



ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION
of COLORADO

AAC August Newsletter

Happy August,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the bounties of the year and planning for the fall. Please read the following items carefully.

Also, if you have any experience with event planning and/or truly wish to help our profession, we are seeking a conference chair. Thanks to the work of the last two conference chairs, we have a great process in place so there is a lot of support for anyone willing and able to volunteer some time to help.

Enjoy the rest of these warm days and get all the summer joy you can.

Best,

Kacey Wardle, [L.Ac](#)

AAC Board of Directors, President

Next Board meeting is September 13th at 10 am

Please register in advance to attend the next Board meeting via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqd-urrDovEtVCHvijhL947W4UAEdlmZgG>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Practice Act Renewal

Just a reminder that our practice act is coming up for renewal. We have 3 phases to go through with regards to our [Colorado Practice Act](#).

First, starting in October and continuing through June of 2021, a representative from DORA will meet with us to discuss any proposed changes, updates or revisions to our current practice act. DORA will then meet with other professions that are affected by these changes to get their opinions and input. Stakeholders for us will include (but are not limited to) physical therapists, chiropractors, pharmacists, pediatricians and most importantly CMS (Colorado Medical Society).

In the second phase DORA will take our proposed changes and stakeholder positions and draft a bill. The bill will then be presented to the Colorado General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session for approval, if we have done our job right, this is the easy step.

Phase three will then begin which is called rulemaking. Rulemaking is very important because this is where some grey area that gets intentionally written into the bill/law can be more clearly defined through meetings with DORA.

As a profession we need to decide our priorities for the changes/updates, and then which of those are best taken care of in the bill/law writing process or in the rulemaking process.

Watch for upcoming town hall invites in September and October for further input, discussion. Please attend! And please encourage an acupuncture friend to attend and join the AAC. We need all of the financial support we can get to ensure the future of our profession is representing us in the best way.





Lobbyist

As per our policies, the AAC is conducting an RFP to evaluate our lobbying needs. We will be interviewing eligible lobbyists in late August.



Calling all volunteer enthusiasts!

We are looking for a Conference Chair

Do you love to volunteer but haven't found the right opportunity? The AAC is urgently seeking a volunteer to chair the Conference Committee. The AAC annual conference is held in April and is our biggest fund-raiser. It's a great opportunity for Colorado acupuncturists to come together to socialize and be present at the AAC annual meeting. The venue and speaker for 2021 are already set up, the conference chair will help to organize volunteers, help get the flow of the conference going, and help to set up the speaker for 2022. You will have plenty of help. Please email info@acucol.com for more info.





Injectables

For those of us who do injectables, there's been an email from MediNatura, a main supplier, asking for some help:

The FDA has issued a warning letter regarding the safety of homeopathic injections and has ordered their agents to not allow them to enter the country. MediNatura is suing to reverse these actions because doctors deserve to have the option to offer patients natural alternatives to big-pharma drugs. The FDA's own database proves our safety. MediNatura's injections have been sold in the USA for over 20 years with zero deaths, compared to over 16,000 reported deaths for injected steroids. One serious adverse event for MediNatura and 84,000 for steroids.

How you can help: A clinic in Arizona has written an AMICUS BRIEF which they will be submitting to the judge this August 17. This will voice the opinion of medical practitioners that MediNatura's injections are safe and valuable treatment tools. We'd love for you to be a signatory of this Amicus Brief. To do so, either:

- A) reply to email saying [customerservice@medinatura.com] "Add My Name!", or
- B) print this letter, add your signature (below), and hand it to your MediNatura sales rep.



Earn money for the AAC when you use your loyalty card at King Soopers or City Market.

You, your family, and your friends can all help raise money for the AAC just by doing

the shopping you already do.

Register your rewards card from King Soopers or City Market to the AAC Non-Profit Organization (NPO, number AP717), and the AAC will earn cash for purchases. It only takes a few moments. Here's how to do it:

Online

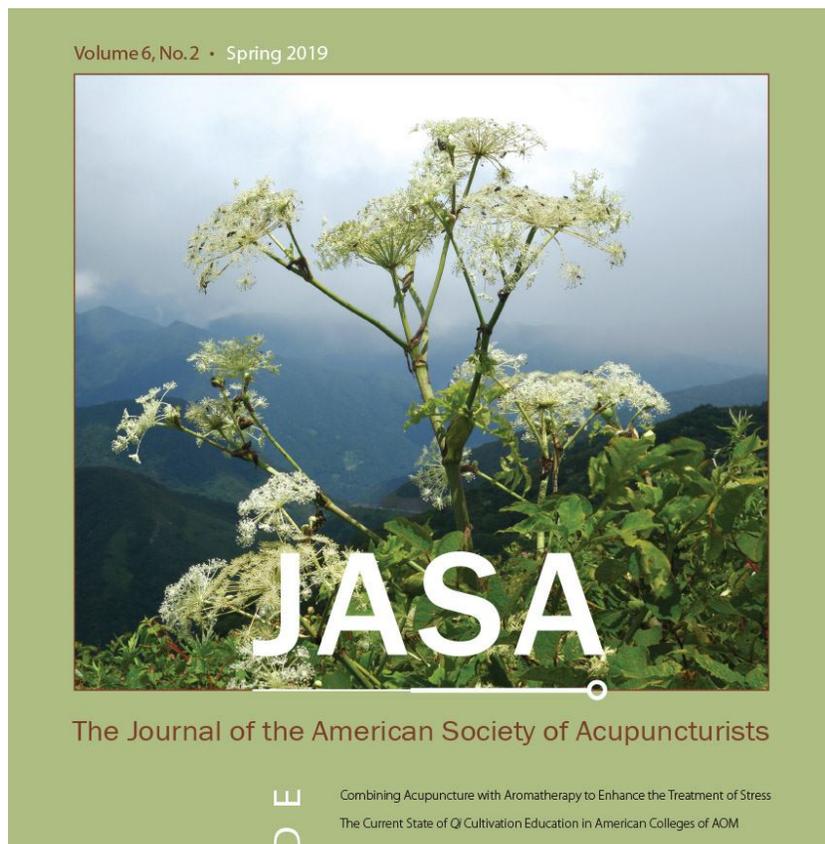
- Sign into your Kings Soopers/City Market account. New users please create an account.
- Look for King Soopers Community Rewards (or City Market) selection under the MENU > SAVINGS> KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS tab.
- Search for the Acupuncture Association of Colorado either by name or AP717 and click enroll.

Phone app

- Sign into your Kings Soopers/City Market account on the phone app.
- Tap the 3 bars menu tab on the upper right. Tap Rewards. Tap Community Rewards.
- Follow the instructions for enrollment. Search for the Acupuncture Association of Colorado either by name or AP717 and click enroll.

Easy-peasy. It's free money for the AAC that doesn't cost you anything. The AAC thanks you!

For any questions contact the AAC at 303.572.8744 or email info@acucol.com





Did you know?

Issues of JASA (formerly Meridians) is available free to members? JASA is a Medline compliant, peer reviewed journal that features scientific articles focusing on the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine. The journal is indexed in EBSCO's international Academic Search database and CINAHL, which provides broad content coverage for a number of nursing specialties. Access it in the members section for the AAC website: <https://acucol.com/page-18083>

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