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Message from Robert E. Smith, Ph.D., Chair, Advisory Board

ICAOM's Advisory Board is a volunteer organization comprised of supporters of ICAOM who represent different professional fields relevant to ICAOM's mission. The Board includes health professionals, attorneys, academics from different fields, an accountant, and from time to time others as deemed useful for the Institute. Meeting three times each year, the Board receives reports from both the Institute's CEO, Dr. Wai Hoa Low, and its Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Edmund Bernauer.

The Advisory Board reviews ICAOM's Annual Report to ACAOM, the Institute's annual budget, and, perhaps most important, ICAOM's activities as the school proceeds to fulfill the goals of its Strategic Plan. As it deems



appropriate, the Advisory Board makes recommendations to ICAOM's Governing Board and to the Institute's administration.

Among other tasks attended to by the Advisory Board, it reviews the Institute's progress in meeting ACAOM's requirements for continued accreditation. In response to those requirements, the Board has worked with the administration to ensure that academic, clinical, library and financial goals are met. In the

last capacity the Advisory Board has encouraged the establishment of the Friends of ICAOM, a not-for-profit organization that will raise funds to permit the expansion of training in Oriental medicine in Honolulu.

Earlier activities of the Board were to assist ICAOM meet the requirements for reaccreditation by ACAOM, a highly successful endeavor that resulted in a maximum (5-year) reaccreditation for the school. Noteworthy among the changes recommended by the Board, and accepted by ICAOM's administration and Governing Board, were the establishment of the school's Committee on Educational Policy, under

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Special points of interest:

H.R. 646 would amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of qualified acupuncturist services under part B of the Medicare Program, and to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for coverage of such services under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Renew your Acupuncture License online by midnight (HST), June 30, 2009 at: pvl.hawaii.gov/renewals

Renewals after June 30, 2009 will not be accepted online and must be submitted by mail or in person.

Perspectives on ICAOM's Future Ambitions by Alicia Yang, M.Ed. Public Relations Coordinator

ICAOM hosted a celebratory dinner on February 6, 2009 at the Empress Restaurant to usher in the Year of the Ox and gather important feedback with regards to ICAOM's exciting direction for the future. As students, faculty and alumni feasted over Peking duck and an array of delicious entrees, Dr. Robert Smith, Advisory Board Chair, opened the discussion on ICAOM's intention to establish a doctoral program as well as announced the creation of the Friends of ICAOM to help foster and develop new fundraising campaigns for the school. In addition, a survey was passed out to gather important feedback from students, alumni and faculty with regard to ICAOM's future. A total of 23 surveys were collected, demonstrating a range of thoughtful perspectives and overwhelming support for the doctoral program and the Friends of ICAOM.

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Message from the Chair of Advisory Board [cont.]

the guidance of the Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bernauer. The CEP includes students and faculty as well as members of the administration, and it reviews and develops academic policies and curricula for the school.

With the Advisory Board's encouragement, and working with the CEP in developing the required curriculum, Dr. Low has submitted an application for ICAOM's certification as a school whose graduates may

apply for licensure in the state of California. This certification will allow our students maximum flexibility in seeking positions following their graduation.

With a wide-ranging purview, ICAOM's Advisory Board thus monitors and contributes to our school's development as Hawaii's leading school of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

Class of 2009 Graduation

Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine

Congratulations to the following candidates:

Katherine Fisher
Patricia Harlan
Heijiro Ikeda
Joong Won Jun
Jennifer Kiser
Sylvia Laakea Laano
Arnaldo Oliveira
Walter Paulino

We are very proud of the above candidates which begin their journey of becoming a healer many years ago. They have gone through our rigorous and demanding masters program. A few of them already have passed the National Board exams and will be licensed to practice acupuncture in Hawaii. ICAOM will be hosting a graduation dinner in honor of their achievements.

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm

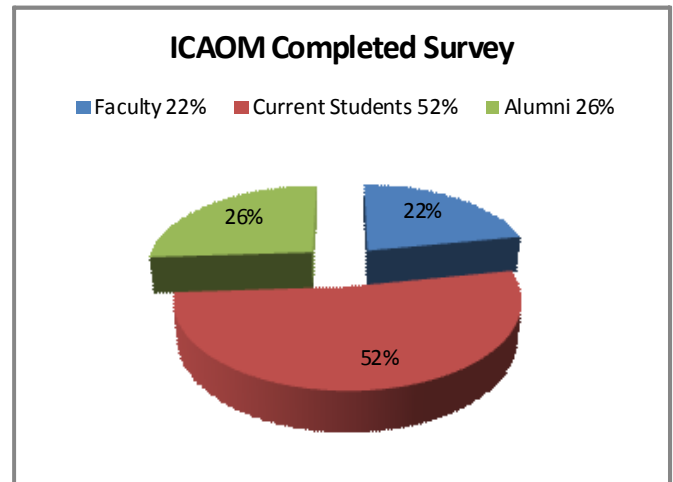
Where: New Empress Restaurant
Chinatown Cultural Plaza, 100 N. Beretania Street

Cost: Graduates Free
Guest \$25
Student \$20

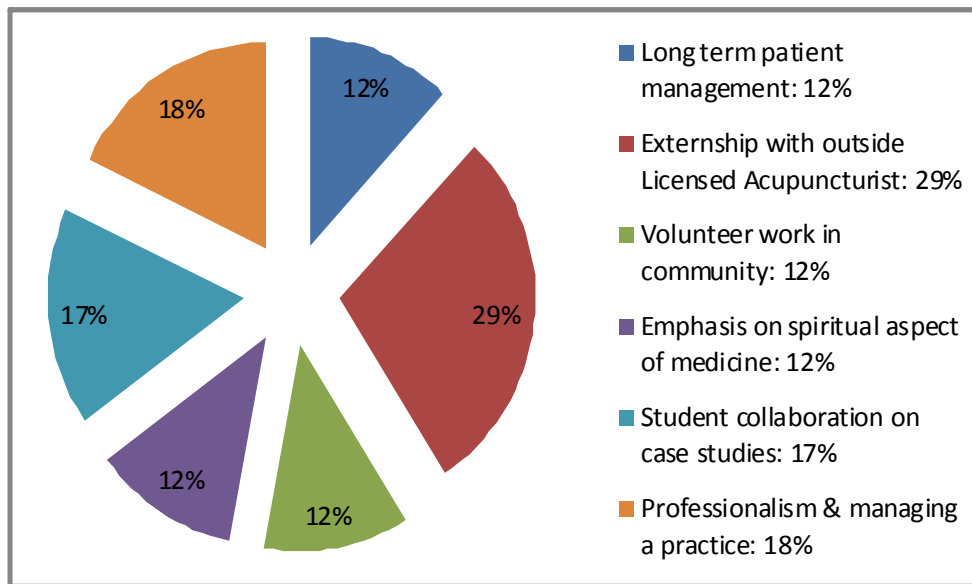
**Tickets are available at ICAOM, please RSVP before May 30, 2009 or contact:
Dr. Wai Hoa Low (521-2288) email: whlow@orientalmedicine.edu**

Perspectives on ICAOM's Future Ambitions [Cont.]

Respondents provided excellent suggestions on how to improve current studies, as well areas of study for the doctoral program. Take a look below at the snapshot of survey results! Although the majority of respondents supported establishing a doctoral program, one respondent gave an alternative view that supported improving the master's program before branching out. "Instead of channeling funds into new development, attention should be given to attracting and retaining top notch teachers for the master's program... While there are some excellent teachers at ICAOM and many aspects of the program are very good, there is much room for improvement. Funds and focus should be applied to bolstering the quality (not the quantity) of education offered at ICAOM. Therefore, a move into offering the doctoral program would not be prudent at this time." Cont. on page 4



Suggestions for Professional Development and Current Studies



HAWAII ORIENTAL MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION (HOMAA) by Craig Twentyman, PhD., L.Ac., President

The Board of Directors of Hawaii Acupuncture Association (HAA) voted to change our name to include oriental medicine as well as acupuncture; during this past year we joined the national AAAOM as a state member. We have working to offer several new opportunities to our members such as discounted insurance and bulk buying of supplies. For a membership application please contact the association at P.O. Box 372011, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817 or email me at dr20man@aol.com. New membership fees are \$100.00 for two years and student membership is \$20.00 per year.

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Please Log-in to Vote at: <http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/widget/200514303.html>



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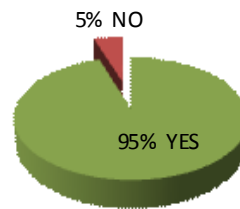
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Perspectives on ICAOM's Future Ambitions [Cont.]

This concern, as well as all the perspectives demonstrated, are greatly appreciated and will be taken into careful consideration by the Advisory and Governing Boards. We thank all those that completed the survey and encourage everyone to continue providing feedback and support the crafting of ICAOM bright future!

**Support for Doctoral Program by
Current Students, Alumni, and
Faculty**



**Top Suggested Specialty Areas
for Doctoral Program**

