



ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION  
*of* COLORADO



Happy Summer!

I hope this newsletter finds you connecting with loved ones, both friends and family, and feeling restored and rejuvenated. Please read thru for info on upcoming events, membership drives, Practice Act and legislative accomplishments.

The legislative season has ended and the acupuncture profession enjoyed some great success. We thank all the Senators and Representatives who listened to us and sponsored bills that will make acupuncture and non-opioid pain relief options more accessible in Colorado. Special thank you to the primary sponsors Representative Kennedy, Representative Herod, Senator Pettersen, and Senator Priola along with the lobbyists from multiple healthcare professions, including our own Lara Lee, for their coordinated work and support of this initiative.

Also, it became official that in 2023, acupuncture will be an essential health benefit in the state! Another big thank you to our insurance chair, Dr. Tuesday Wasserman, DACM for her extra effort and time here. Job well done.

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Kacey Wardle

AAC President, Board of Directors



## Legislation

It was a very productive year in the Colorado State Government for the AAC. Here are some highlights that our lobbyist, Lara Lee Hullinghorst, has been diligently working on.

- We were added to the Colorado Benchmark Plan as an Essential Health Benefit. This is a vital step forward for those in our profession who are looking for improved pathways to insurance reimbursement. Further, it continues our efforts to improve our legitimacy in the eyes of State and National governments and the Insurance Industry. As a community we know how much we give to the health and welfare of our patient community, but now our contribution is recognized and codified alongside other professions (including Chiropractors, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and others) as an integral part of the complementary healthcare system in Colorado.
- We were included in House Bill 21-1276, concerning the prevention of substance use disorders and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. This is legislation that we have worked hard to be a part of for the past three years. This legislation was signed by the Governor on June 30th, and provisions begin going into effect as early as 2021. Now in statute, this assures that insurance companies in our state will have to allow patients to take advantage of acupuncture, alongside chiropractic, physical therapy, and occupational therapy as an alternative to opioid prescriptions for pain management.

- The Spinal Cord Waiver Program, SB038, (better known as the “SCI Waiver”) was expanded both in terms of available locations and types of patients. All patients, “...diagnosed with a primary condition of a spinal cord injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy, with the total inability for independent ambulatory directly resulting from one of these diagnoses...” can now participate in the program. Further, the program is no longer restricted to certain areas of the Front Range, but is now accessible state-wide. The Chanda Project has worked hard for years getting this program into the system and expanded, and we were happy to be a part of their success this session. We look forward to continuing to assist in better defining what acupuncturists can deliver under the auspices of this program, and also expanding the CPT codes to better reflect what we do.

We are active and respected members of the regulatory rulemaking and other implementation processes that surround all of these steps forward, and as details emerge, we will continue to update the community.

All of this is only the beginning but it is an “Essential” start!

Thank you to Lara Lee Hullinghorst for all of her hard work!



As a followup to the good news regarding the 2021 legislative session, here are lists of those representatives who sponsored [HB1276](#) & [SB038](#).

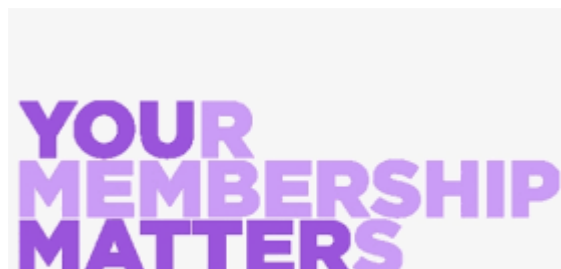
Here is a link to find out who your representatives are:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>

And here is a link with district numbers attached to the representatives' names:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators>

*We encourage members to call, email, or write their legislator a Thank You for their support.*



## Membership

The AAC webpage and membership portal needs updating - and we are working on it - so thank you for your patience. However, as we have been updating we have noticed many lapsed memberships. We think this is because our system has not been easy to renew or update..

We really need support from you as part of the acupuncture community to build a strong advocacy and your membership is the easiest way to do this.

So please take a moment to update your membership status if it has lapsed, we will be sending emailed invoices to lapsed memberships and hope you consider rejoining.

The AAC is working hard to strengthen our community and will use your membership monies to build a healthy, potent and effective voice for Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine to be an integral component of health care in Colorado.

If you have not joined ever, please consider doing so now and encourage your friends to join also! Only together can we continue to advocate for our patients access to our care, and our professions ability to practice as we are trained.

