



ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION  
of COLORADO

## AAC July Newsletter

Greetings,

We, the AAC Board of Directors, hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the delights of the summer fire/heart phase of the year. Strengthening relationships and finding joy in small places in this seemingly turbulent time.

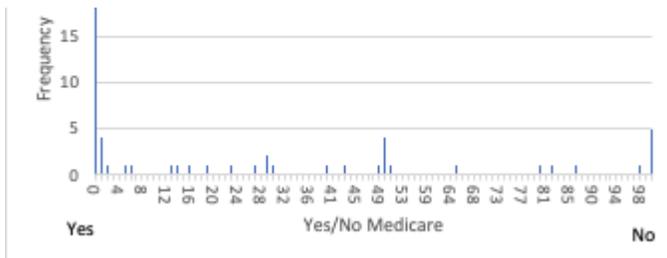
At the AAC, we too have been in transition. We are working to mend old relationships, grow new ones and strengthen existing ones.

On June 20th, we elected our new [Executive Team and Committee Chairs](#). As President, I can say without a doubt that everyone has jumped in with two feet and is working hard for our profession. I am honored and excited to see how this board, with your help through participation in surveys, townhalls and upcoming trainings, will guide and grow our profession in this pivotal time.

In the next month, look for information regarding invitations to participate in *trainings and workshops on diversity, equity and inclusion* both in our clinic work and on a structural level within the profession. Additionally, we will be hosting a Townhall Practice Act Priorities with our lobbyist and legislative team for all Colorado acupuncturists to give input on what they need in terms of state law to grow and make their work thrive

As for the ASA medicare survey results, Colorado acupuncturists voted to support the ASA directing lobbying efforts to become medicare providers. We had 54 surveys completed with on a scale from 0-100 (0 being everyone in support) Colorado had a mean of 27.98.





We are still waiting for more detailed report on the results, once we have that we will share it with you.

Lastly, HB 1085 which would have made available 6 acupuncture, PT, OT and Chiro sessions for anyone needing opioid medication was vetoed by Governor Polis. Next year, he has committed to revisiting the legislation but wants to more about the fiscal implications. Thank you for everyone who sent letters, called and posted on social media, even though it didn't work out this year, we were heard and there is a lot of hope.

Please find below information and trainings we thought would be useful to you.

In Health,

Your AAC Board of Directors and President, Kacey Wardle



[FSMTB Offers Free Cultural Competence Course on Prejudice, Racism & Discrimination Through July 31](#)

[Cultural Competence: Prejudice, Racism & Discrimination](#)(For Massage and Bodywork Professionals) In this course, learners will explore cultural biases and the inherent prejudice and discrimination that result. A variety of different types of biases will be addressed, as well as the concepts of privilege, and an exploration of how bias and privilege affect our society at large. These topics will then be explored in relation to massage and bodywork and how massage and bodywork professionals can be aware and cognizant of their actions and the actions of others.

Please click here to register and take this free course: <https://reach4ce.org/catalog/info/id:152>



**Just a reminder of the VHA 1 hr live webinar on July 23rd.** Please [see attached](#)

[announcement](#) regarding a live, knowledge-based presentation that will provide an overview of the whole health system of care implementation in VHA to date, a summary of the evidence for several complementary and integrative health approaches provided in this model, and a discussion around provision of CIH within VHA and in the community and health-care teams. The presentation is on July 23 at 11am MT. The link to sign up is below or on the [attached document](#).

## Whole Health: Providing Health Care in VHA and in the Community

Registration Links: Non-VA employees click [here](#) to register. VA employees click [here](#) to register.



Happy Birthday to the ASA!

The ASA celebrated 5 years as of July 20th.

As opposed to a direct membership model, the ASA consists of state organizations and their constituents, providing a “bottom up” structure that fosters state autonomy and encourages individuals to support their respective state association(s). The ASA is currently comprised of 34 voting member state associations and their constituents.

### Mission Statement of the ASA:

The Mission of the American Society of Acupuncturists is to promote the highest standards of professional practice for acupuncture and EAM in the United States, thereby to benefit the public health. Through strengthening the profession at the state level while promoting collaboration nationally and internationally, the ASA provides its members, the public, legislators, and regulators resources for ensuring the best expression of this ancient and modern medicine.

- To promote the highest quality of practice for acupuncture and EAM in the United States
- To strengthen AOM state associations, and through them their members
- To collaborate nationally and internationally with policy makers and legislators on behalf of practitioners, state associations, and allied stakeholders

- To provide for members a valuable range of professional networking opportunities, practice development resources, governance training, and operational tools to strengthen the professional representation of the field, to further the business of members, and to safeguard the depth and breadth of AOM
  - To be a resource to the general public, key policy makers, and members of the Western medical community about the benefits of acupuncture and EAM.
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**33** Households

**\$ 425.71**

**Total Donations**

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Register your rewards card from King Soopers or City Market to the AAC Non-Profit Organization (NPO number 42717) and the AAC will earn cash for you whenever

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](mailto:info@acucol.com)*

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### PPP update!

A special thank you to Elaine Wolf Komarow (Acupuncture Society of Virginia) for finding the easier PPP loan forgiveness application:

Many acupuncturists may be able to complete the EZ form for PPP Loan Forgiveness.

- [Check these instructions to see if you qualify.](#)

[If you qualify, here is the EZ PPP Loan Forgiveness form.](#)

If you do not qualify, here is the updated [PPP Loan Forgiveness form](#) with instructions [found here.](#)



## Donations

Water Mama Acupuncture is offering auriculo-acupressure kits for those supporting protests or otherwise supporting actively dismantling systemic racism, prosecution for police murders and brutality, and making sure that ALL Americans receive justice and fair treatment - [#blacklivesmatter](#).

If this describes you, send a message via [watermama.org](https://www.watermama.org) (@watermamaacupuncture on Facebook) with your email address (for access to video instructions) and your mailing address to send the ear seeds kit.

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## Did you Know?

AAC members are entitled to various discounts such as 5% off Lhasa OMS products. -

For more info and to see more AAC discounts, please visit: <https://acucol.com/Member-Benefits>

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