



ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION *of* COLORADO

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The mission of the AAC is to provide a unified voice to practitioners and students of AOM by involving and communicating with members, educating the public, and influencing legislation to promote and protect AOM in Colorado.

2019 Annual Conference



**April 13-14th, 2019
featuring Lonny Jarrett**

Denver Marriott- Westminster
7000 Church Ranch Blvd
Westminster, CO 80021

We are excited to announce that **Lonny Jarrett** is returning to Colorado this year to share even more of his knowledge

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year from your all volunteer AAC Board!

Do you love our updated look? We do! We hope that you agree that it is more reflective of our profession's strong and dynamic medicine, as well as the positive direction we strive to lead healthcare here in Colorado.

With that attitude in mind, we are pleased to announce our first **Day at the Capitol on Monday, March 4, 2019.**

Please mark your calendars and join us for the morning session of meeting our Colorado State legislators and their staff from 8-10am at the Capitol Building. Make a day of it and join us for lunch and an optional private tour of the building and dome. Look for the sign up to reserve your space coming to you next week. We hope to see many of you from all around the state come and let your legislators see that we are a substantial organization!



More details to follow!

and wisdom with us! A variety of industry resources will be a part of our Exhibitor Hall with lots of giveaways and we will be holding our largest association fundraiser- the Silent Auction (please email conferencecomm@acucol.com if you would like to donate to this initiative). Please also join us Saturday night for live music and drinks at our annual Member (and non-member) Mixer.

[Learn more here.](#)

Material will be drawn from, "The Clinical Practice of Chinese Medicine" by Lonny Jarrett.

- What is an acupuncture point?
- How are point like archetypes?
- How do they work?
- What is the role of intention in activating point function?
- What is the relationship between a point's name and its function?
- What is the relationship between an acupuncture point and it's meridian?
- How to design treatments that resonate with the patient's functional dynamics while considering, time, weather, season, signs, and symptoms.

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Lonny Jarrett is our speaker for the 36th Annual AAC conference, April 13-14 and Early Bird Registration is now open. This is a great opportunity to invite your out of state acu-friends for a visit to share in a unique learning experience here in our beautiful state this spring.

JOIN IN ALL THE FUN

One of the most important aspects of our conference is our membership meeting during the Saturday lunch. We are looking for people willing to do the often unglamorous work of promoting our profession, growing membership, working on legislation and planning meetings and conferences. Many hands make light work and despite being a bit short handed this year, we have made impressive progress.

I'm asking YOU to think about how you might be able to give some time to the AAC. If you are hesitant to committing to a board position, how about joining a committee or taking on a limited project that needs doing?

LEGISLATION AND RULE MAKING

Currently, we are engaged in the legislative process to fix language around substance procurement for those practitioners practicing injection therapy. Additionally, we are monitoring all legislation that has the potential to affect or provide opportunities for our profession including the bills coming out of the Opioid and Other Addictive Substances Committee.

On the Physical Therapist practice act as it regards dry needling, we have had representation at all appropriate meetings and submitted our documentation requesting substantially increased training and safety measure. When they have finalized their process, we will share the results as we receive them.

We love to hear from you with ideas and feedback, and offers of assistance!

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ASA Update

Fellow AAC members, as a member of the AAC you are automatically a member of the American Society of Acupuncturists as well. Please take a look at their “Year in Review” and note their upcoming annual conference in May, 2019 “The State of Our Union” where many topics will be explored including insurance, research, the Military, underserved communities, pain management, and Federal legislation.

[Link for the “Year in Review”](#)

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