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Welcoming a Season of Renewed Energy and Perseverance: A Message from the NCCAOM Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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As spring approaches, and mother nature begins to renew and rejuvenate herself, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy spring.

The spring equinox represents the beginning of rebirth and is celebrated as a time for restoration and cleaning in many cultures. May it be the time for us to renew our strength and move forward.

This time last year was the beginning of COVID-19, a long and unprecedented pandemic which affected our lives on many different levels. The COVID-19 pandemic had profound impacts globally. Today we remember all who lost their lives to COVID-19. Although 2020 was a difficult year in many aspects, it also brought us opportunities for growth and to take steps for a cultural shift to be more inclusive and collaborative. The events in 2020 made us reflect on our actions as an individual, a community and a nation; and how we could work together to be more inclusive. Our dialogues about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) certainly were enlightening and directive.

At the NCCAOM, we are proud that we continued serving our stakeholders during the difficult times of the pandemic, providing information about the national policies and procedures implemented during the lock down, PPPs, and ways to help you all maintain your certification. Our customer relations staff consistently maintained normal hours to provide you with exceptional service and answer your inquiries throughout the entire year.



We are continuing our communications work and partnerships with national and state associations, to advocate for the thousands of National Board-Certified Acupuncturists and the medicine that has helped so many lives throughout the country during the pandemic. We will continue to provide information and shine the spotlight on the cost effectiveness and efficacy of acupuncture and Eastern Asian medicine in creating and maintaining health, to federal and state policy makers. Our goal is to witness the day that acupuncture, provided by our expert Diplomates, will be included in all levels of health care and be available to the public. For a thorough update of our recent advocacy efforts, please read the article by our government relations staff in this issue of our newsletter.

At the NCCAOM we are continuously looking towards improving our processes to serve you more efficiently; Diplomates who have recently renewed their NCCAOM certification, should have experienced the new Continuing Education Banking portal, which features a new automated and streamlined recertification process. We are excited for our valued Diplomates to share their recertifying experience with us by email at info@thenccaom.org or through our social media pages. For more details about this new process, please go to the NCCAOM Recertification: CE Reporting Success in this newsletter.

The NCCAOM staff will also be detailing the new recertification process and providing an informative update on NCCAOM policies and news at our annual NCCAOM Diplomate Webinar on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. ET. To register, please go to [NCCAOM Diplomate Webinar Pre-Registration](#).

With the start of the spring season, we also welcome two of our newest Board of Commissioners members, Public Members Beverly Black and P. Divya Parikh. Both new Commissioners are well experienced and have vast knowledge in governance and policy development. You can read more about their background in this newsletter. The NCCAOM is always searching for qualified individuals to serve on our Board. In 2021, the Board of Commissioners will search for eligible and qualified NCCAOM Diplomates to serve the Board starting 2022. There will be an announcement for the open Board position later this spring. We are strongly committed to provide an equal opportunity for all qualified candidates to serve on the Board and we believe that diversity in our profession should be reflected in our Board. For a review of current BOC members please see: [Governance | NCCAOM](#).

Looking forward to continuing serving you all. Happy spring.



Advocacy Update

By Molly Giammarco, Senior Manager, Government Relations



The NCCAOM® Advocacy team continues to represent NCCAOM certification, Diplomates, and stakeholders by providing information to promote acupuncture services to state and federal policymakers to include the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as other stakeholder groups.

Advocacy News

U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) Seeks Feedback on its 2021-2025 Draft Strategic Plan

The NIH and NCCIH recently released its [2021-2025 Draft Strategic Plan](#) for public comment. The NCCAOM worked with the American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA) to submit comment on this draft. You can view these comments on the Advocacy section of our [website](#).

Health and Human Services (HHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Welcome Letter

In February 2021, the NCCAOM and the ASA sent welcome letters to the following acting secretaries within President Biden's Administration:

- [Acting HHS Secretary, Norris Cochran](#)
- [Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, Felicia Collins](#)
- [Acting Assistant Secretary for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Tom Coderre.](#)



By way of welcome, the letters provided a primer on the acupuncture profession's evidence base, growth, access barriers, and role in substance abuse. The NCCAOM and the ASA will continue to work to educate HHS officials and look for ways to remove access barriers to qualified acupuncturists.

