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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MARCH 14, 2011 MEETING

### 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 March 14, 2011, in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Armstrong, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Karen Armstrong, Chairperson  
Michael Ryan, Vice-Chairperson  
Mary Ericson  
Tiffany Hartung, Public Member  
Dennis Hilton-Scheffler  
Bilky Joda-Miller  
Harold Rudnianin

**Members Absent:** Timothy Bograkos, Public Member  
Jodi Kubizna  
Thomas Mackowiak, Public Member  
Amanda West, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Starla Walter, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:** Julie Finn-AMTA  
M.B. Holtz  
Sara Martens - AA Institute of Massage Therapy  
Melanie Gibbs - AA Institute of Massage Therapy  
Dusty Fancher-Midwest St. Group  
Kathy Gauthrie-Irene's  
Brenda Maynard  
Jean Robinson-ABMP  
Nancy Levitt - Lakewood

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Hilton-Scheffler, seconded by Joda-Miller, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Joda-Miller, seconded by Hartung, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Administrative Rules**

Mitchell presented the draft rules to the board. He stated that the proposed language needs to be looked at, discussed and changed if needed. Discussion regarding the rules for chair massage time frames and what is considered an event was held between the Board and Department staff.

*MOTION* by Joda-Miller, seconded by Hartung, to approve the administrative rules with the proposed changes.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

Armstrong opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Hartung nominated Armstrong for chairperson.

Hearing no additional nominations, Armstrong closed nominations for Chairperson.

*Motion* by Hartung, seconded by Rudninanin, to re-elect Karen Armstrong as Chairperson.

Armstrong was re-elected chairperson.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

Armstrong opened the floor for nominations for vice chairperson.

*Motion* by Rudninanin, seconded by Armstrong, to elect Mary Ericson as Vice Chairperson.

*Motion* by Hartung, seconded by Hilton-Scheffler, to elect Bilky Joda-Miller as Vice Chairperson.

Armstrong closed nominations for vice chairperson.

A roll call vote was held.

For Ericson: Rudnianin, Ericson, Armstrong

For Joda-Miller: Hilton-Scheffler, Hartung, Ryan, Joda-Miller

Joda-Miller was elected vice chairperson.

***MOTION PREVAILED***

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

### ***MICHIGAN PROVIDER CREDENTIALS CENTER***

T.J. Bucholz of the Michigan Public Health Institute introduced himself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to share information regarding the MiPCC. He provided the Board with copies of PowerPoint slides regarding this new "paperless" licensing and renewal process and provided a verbal overview of same. Bucholz answered various questions from members of the Board. Bucholz indicated that an information packet is being prepared for board members and Michigan colleges to provide additional guidance.

### **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)**

Ramsdell reported that the Bureau of Health Professions will no longer be under the Department of Community Health. The new department name will be the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Ramsdell stated that all regulatory functions will be in this agency. The Department should be in place by the end of April 2011.

### **Board Appointments**

Ramsdell also stated that the department will be sending out an email to all members with a link to the process to apply for reappointment for those whose terms will expire this year.

### **Rules CTE**

Future discussions regarding rules for continued competence will begin with a subcommittee for initial discussions. Once the committee has reached a consensus, a draft document will be presented to the full board for consideration

Armstrong indicated the new members of the Rules Subcommittee as: Rudanianin, Ericson, Makowakis and Armstrong.

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

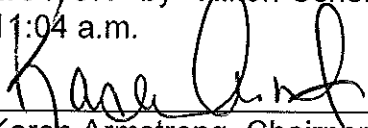
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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Hilton-Scheffler, seconded by Hartung, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

  
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Karen Armstrong, Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Starla Walter, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared