissioners, **Tess Hahn**, upon her completion of three 3-year terms on the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners and staff wish to thank her for her nine years of dedication and service to the organization.

Tess Hahn, OMD, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)<sup>®</sup>, L.Ac., currently practices Traditional Chinese Medicine near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dr. Hahn earned her baccalaureate at California State University, and graduated from California Acupuncture College. After her clinical internship at the Institute of Traditional Medicine, Beijing, she practiced acupuncture and Chinese Herbal medicine in Germany until moving to California, where

she practiced acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine for several years. Hahn earned her OMD at SAMRA University and completed her training in Acupuncture Orthopedics at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

She has been an active member of the Idaho Acupuncture Association since 1991. Hahn served as a Commissioner on the Idaho Board of Acupuncture between 1999 and 2005. In November 2005, she received a Commendation for Distinguished Public Service from Idaho's Governor. At the national level, Tess represented Idaho on the Federation of Acupuncture Regulatory Agencies (FAOMRA) and held the office of vice-president of that organization until January of 2006 when she was elected as a Commissioner on the Board of the NCCAOM and began her years of service there.



Hahn held various positions on the Commission, including Board Chair from 2009-2011. She served on the Finance/Audit Committee and the Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on International Eligibility (BRAPIE). One of her keenest interests at NCCAOM has been working as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) on the Foundations of Oriental Medicine and the Biomedicine Examination Development Committees. She devoted considerable time to the NCCAOM's 2008 Job Task Analysis, particularly in the compilation of the list of KSA's (Knowledge, Skills and Abilities) which informs the current examinations' content outlines.

The Board of Commissioners and staff at the NCCAOM gratefully acknowledge Tess Hahn's varied contributions to the organization.

## Welcome New Commissioners



The NCCAOM Board of Commissioners welcomes **Carl Jew, M.A., A.B.**, to the Board. Jew is on the faculty of City College of San Francisco and currently serves as the Dean of two of the College's seven centers including Civic Center and John Adams Center, the College's healthcare training campus.

Jew completed his undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's Degree in Counseling from San Francisco State University.

Prior to joining the NCCAOM Board, he served on the boards of Donaldina Cameron House, a multi-service agency in San Francisco's Chinatown, and the Marinwood Swim Club.

In his first year of service as a Public Member, Jew joined the NCCAOM Board in 2015. He is currently serving on the Finance/Audit Committee and the Governance Documents Committee.



The NCCAOM Board of Commissioners also welcomes **Steven Kazmierczak, Ph.D., DABCC**. Dr. Kazmierczak is Professor of Pathology at Oregon Health & Science University where he serves as Laboratory Director of Clinical Chemistry, Toxicology and Immunology. He also serves as Vice President and Laboratory Director for DiabetOmics, Inc.

Dr. Kazmierczak completed his undergraduate education at Youngstown State University, received his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University and completed a 2 year fellowship in biochemistry at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He served on



the boards of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry and the American Board for Clinical Chemistry.

Dr. Kazmierczak joined the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners as a Public Member in February, 2015 and currently serves on the Finance/Audit Committee, the Recertification Committee and the Research Committee.

## A New Way to Earn PDA Points: Self-Directed Learning



The NCCAOM is offering the new option of Self-Directed Learning by encouraging our Diplomates in research literacy. Professional Development Activity (PDA) points are earned in the area of Professional Enhancements, which supports the clinical shift toward best practices of care centered on evidence-based medicine. Many practitioners are motivated to learn by a desire to resolve a particular problem or to accomplish a specific task. Acquiring the skills to read and understand research publications is one way for Diplomates to gain valuable skills needed to write and interpret their own case studies.

### Category Description and Required Documentation:

A maximum of four PDA points may be earned for completing a written report of a research article or book review. One point is awarded per clinical research article or book review. Submit a written narrative of the book/article read on the NCCAOM template form, ([click here for a copy of the report template](#)) to reflect on how the material impacts your understanding and your practice.

- **Approved References:** Only domestic or international\* professional journal articles, which are editor or peer-reviewed qualify. Both original research articles and review articles may be included. Reference or research books, which contain a bibliography and are footnoted also qualify.  
\*International journal articles and books must have the title of the journal and the article or title of the book translated into English in the presented paperwork.
- **Excluded References:** Popular newspaper and magazine articles, including those directed toward a specific profession are not considered peer-reviewed professional journals as they are written by journalist versus a specialist or expert in a particular field and they rely on the judgement of magazine/newspaper editors versus a panel of experts in the field.



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## Update on the Acupuncture Now Foundation



The Acupuncture Now Foundation (ANF) was launched in late 2014 with the ambitious goal of bringing down the barriers preventing acupuncture from reaching its true potential as a healthcare resource. The following is a brief explanation of the new organization's mission and an update on the ANF's progress, to include links to more information.

The ANF was formed as an international, all volunteer, non-profit organization to inform the public, healthcare providers and health policymakers about the practice of acupuncture. Our founders saw the need for a different type of organization that would focus on compiling accurate and up to date information about acupuncture and find creative ways to get that information to those who would benefit the most. During these first months, ANF has focused primarily on gathering support from the AOM community. We published our [Strategic Plan for 2015](#) listing six specific goals and are now launching a [fundraising campaign](#).

In addition to reaching-out to the AOM community, we have been busy finding creative ways to inform and inspire the public. We produced a well-received animated video –“Twice as Effective and Safer”- that we made available for anyone to share and embed on their website. In a strategic partnership with Acupuncture Professional, we produced an informative series of iTunes podcasts explaining many aspects of acupuncture and Chinese medicine. With the right kind of promotion, our video and podcasts have the potential to reach millions and increase awareness of acupuncture on a massive scale. Information on how to use and spread these important resources can be found on the [Resource page](#) of the ANF website.

While we are proud of what we have accomplished in such a short time, this was done on a shoestring budget and as just an example of what we plan to produce. With the help of communications experts, we plan to launch multi-year and multi-pronged outreach campaigns. We believe acupuncture has the potential for explosive growth but there needs to be a concentrated effort to educate stakeholders about both acupuncture and Acupuncturists. Without such an effort, this next crucial stage could well be one the AOM community looks back at with regret. Make no mistake; if those of us who have dedicated ourselves to the best training and practice of acupuncture don't step-up and take the lead in educating everyone about this practice others will and we will then spend the next decades complaining about how it all went wrong.



The ANF is the only organization dedicated to doing the hard work it will take to see that accurate information about the practice of acupuncture gets spread in such a way as to do the most good. We are pulling together colleagues from around the world so that we can share our knowledge and help both the public and the acupuncture community. We need your help to accomplish this historic mission so please visit [our website](#) to learn more about how you or your organization can be part of the solution.

