



ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION  
*of* COLORADO



Happy Fall!

What a fall. How lucky are we to live in such a beautiful place. As the season is starting to change, a lot is going on for acupuncturists on a legislative and community level.

We are looking forward to our conference next spring, as well as preparing for the 2022 legislative session where the bill for our Practice Act will be up. This is an exciting opportunity for acupuncturists in Colorado to make sure we can practice at the top of our training to help our patients and our practices for the next decade. Our motto for both our conference and Practice Act this year will be Promoting Prospering Patient Care and Practice Management.

There are quite a few mark your calendar dates in this newsletter, so please pay attention and please do so. We need all your help, support and membership in these next six months to set up Colorado Acupuncturists to be prosperous going forward.

We are asking if you are not a member to please consider joining, as well as if you are able to donate to our 2021 Practice Act legislative fund, please do so. Without a conference this past year, we need your monetary support. If you are unable to donate - remember, you can also add the AAC to your King Soopers Community Rewards. Please see the bottom of the newsletter to learn how to do this.

For all those who are members and have supported the AAC for years, Thank you! Your membership is so appreciated and we are working to get you even more membership benefits and grow our ability to work for acupuncturists in Colorado.

Kacey Wardle  
AAC President, Board of Directors



## **Legislation**

Practice Act: On October 15th DORA will release their recommendations for our Practice Act update. We are patiently waiting for this document and are monitoring the best we can. Look for an email that following week with an update for next steps.

Areas we are particularly monitoring:

- Definition of our medicine as both a system of health care and techniques
- Acupuncture Assistants
- Animal Acupuncture
- Biomedical terminology as well as the elimination of some prohibitions (both with labs and Tuina)
- Telehealth
- Title protection - meaning reiterating that only licensed acupuncturists may call themselves acupuncturists
- Possible fines for not communicating with DORA requests in timely manner
- Microneedling and dry needling

## **Medicare:**

The ASA and NCCAOM are hosting a Town Hall this Thursday to update us on the bill that

was introduced for acupuncturists to be able to be Medicare providers.

*Medicare Update: Next Steps for H.R. 4803, Acupuncture for our Seniors Act*

Please register here. <https://www.asacu.org/2021/09/asa-nccaom-town-hall-meeting-september-30th/>

For more information if you are unable to attend the town hall can be found in Acupuncture Today. [https://www.acupuncturetoday.com/mpacms/at/article\\_d.php?id=34083&nr=t](https://www.acupuncturetoday.com/mpacms/at/article_d.php?id=34083&nr=t)

### **Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings:**

Following the busy 2021 Legislative session, our lobbyist and legislative team are busy monitoring and attending stakeholder meetings.

### **Vaccine:**

The AAC is monitoring any movement on a state level and attending stakeholder meetings regarding vaccines. As of now it looks like most city and county health departments will be adopting their own policies and we remind you that as a licensed health professional we are responsible for following these policies.

The AAC Malpractice did a great facebook call on this last week. Please listen to this call if you still have questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/AcupunctureMalpracticeInsurance/videos/4505878316159321/>

The topics they covered include:

1. What are the requirements for the acupuncture provider?
2. Who can mandate vaccines?
3. Misinformation and Misinterpretation.
4. What about mandates to treat Vets?



### **Day at the Capital**

Day at the Capital is back, Wednesday Feb 16 2022. Mark your calendars for this opportunity to join acupuncturists to meet at the State Capitol. Come and talk with state representatives, senators and fellow acupuncturists to lead our profession into the future.

Representative McLaughlin will be our sponsor. Tentatively there will be breakfast and

representative involvement will be our sponsor. Tentatively, there will be breakfast and speakers, then at 11am there will be a tour. Optional lunch to follow. Sign up and schedule will follow in the next newsletter.



## **2022 AAC Conference - Connecting with Colorado acupuncturists in-person and online.**

*Prosperous Patient Management and Patient Care Post Pandemic  
April 23-24, 2022*

Stay tuned for our exciting line of speakers and activities.



### **Fundraising**

Calling out to all acupuncturists and students, we are embarking on our annual fundraising drive for 2021! We are reaching out to the community and asking for a \$20.21 donation.

The income will go directly towards our Practice Act and towards updating our website.

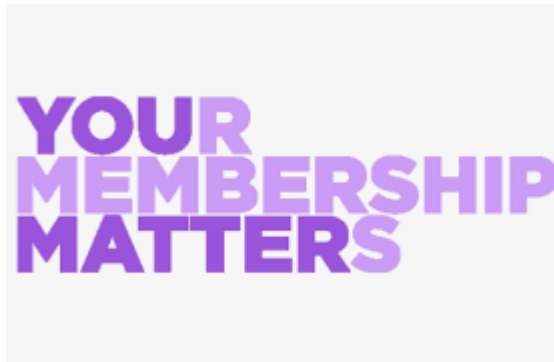
As you may know we are a group of volunteers that represent our state acupuncturists. We enjoy working for you and securing our future. Please consider a donation of \$20.21 to help strengthen our community and our values.

Some of the special projects we have been working on:

1. Lobbying for the Practice Act and securing our profession
2. Reconnecting with a yearly Conference

3. Developing an inclusive culture diversity program, where everyone feels welcomed
4. Providing a \$20.00 contribution to all lawmakers that have supported our profession
5. Updating the website to make it more user friendly

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## **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.

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

If you have not joined yet, 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



### 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

Please use the following code for the 10% discount: AAC2021.

For more info and to register for Atlantic Symposium: <https://www.atlanticsymposium.com>





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

- 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)

#### **REMINDER:**





The next Board meeting is this coming Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 at 10 am.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrf-CrrTksHdT-Cj\\_QYWHOldciMz3IaeCNk](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrf-CrrTksHdT-Cj_QYWHOldciMz3IaeCNk)

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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