To read the full Advocacy Update please [click here](#).

NCCAOM Welcomes New Members to the Board of Commissioners

New NCCAOM Board of Commissioners Members



Beverly L. Black, MHS, CAE

Beverly Black, MHS, CAE has over 25 years of managerial experience with national, statewide, and community-based programs in non-profit, health-related, and educational associations and organizations.

Currently, she is semi-retired from ASHP and serves association clients

as a consultant and educator on Board training, strategic planning and bylaws' updates and enhancement.

Additionally, Ms. Black has served on state and national Boards of Directors in the health field. She was elected Chair of both the Georgia Society of Association Executives (GSAE) and its Foundation. She has also worked as an active member of the American Society of Association Executives' CAE Commission and Small-Staff Committee and mentored CAE candidates for ASAE (American Society of Association Executives).

Ms. Black has a master's degree in Health Services Administration from George Washington University. She was awarded the Certified Association Executive designation in 1996 and GSAE's Clifford M. Clarke Award.

Ms. Black will begin her NCCAOM Board service as a member of the following committees: Finance/Audit, Governance, and the NCCAOM Advocacy and Regulatory Response Team.



P. Divya Parikh, MPH

P. Divya Parikh, MPH, is the Vice President of Research & Education for the Medical Professional Liability (MPL) Association, with responsibilities in leading key strategic initiatives for research, education, and technology. MPL Association (formerly PIAA), is a nonprofit trade association of MPL insurance companies owned and

operated by domestic and international healthcare professionals and health systems.

Ms. Parikh has published numerous articles discussing MPL claims trends in medical journals as well as industry-related publications. She presents at workshops and meetings for the MPL industry domestically and internationally. Ms. Parikh also serves as program director for the Fellows Leadership Program and the Chief Medical Officer Roundtable, in addition to serving as staff liaison to the claims, risk management/patient safety, and board governance roundtable educational sections, the Data Sharing Advisory Committee and the COVID-19 Claims Litigation working group. Prior to joining the MPL Association, Ms. Parikh served as the Clinical Research Coordinator and Intramural Training Director at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Ms. Parikh holds a Master of Public Health Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Parikh will serve as Commissioner in addition to the following committees of NCCAOM: Finance/Audit, Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (PEDC), Reinstatement Taskforce and the NCCAOM Advocacy and Regulatory Response Team.

To view the full NCCAOM Board of Commissioners please [click here](#).



NCCAOM Thanks Retiring Members of the Board of Commissioners

Retiring NCCAOM Board of Commissioners Members

NCCAOM extends their deepest gratitude to our two retiring Commissioners, Steve Kazmierczak and David Canzone.



Steven Kazmierczak, PhD, DABCC

Steven Kazmierczak, PhD, DABCC, joined the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners as a Public Member in February 2015 and became Treasurer to the organization in 2016. 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 Clinical Laboratory Director for DiabetOmics, Inc. Prior to joining the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners, he served on the boards of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry and the American Board for Clinical Chemistry. Steve's quiet and thoughtful demeanor and laser-sharp focus will be missed as he retires from the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners



David Canzone DOM, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)® Dipl. NBAO

David Canzone DOM, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)®, Dipl. NBAO, was initially appointed to the Board as a Professional Member in 2007, serving three terms until he stepped off the Board in 2017 only to return in 2019 to fill a vacant position and Chair the Governance Committee. Dr. Canzone has served on the New

Mexico Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. He has been directly involved in successful legislative efforts, in New Mexico, to help create one of the broadest scopes of practice for DOM's in the U.S.A. His passion is Integrative Medicine and he continually works to advance the integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine



into his community. In the past, Canzone created a framework for Santa Fe's St. Vincent's Regional Hospital to allow for the credentialing of acupuncturists to practice Oriental medicine within a hospital setting by acquiring hospital privileges. He is in private practice with his wife, Sandra Canzone. David's years with the NCCAOM has afforded him great wisdom, broad vision and a great sense of humor which will be missed.

