



ASIAN MEDICINE

ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ARIZONA

2022 accomplishments

January

- AZ SB 1080 Bill introduced by Senator Nancy Barto (R) passed unanimously on both sides of the House. SB 1080 expansion includes:
- Acupuncture defined as “medicine”
- Acupuncture Assistant
- Use of injections, use of an acupuncture assistant, use of herbal therapies, ability to prescribe diagnostic labs and testing, use of lasers.
- Use of decision-support tools, including physical and clinical examination.
- Ability to order diagnostic imaging and clinical labs
- Use of ion cord devices, electroacupuncture, herbal therapies, nutritional counseling, therapeutic exercise, and nonionizing lasers

July

- Initiation of national injection and acupuncture assistant certification with NCCAOM
- \$5k grant awarded for financial software
- Purchase of membership software to ensure smooth communication as well as event and membership registration
- Proposed language for SB 1080 draft rules to AZ State Board of Acupuncture

August

- Executive Director/lobbyist hired

September

- Substantive Policy Statements | Acupuncture Board of Examiners (az.gov) announced and posted

October

- Internal Structure redesign complete with new bylaws,
- New AMAAZ website launched
- New membership software launched
- New financial software launched

- Purchase of D&O insurance
- Acupuncture Day Proclamation signed by Gov. Ducey
- Held our first marketing event for members
- Participated in our first community event (25th Asian American Festival) celebrating Asian American culture as well as AHM Day 2022

November

- Applied for a state grant for opioid recovery which has three programs for a total of \$750k. AMAAZ will know if we are recipients by the end of January 2023.

2023 Goals and Events

“Strength in Numbers”

January to April – Arizona legislative session is open. AMAAZ will be submitting language to ensure all techniques and therapies taught in school are covered under our scope.

January – Open elections for board members

February – February 5th, Chinese New Year. Information will be posted on the website.

March – TBD

April – TBD

May – TBD

June – TBD

July – TBD but we are hoping to begin CEUs which match the expansion of our SB 1080 scope.

August – TBD

September - TBD

October – Annual Member meeting on the 3rd Sunday (October 15th)

November – TBD

December - TBD