



AAOM National CPT Advisory Task Force Members

1. **Connie Taylor, LAc, Co-Chair/AAOM National CPT Advisory Task Force**
Association: President, California State Oriental Medical Association (CSOMA)

Connie Taylor, LAc, Co-Chair, President, California State Oriental Medical Association (CSOMA), attended Royal University in Los Angeles, became licensed in 1990. Taylor practices in California and is founder of Family Acupuncture Clinic.

2. **Shane Burras, MTOM, LAc, Co-Chair/AAOM National CPT Advisory Task Force**
Association: Director & Committee Chair, AIMS (CA)

Shane Burras, MTOM, LAc, spent 18 years in the commercial insurance industry before transitioning into the career of his choice as an acupuncturist. He graduated from Yo San University and recently completed his acupuncture orthopedics training. He practices in both Beverly Hills and Thousand Oaks and teaches seminars in Commercial Insurance Billing. Currently, he is the acting Chair of the Insurance Committee for Acupuncture and Integrated Medicine Specialists (AIMS – CA).

3. **Gene Bruno, OMD, LAc, President Emeritus, AAOM**
Association: AAOM

Gene Bruno, LAc, OMD, began his studies in acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in 1969 with the Institute for Taoist Studies. He is a graduate of the Hong Kong Acupuncture College. He co-founded the first two colleges of acupuncture in the U.S. and was a staff acupuncturist at the UCLA Medical School and also was a staff acupuncturist at Harvard Medical School. He has over 34 years experience and has practiced in Oregon since 1976. He was a member of the Acupuncture Committees for Washington and Oregon, and has been an advisor to the Medical Boards for a number of other States. Gene Bruno currently practices in Oregon and has also been licensed in Washington, California, and Alaska. He has a doctorate degree in Oriental Medicine that is recognized by the State of Oregon's post secondary educational agency. Currently he is on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Oriental Medicine and the President Emeritus of the AAOM.

4. **Rebekah Christensen, AAOM Executive Director**
Association: AAOM

Executive Director, Rebekah Christensen, is past executive director of the California State Oriental Medical Association (CSOMA), brings 24 years of professional experience in business start-up, marketing and business management. For the past two and one-half years Christensen has worked with UCLA, Department of Family Medicine, David Geffen School

of Medicine, and CSOMA in conducting Acupuncture research; *The Licensed Acupuncturist Collaborative Study*. She was the national director of a technology transfer program for sustainable development for the U. S. Department of Energy and Defense, responsible for drafting amending text (AB2610) to California's Mello-Roos law for the purpose of providing multi-million dollar funding for the cleanup of contaminated sites, and was a municipal bond broker/coordinator for E. F. Hutton, Santa Maria, California.

5. Edith R. Davis, LAc

Association: Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Association of Minnesota

Edith Davis, L.Ac, was among the first acupuncturists to come out of the closet in Minnesota 25 years ago. She served on the NCCA for eight years as consultant and commissioner. Davis founded the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies in 1990 (now known as Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine), and is now President Emeritus. She was one of the first president's of Acupuncture Association of Minnesota (now known as Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Association of Minnesota). Davis has practiced for 25 years as The Healing Point Traditional Acupuncture Center.

6. Rhonda Feiman, DOM

Association: Maine Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

7. Martin Herbkersman, MTOM, DAc, LAc, Director, AAOM Insurance Chair

Association: AAOM

Dr. Martin Herbkersman, DAc, DiplAc, DiplCH, DiplOM, MTOM, LAc, is an Acupuncturist and Herbalist with a private practice in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated summa cum laude from one of the finest acupuncture schools in the country, Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine in Santa Monica, California. He is National Board Certified (NCCAOM) in Acupuncture, Chinese Herbology, and Oriental medicine and holds licenses in California, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. He is also a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine and is working with fertility specialists to explore the efficacy of acupuncture and herbal medicine in a modern fertility clinic. Dr. Herbkersman is currently working to improve the climate for Acupuncturists in his home state by actively lobbying the General Assembly. He is married and has 4 children.

8. Ted Kraines, LAc

Association: AOMSO (OR)

9. Peter Lichtenstein, DC, CCSP, LAc

Association: Acupuncture Society of New York (ASNY)

Dr. Peter Lichtenstein, is a Chiropractor, Certified Chiropractic Sports Practitioner, and Nationally Board Certified (NCCAOM) in Acupuncture. He has been studying oriental medicine since 1978 when he first studied shiatsu with Waturo Ohashi. He graduated in 1992 from Northwestern College of Chiropractic and in 1993 from the first acupuncture school in Minnesota, the Northern School of Chinese Medicine. He opened an Acupuncture Fertility

Clinic in Minnesota in 1992. He then moved to New Paltz, New York and began his family practice there, treating rock climbers, kayakers, men, women and children of all ages. He has held positions as the past Treasurer, Vice President and Newsletter Editor in local NYS Chiropractic Association (NYSCA), past Member of the House of Delegates in the NYSCA, and is on the Board of Directors in ASNY. At present he also teaches acupuncture as an associate professor at The Northwestern Health Science University in Minnesota.

10. Michael McCoy, ED

Association: AOM Alliance

11. Atara Noiade, MSci, LAc, DOM, AP

Association: AAOM

Atara Noiade, MSci, LAc, DOM, AP, studied and received her degree from Southwest Acupuncture College. While residing in New Mexico, Dr. Noiade was the President of the OM Association of NM. She has since moved and practices OM in Sarasota, Florida. Atara serves on the AAOM Board of Directors and is the Chair of the Herbal Committee.

12. William Morris, LAc, OMD, MEd, President, AAOM

Association: AAOM

William Morris, LAc, OMD, MEd, President, AAOM, Dean of Educational Advancement at Emperor's College in Santa Monica, is the president of the AAOM Board of Directors, and lectures internationally on Oriental medicine. He has 20 years clinical experience with pulse balance styles based on lineage, classics, and contemporary practitioners.

13. Sabine Pater, LAc

Association: Oregon Acupuncture Association

14. Yolanda Marin-Sandoval

Association: CSOMA Executive Director

15. Christina Wolf, MAOM, Lic Ac

Association: New Hampshire Association for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine

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