NCCAOM Recertification: CE Reporting Success!

By Olga Cox, Chief Operations Officer and Jennifer Nemeth, M.Ed., Director of Education and Professional Development



In our strive to continue improving the NCCAOM Recertification process, our staff has been working behind the scenes for more than two years to streamline and automate this process and ensure a more efficient experience for all our valued NCCAOM Board-Certified Acupuncturists.

Our efforts have resulted in a new system which offers Diplomates multiple options to recertify, from partial to a fully automated process.

Automated CE reporting for PDA approved courses

Since May 1, 2020, PDAs/CEUs for PDA approved courses are automatically reported to the Diplomate's NCCAOM® Recertification Transcript. Courses with multiple recertification categories are reported in each category separately to allow proper calculation of total PDA Points completed. It is very important that Diplomates register for a PDA approved course with their legal first and last name and their NCCAOM ID number as recorded in their NCCAOM Online Account. The NCCAOM ID# contains three to six digits and cannot have any letters or characters.



Account Overview			
Profile			Update
Name	Jane Doe	NCCAOM ID	255399
Designation	Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)®	FAP Preference	Yes

View of the Recertification Transcript: The top ‘Requirements’ section provides a general overview of the total number of PDA points required/approved PDAs/CEUs. The bottom section ‘Total CEs Reported’ is a breakdown of courses completed with their assigned PDA points and recertification categories.

Requirements						
	Min Required	Approved	Remaining			
Overall	60	10	50	<div style="width: 16%;"></div>	16%	
AOM-ABT-BIO Coursework	22	6	16	<div style="width: 27%;"></div>	27%	
CPR Certificate	4	0	4	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	0%	
Ethics (ET)	2	2	0	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%	
Safety (SA)	2	2	0	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%	

Total CEs Reported						
		Report / Manage CEs	Show Details			
Date	Activity	Reported	Applied	Cum	Appr	
AOM-ABT-BIO Coursework						
02/20/2020	Chinese Herbal Compounding and Safety (CHCS) Certificate of Qualification (COQ) - CH 1	3	3	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
02/20/2020	Chinese Herbal Compounding and Safety (CHCS) Certificate of Qualification (COQ) - BIO 2	3	3	6		<input type="checkbox"/>
Category A1 Total		6	6			
Coursework Other						
02/20/2020	Chinese Herbal Compounding and Safety (CHCS) Certificate of Qualification (COQ) - SA 3	2	2	8		<input type="checkbox"/>
02/20/2020	Chinese Herbal Compounding and Safety (CHCS) Certificate of Qualification (COQ) - ET 4	2	2	10		<input type="checkbox"/>
Category A2 Total		4	4			
Cycle Total		10	10			

Manual option to report courses

Coursework that is not approved through the PDA program will be accepted in the following areas:

- Coursework in a core competency subject that is approved by a state acupuncture regulatory board.
- Coursework in biomedicine, safety or ethics that is approved by a healthcare professional organization.
- Coursework completed by a Diplomate as a part of a postgraduate degree program accredited or in candidacy status by ACAOM.



- International coursework is accepted if approved by a third-party organization or one that meets NCCAOM’s Route 2 eligibility requirements. Certificates of completion will be accepted in the English language only.

The option to report a course that falls in one of the above categories are available to Diplomates in their NCCAOM Online Portal under the “Report CE” link in the Recertification Section.

Recertification							
Specialty	Accrual Period	CE Required	CE Remaining	Completion	Recert Available	Status	Action
AC	11/01/2016 - 10/31/2020	60	31	<div style="width: 48%; background-color: orange;">48%</div>	11/01/2019	Recert Applied	Report CE Details

When reporting a non-PDA approved courses, Diplomates will need to choose a course category, enter the course information, and upload the certificate of completion. Detailed CE Reporting Instructions are available at <https://www.nccaom.org/certification/recertification-ce-reporting/>.