JOIN or RENEW NOW



[Movement In the Park \(https://acucol.com/event-4421460\)](https://acucol.com/event-4421460)

Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Washington Park - Picnic area #2

## **You are Invited!**

We are proud to present two movement art practitioners of Capoeira and Tai Chi, Qi Gong for the entire family to enjoy! A masterful blend of art and medicine will be demonstrated with a chance to try these techniques for yourself!

Join us at Picnic Site #2 from 5-5:30 for refreshments and a Meet 'n Greet with Corey Brown, LAc of Natural Flow of Life Acupuncture & Herbs and Cerise McCaston.

From 5:30-6:30 Cerise brings to you the breath and movement of Tai Chi, Qi Gong. Followed by Corey at 6:30 showing us his moves!

Bring your family, friends, neighbors and more to this FREE event! Pack a picnic, blanket or chair and stay for the evening. All donations support the AAC and our ability to present events such as this.

See you there!

If you can't make it but still want to donate, you can! [Click here](#). The AAC thanks you!



## **Atlantic Symposium**

The AAC is excited to announce a new member benefit that comes with our partnership with the [Atlantic Symposium](#)! The Atlantic Symposium is a conference focused on the Business, Advocacy & Research of Acupuncture for Licensed Acupuncturists, by Licensed Acupuncturists. They are dedicated to moving L.Acs from Surviving to Thriving! This In-Person event is being held at Wild Dunes Resort, in sunny Isle of Palms, South Carolina, November 7-9, 2021.

As an AAC Member, you will receive the following benefits for those attending Atlantic Symposium:

- 10% Discount on Registration to Atlantic Symposium (State Membership will

be verified)

- Free Attendance to Atlantic Symposium Networking Reception November 7th, 2021
- All-Access Pass to Conference Sessions & Exhibits November 8-9, 2021
- Catered Reception, Networking Breaks and Lunches Provided Throughout Conference
- Free Advocacy Training through AcuCongress for ASNY Members
- Free Registration and Attendance to AcuCongress National Virtual Fly-In December 8, 2021
- Free Registration & Annual Membership to Today's AcuPractice
- Room Rates at 4-Star Wild Dunes Resort of \$138/night
- Practitioner CEUs for NCCAOM Approved, California CEUs are Pending

Look out for a detailed email later this week with more information. Meanwhile, if you want to sign up for the early bird discount, use code AAC2021.

For more info and to register for Atlantic Symposium:

<https://www.atlanticsymposium.com>



### **Master Tung Training in Sheridan, WY**

An Introduction to Master Tung's Points & Treatment Methods with Dr. Elizabeth Fordyce, D.O.M.

#### **Course Description:**

This hands-on seminar will be focused primarily on the treatment of pain, beginning with an introduction to Image correspondence and Channel correspondence (commonly referred to as the Balance Method). These relationships are foundation pieces in Master Tung's Distal treatment methodologies. The remainder of the weekend will be focused on learning the location, indications and application of the most commonly used points in Master Tung's point system.

15 NCCAOM PDAs

Date & Time: Sept. 18th & 19th, 2021 9:00am - 5:30pm

Location & Accommodation:  
HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER  
1809 SUGARLAND DRIVE  
SHERIDAN, WY 82801

**Fees:**

Early Bird Rates (register by 8/18/2021)

\*WAS Member \$325 \*Non WAS Member \$375 \*Student \$200

Registration after 8/18/2021

\*WAS member \$350 \*Non WAS Member \$400 \*Student \$250

Registration is now open!

Every registrant is entered to win a NCCAOM \$290 voucher for certification/recertification.

Read more about the instructor, Elizabeth Fordyce, D.O.M., details about the seminar, and all about registration here: <http://wyoas.org/registration.html>



Thank you to everyone's ongoing support in the King Sooper's Community Reward Program! Every little bit counts.

If you don't already know, you can 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 to set it up. Here's how:

Online

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- 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)

#### **REMINDER:**



The next Board meeting is this coming Sunday, Aug 1, 2021 at 10 am.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710589457?  
pwd=dFQ5MnQzTGhhQ2VJSE1VFR6ZkpFZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710589457?pwd=dFQ5MnQzTGhhQ2VJSE1VFR6ZkpFZz09)

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

*Our mission is to advance the profession of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine as an integral component of health care in Colorado.*



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