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ACUPUNCTURE BOARD APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SACRAMENTO—The California Acupuncture Board has appointed Benjamin Bodea as its new executive officer, effective October 12, 2016.

Mr. Bodea has served as the board's acting executive officer since March, overseeing the board's operations and managing a staff of 12. In this role, he initiated the regulatory process for an omnibus package to refine the board's regulations, among other accomplishments.

He joined the board as an administrative assistant in 2010, working his way through the ranks in roles that allowed him to amass broad experience in stakeholder relations, enforcement, administration and more.

He studied cognitive science at the University of California, Berkeley, and is a certified massage practitioner.

The Acupuncture Board—part of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)—licenses and regulates acupuncturists in California. The board administers an examination that tests an applicant's ability, competency, and knowledge in the practice of an acupuncturist; issues licenses to qualified practitioners; approves and monitors students in tutorial programs; approves acupuncture schools and continuing education providers and courses; and enforces the Acupuncture Licensure Act.

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