Option to access and download certificate of completion.

As a continued improvement, in December of 2020, the NCCAOM introduced a new functionality - “My Learning”. This new feature allows Diplomates to access their PDA Certificates of Completion for PDA approved courses in their NCCAOM Online Portal. To access the “My Learning” section, Diplomates can click the “Diplomate Benefits” orange button at the top of their profile page. On the next page they will see the “My Learning” icon.

View of the "My Learning" Section

Certification						
Show 10 Entries		Search: <input type="text"/>				
Certificate #	Course #	Provider Name	Course Completion Date	Certificate Date	Certificate Download	
18902	PDA-165166-39	Standard Process, Inc.	10/24/2020	11/02/2020		
17974	PDA-184-19	East West Healing Center	10/18/2020	10/21/2020		
175395	PDA-184-20	East West Healing Center	09/22/2020	09/29/2020		
173662	PDA-168520-9	Illinois Nutrition Consultants	09/13/2020	09/15/2020		
163088	PDA-764-39	NCCAOM	06/19/2020	06/17/2020		
32604	PDA-168520-6	Illinois Nutrition Consultants	11/02/2019	11/06/2019		

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Today, the new recertification process has saved valuable time for Diplomates, Providers and PDA staff as well as being well received by our Diplomates!



To find NCCAOM PDA approved courses that will automatically be reported to your NCCAOM® *Recertification Transcript*, visit the [NCCAOM PDA Search Engine](#).

Volunteering to Help with COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

By Chris Minar, SMS, Coordinator, Digital Marketing and Communications



As the fight against COVID-19 continues, the demand for the vaccine still outpaces distribution. [According to the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), the United States is averaging over one-hundred thousand cases of COVID-19 every 7 days. These staggering numbers underscore the need for volunteers who can help distribute the vaccine. NCCAOM Board-Certified Acupuncturists® have the training and qualifications to aid in this crisis.

The opportunity to get NCCAOM Board-Certified Acupuncturists® involved as volunteers with the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine was brought to the NCCAOM's attention by Dr. Kris Justesen, O.M.D., Dipl. O.M. (NCCAOM)®, LAc. Dr. currently volunteers by distributing the COVID-19 vaccine in Salt Lake City, Utah, through the [Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\)](#). As a Licensed Acupuncturist (LAc.) for over 25 years, Dr. Justesen is an active member of the acupuncture medicine profession. NCCAOM would like to thank Dr. Justesen for helping bring this volunteer opportunity to NCCAOM Board-Certified Acupuncturists®. Together we can help our communities and bring awareness to the acupuncture medicine profession.

For more information and to read the full article [click here](#).



NCCAOM Diplomate Spotlight: DahVid Weiss, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)[®], LAc, DOM, PhD



DahVid Weiss, Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)[®], LAc, DOM, PhD has over 28 years of professional experience within Holistic environments. After starting his personal journey of self-discovery and enlightenment many years ago, he naturally transitioned into the professional calling of Asian Medicine. A multi-modality healer, teacher, and mentor, DahVid's Certified Acutonics[®] classes and retreats are known to be dynamic, healing, and exciting. He is passionate in his goal to "tune the world."

NCCAOM: It's wonderful that you are an NCCAOM National Board-Certified Acupuncturist with your own practice, Resonance Health Center in Asheville, NC. Tell us a little about how Resonance Health Center was started?

Dr. DahVid Weiss: Resonance Health Center was started in 1999. It was the culmination of many ideas that came to fruition. It started with the idea that people needed a place to evolve, grow, be nurtured, and partner with me on their health journey. It is also a place where people come to meet others, have a cup of tea, take a Qi Gong class, a Acutonics class, or to come and purchase unique items off the shelf!

To read the full Diplomate Spotlight please [click here](#).

To visit the new Diplomate Spotlight web page please [click here](#).