

## **AAC Executive Committee Minutes (Virtual Meeting)**

September 25, 2025

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. LeBaron (President). Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed. New MAC team member, Jamie Perkins was introduced.

**Dr. Kern moved to approve the August Minutes.**

**Motion seconded by Dr. Muchnij. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Kern moved to approve the agenda.**

**Motion seconded by Dr. Muchnij. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Muchnij provided a Treasurer's Report. He stated the AAC has had collections of \$19,326.47, expenses of \$26,907.00, has a closing balance of \$63,638.18, and a bond in the amount of \$19,215.89 maturing in May.

The MAC team discussed efforts to establish a formal budget, including monthly tracking prior to the next EC meeting.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees**

The attendees proceeded to discuss Dr. LeBaron has formed a Past Leadership Committee (PLC) that will be an advisory committee to the AAC. The Chair of the PLC will be the Immediate Past President of the AAC. Dr. Bogash (as Immediate Past President) was appointed as Chair of the PLC by Dr. LeBaron. The PLC members will be AAC members in good standing. Members will work to develop mentorship and new doctor programs and assist with insurance coverage issues, legislative advocacy, and other policy initiatives. The Chair will provide a report to the Executive Committee at EC meetings.

### **The following appointments were made by the President (no vote required):**

- Dr. Bogash – Chair, Past Leadership Committee.
- Dr. Hargrave – Chair, Membership & Marketing Committee.
- Dr. Butler – Assistant to the Parliamentarian.
- Dr. Brumgard – Chair, New Doctor Committee.

New Programs: Following a brief discussion, Attorney Lazzara suggested development of a Mentorship & New Doctor program. The attendees informally endorsed Mr. Lazzara helping to develop a New Doctor program.

Mr. Lazzara requested authority to make motions, but not to have a vote on those motions. The attendees supported Mr. Lazzara's request.

He also asked the EC for support in working with the Board of Chiropractic to increase required continuing education credits (CEs) to 15 CE credits annually, with at least 10 CE credits obtained in-person.

The attendees supported Mr. Lazzara working with the AAC to work to increase chiropractic continuing education requirements. The attendees also supported sending this issue to the Government Relations Committee for further work.

**Mr. Lazzara moved** to create a new doctor program (this program would not be mandated), and to work with AAC to increase chiropractic continuing education requirements (through BOC changes).

**Motion seconded by Dr. Muchnij. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Membership & Marketing Report**

- Outreach underway to newly licensed chiropractors.
- Website updated with membership information.
- Proposal: offer a “New Doctor Masterclass” as an incentive.

### **Government Relations Report (Dr. Kern)**

- A meeting was held with Senator Warner; she expressed support for AAC’s legislative agenda.
- Political Action Committee (PAC) in development.
- Lobbyist contract with James Candland under negotiation.

During brief discussion of Mr. Candland’s letter of agreement, Dr. LeBaron suggested that this issue be further discussed under Old Business.

**Dr. LeBaron moved** that AAC adopt the Croft Guidelines as the standard of care in Arizona.

**Motion seconded by Dr. Kern. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Old Business**

- Draft letter to Arizona legislators (pending).
- Cease-and-desist letter (pending).

Dr. LeBaron suggested Dr. Kern negotiate the fee in Mr. Candland’s letter of agreement. He responded to Dr. Bogash that he can always bring other options to the Government Relations committee and the EC, but stated we need to move quickly, and we may need to handle new suggestions over email and then have an email vote. Dr. LeBaron tabled further action at this meeting.

### **New Business**

- District Delegate Appointment: Dr. Alexander Simmons nominated and approved as a district delegate.
- Discussion regarding statutory changes for CAs performing therapies was referred to committee for further review.

**Mr. LeBaron Moved** to approve an honorarium and accommodations for Dr. Arthur Croft as keynote speaker at the 2026 state convention of up to \$6,000 (based on actual expenses).

**Motion seconded by Dr. Kern. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Announcements**

- Attorney Lazzara reported that he has secured \$50,000 in corporate sponsorships for the 2026 AAC convention. He plans to schedule an on-line committee meeting soon.
- Online convention committee meeting to be scheduled.

**Action Items discussed:**

- Chrissy to provide information on New Doctor Program to Dr. Brungard.
- Dr. Bogash to convene Past Leadership Committee.
- Dr. Hargrave to convene Membership Committee meeting.
- Government Relations Committee: Negotiate lobbyist contract.
- Larry to consult on CE changes with Dr. Camacho.
- Treasurer to work with team to arrange travel and accommodations for Dr. Croft.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.