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Welcome to the new look of the online TAAOM newsletter. The association will be sending you a regular online newsletter to help keep you informed of events, legislative initiatives and general news of the association.

TAAOM 2010 Election Results

On April 25, 2010, at the Annual Meeting of the TAAOM, followed by an organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, elections were held for open director positions and selection of officers. The new TAAOM Board of Directors and officers are as follows:

John Paul Liang, President/Director

J. Paul Abadie, Vice President/Director

Cathy Liu, Treasurer/Director

Wally Doggett, Secretary/Legislative Chair/Director

Charng-Jian Jin, Fundraising Chair/Director

Betsy Lu, Membership Chair/Director

William R. Morris, Director

Mei-Fun Liu "Marie" Tsai, Director

Tam Khai Thai, Director

Leslie Graham, Alternate Director

Leslie Meyers, Alternate Director

Congratulations and thanks to all of you for your willingness to serve!

TAAOM Administrative Support Staff

In an effort to improve communication and services of the association, Tim Weitz, JD, CAE, has been retained to serve as the TAAOM Executive Director. Mr. Weitz is a licensed Texas attorney practicing in Austin. He has extensive experience in

health care provider licensing and regulation, and is a frequent speaker on health care legal matters. He has also served as a lobbyist for a number of associations, and is often called upon to assist in grass roots lobbying efforts. He is a board certified association executive and is board certified in administrative law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. His 24-year career includes service as a Marine Corps Judge Advocate as well as in the role of General Counsel to the Texas Medical Board and the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners. He is joined on staff by association veteran Jeni Leans, CAE, CMP, and Debbi Toh. Ms. Leans holds dual certifications as a Certified Association Executive and Certified Meeting Planner, and Debbi Toh, is a highly experienced Director of Finance. Welcome aboard!

Ongoing Projects

With the new TAAOM staff in place, there are a number of projects in the works. The staff will be reviewing association governance documents in order to make recommendations for improvements and procedural streamlining at the next directors' meeting. The staff is also working on a continuing education course offering to bring in much needed revenue. Preliminary plans are to offer the course in at least four major cities and on line. Contemporaneously, efforts are ongoing to overhaul the website as well. In addition, staff will be upgrading and computerizing the TAAOM's financial tracking efforts, coordinating a member recruitment campaign, participating in meetings of the Texas Board of Chiropractors Advisory Committee on Acupuncture, and monitoring efforts of the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners (TSBAE) to clarify the use of the doctor designation by licensed Texas acupuncturists. It is further anticipated that the staff and the Board of Directors will soon embark on strategic planning which will be tied directly to a new budget. Periodic email updates will be provided to the membership.

May 14 Meeting of Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

The Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners (TSBAE) will be holding its regular meeting on May 14, 2010 at 333 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas. During this meeting, the TSBAE is expected to once again take up the use of the "doctor" designation by licensed Texas acupuncturists. The TAAOM will have representatives on hand to monitor this meeting, express community concerns, and establish itself as a stakeholder for future developments in this area or regulation. The public is encouraged to attend. More information is available on the Texas Medical Board website at www.tmb.state.tx.us or you can contact the TAAOM Executive Director at the phone number provided below.

New TAAOM Contact Information

The association has changed its main phone number and mailing address in the hope of better serving the membership. The new phone number is 512.769.5179. The new mailing address is TAAOM, PO Box 92826, Austin, Texas 78709-2826. Member input and feedback is always welcome. To join the TAAOM, fill out and return a membership application which can be found online at www.taaom.org or obtained by mail by calling the association office. There is strength in numbers. Make your voice count. Renew your membership or join today.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their membership renewal.

This is a reminder that all TAAOM memberships expire on December 31st of each year. If you have not sent in your 2010 Membership Application, please go to the [TAAOM website](#) and download your renewal paperwork.

Only verified members will receive future TAAOM Newsletters.