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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met in regular session on April 7, 2014 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Norene Lind, Board Manager, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Donald Bowman, Professional Member  
Tiffany Gennety, Professional Member  
Melissa Mueller, CMT  
Jill Murphy, Public Member  
Teresa Rivard, Public Member  
Beth Miazaga, Professional Member  
Charlie Franklin, Professional Member

**Members Absent:**

Terese Hunter, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Norene Lind, Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section

**Others Present:**

Karen Armstrong, Beaumont & FSMTB  
Kathy Skubik, Irene's Myomassology Institute  
Dusty Fancher, AMTA  
Su Bibik, IME

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mueller, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting as presented.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Rivard, seconded by Mueller, to approve the agenda with the removal of item "6. B. Resolutions."

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Lind ran the election for Chairperson.

*MOTION* by Murphy, seconded by Rivard, to elect Melissa Mueller as Chairperson.

A voice vote followed.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

Mueller ran the election for Vice-Chairperson.

*MOTION* by Bowman, seconded by Murphy, to elect Franklin as Vice-Chairperson.

A voice vote followed.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Committee Assignments**

Mueller appointed the following people to the following committees:

#### **Rules Committee:**

- Teresa Rivard, Public Member
- Tiffany Gennety, Professional Member
- Beth Miazga, Professional Member

#### **Disciplinary Subcommittee:**

- Teresa Rivard, Chair, Public Member
- Jill Murphy, Public Member

- Tiffany Gennety, Professional Member
- Beth Miazga, Professional Member
- Charlie Franklin, Professional Member

## Administrative Rules

Carpenter shared proposed draft administrative rules with the Board.

*MOTION* by Mueller, seconded by Rivard, to approve the draft rules as presented.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Gennety, Rivard, Murphy, Mueller, Miazga  
Abstain: Bowman, Franklin

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## FSMTB Annual Meeting Update

Mueller attended the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting, October 10-12, 2013, in Baltimore, MD. She shared a summary of topics with the Board, including:

- Availability of the FSMTB annual report on line
- Entry level Analysis project, a project with several organizations partnering to help identify gaps in areas of massage therapy education (ABMP, AMTA, COMTA, NCBTMB)
- ELAP Curriculum Map and Overview (web address)
- Exemptions from massage therapy licensure in various states
- Availability of a single licensure database
- License renewal – Ethics and professional practice courses on line
- MBLEX Update: 72.5% passing rate; testing applicants with disabilities
- New Continuing Education Task Force

## Department Update

Lind spoke about the difficulty of having a separate licensing and disciplinary database for massage therapy. Michigan's 23 health licensing boards operate under an "umbrella board" structure, which means that all boards are housed within a single bureau that is divided by function (licensing, enforcement, etc.). So, all licensees and disciplinary matters are captured in a single shared database, not a separate database for each board.

Carpenter provided a summary of four new public acts that address board member conflict of interest, allegation review, sanctions, and disciplinary subcommittee decisions. [Public Acts 95-98 of 2014]

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Armstrong, commented that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) will be offering CE courses.

Su Bibik provided additional information about the ELAP curriculum and the required documentation necessary for people taking the MBLEX who have learning disabilities.

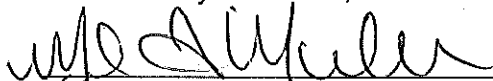
Kathy Skubik recalled lengthy discussions by previous board members about recordkeeping requirements for special events. She also hoped the Public Health Code did not exclude animals from receiving the benefits of massage. She believes the student clinic component within the rules needs to be reorganized into another section. Finally, she believes there should be a meaningful way to verify the curriculums taught by the massage therapy school programs.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

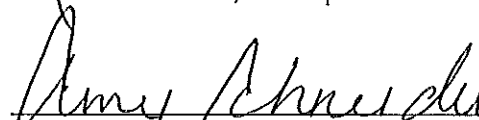
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Bowman, seconded by Miazga, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

  
Melissa Mueller, Chairperson

7/7/14  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

4.7.14  
Date Minutes Prepared