

AMTA RI CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Meeting Location

Joanne Lozy's House

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Cobb, Michaele Colizza, Alda Corderio, Debbie Kilty, Joanne Lozy, Kim Medeiros, Kenji Omori, Cassie Rawcliffe (via phone), Michelle Souza, Suzanne Wilcox (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Bachus, Lou Ann Botsford, Claudia Botthof, Kim Cook, Ellie Field, Marlo Lawrence, Angela Perry-Place, Frank Rapone, Jen Wilkicki

MEETING SCRIBE: Debbie Kilty

Meeting called to order by Michaele at 7:14

Call for new business: Kenji wants to add to new business discussion for next years' National Convention. Regina has an announcement about a member.

Approval of minutes from 8/27/17. Alda motions to approve the minutes
Kenji 2nds the motion. Michaele calls for any discussion of minutes? No discussion
All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining. Minutes approved.

Accounting of Actions from 8-27-17 Board Meeting:

ACTION: Kenji to send google group email invitation to Regina to join GR committee google group
Results: Done Regina received it but has not yet opened and joined group.

ACTION: Joanne will send another email to the GR committee to try to set up date to have Susan van Dell speak on a topic related to GR as yet to be determined.
Result: Done. Mondays will be a good night for an upcoming meeting. Joanne will send out another email to set a date.

ACTION: If Joanne cannot find the information she is looking for regarding national GR strategic planning on the hub or in the hands-on newsletter she will reach out to James Specker at National GR.

Result: Done and Joanne received the information she was looking for and she shared that information with Cassie Rawcliffe.

ACTION: If anyone has any thoughts, questions or comments on the idea of sharing chapter volunteer (people) resources please send to Michaele in the next week or two.

Result: Michaele heard from one person and she was able to ask their question at the national level and receive an answer. The question was in regards to why chapters cannot share volunteer resources. Michaele has been asked to/and has accepted to sit on the National Workgroup in

regards to member volunteers being able to volunteer their time to chapters other than their own state chapter. So, we have a direct line from RI to the powers that be, it relates to RI because of the close geographical location to other states. Kim M. asks if there has been opposition to the sharing of member volunteers? Michaele states that she does not think that opposition to the concept is the problem, but that it has been written into the AMTA bylaws this way. But because of changing opportunities with technology now it's easier for member volunteers to offer up their time and expertise with other chapters, not just their home state.

ACTION: Because a delegation is headed to the National Convention if anyone has any questions they would like asked at the higher level of the national staff at a face to face opportunity please email them to either Michaele or Deb K.

Result: Nothing received.

ACTION: Kenji to check with Joan Tarter Van Hees as to how RegOnline pays us the credit card payments for the convention.

Result: Kenji did make a call to Joan and she hasn't returned call yet. Kenji feels that between himself and Kim C they can handle getting the money out of RegOnline and into our chapter account.

ACTION: Deb K will get dates of Operation Stand Down for Kim C for chapter website and will create constant contact message asking for volunteers

Result: Done

ACTION: Kim C. will go on RegOnline site and get financial information for Kenji regarding credit card payments.

Result: Done

ACTION: Deb K will email to all committees to find out if they want to have a table at the convention in the vendor hall.

Result: Done so far, we have Library, Crisis, GR, Hospitality that have requested tables at the convention in the exhibit hall.

ACTION: Kenji to check with National accounting on the payment for Bill Simas for CPR class and for reimbursement to Joanne.

Result: Kenji trying to have conversation with Ruth at National, but missing connections do to Ruth being out of office.

ACTION: Deb K to resend new contract and reimbursement procedures out to all

Result: Done Was sent out on August 30th.

Financial Administrators Report: Kenji

Kenji has not received August or September statements yet from National accounting. \$12,308.00 in our checking account as of July 26, 2017.

Alda hasn't received reimbursement for CPR refreshments from June CPR training yet.

Joanne has not yet received reimbursements for food for board/convention meetings.

Michaele Colizzas' President Report:

- National Convention thank you for everyone that attended and represented our state so well. RI is very well received at the national convention. Michaelae states how proud she is of all who attended. She thanks all for making her last convention as chapter president so successful and memorable.
- Dolly Wallace, National president, personally approached us to tell us how happy she is to be attending the RI convention.
- Money that is being made at the national level will be trickled down to the chapters in some way.
- National members almost at 79,000 by the end of convention. Highest retention factor ever.
- 18 proposals for grants. Separate grant for case reports now. Suspended practitioner grant due to poor writing and research. Registered massage therapy of British Columbia and Massage Therapy Foundation are in collaboration on all articles that are written and presented from the Massage Therapy Foundation.
- Massage therapists in Canada are leading the way for research in our industry.
- Bill Brown CEO, stated AMTA school summit was largest ever, last fiscal year was best in 72-year history. Continuing partnership with Samueli Institute and the Massage Therapy Foundation, focus on existing relationships and there are three meta-analysis's researches done. 38-90 million people reached by AMTA social media.
- Announced that 2020 national convention will be in Phoenix in August.
- New president coming into the Massage Therapy Foundation Doug Nelson met with our group from RI at national convention and will be coming to our RI convention.
- Alda received her Chapter Meritorious Award from Dolly Wallace.

Newsletter: Michaelae.

Chapter Presidents Council at the national convention talked about chapter newsletters. Discussion about how chapters are changing the way the newsletters are being used. Highlights and bullet points, excerpts leading to links rather than full articles. We should be looking at this and want to discuss with Ellie at a meeting. Making chapter newsletter easier to manage.

Brainstorming: What newsletter could look like:

- Highlights for articles with a link to full article so people can read what they want to read without searching through the entire newsletter.
- Calendar
- Table of contents of a book and read what you want.
- List of all articles and click on what you want to read and it would take you down to that article.
- Should articles be more bullet pointed and less conversational.
- Survey our members for what they want in the newsletter.
- Mixture of all of this.
- Constant contact social media share for newsletter.

Awards: Michaelae and Joanne:

Hall of Fame award wording was revamped from last year. Constant contact was sent out to RI membership for nominations, none have been received yet. Another constant contact was sent out to remind members of deadline for nominations tonight.

The board has the authority to choose someone if no other nominations are received. Per Michaela there will be someone added to the Hall of Fame this year. Michaela has contacted the company that made our plaque last year and they can do it quickly as well as the pin company. One is 24-hour turnaround the other is two business days.

Other awards to be given out at convention during the banquet dinner will be:
Chapter Volunteer award - President's award - Chapter Meritorious award

Opioid crisis Massage today magazine article: Regina Cobb

Regina brought copies of two articles that came out in the magazine "Massage Today" regarding the opioid crisis. <http://www.massagetoday.com/mpacms/mt/article.php?id=15357>

Joint commission on accreditation for healthcare organizations states that as of January 1, 2018, massage therapy will be one of the alternatives being looked at for helping out with the opioid crisis.

U.S. Attorney's general call for Insurance companies to cover massage therapy. RI is included in the article as one of the 35 states that their Attorney's general signed. So, what does this mean for LMT's in RI?

Regina states that she had heard at 2016 National Convention that there was movement on massage becoming its own entity in the insurance world with its own codes for insurance, not having to use PTA or OTA codes. Was there any discussion this year at National?

Nancy Parambo conducted a class on this, Michaela sat in on this class and it was said that the codes are set and because we are considered by the Attorney's general to be medical practitioners' that the insurance companies will have to move forward and deal with our profession, it's still a discussion and it's still trying to be figured out, but they know this is time sensitive.

CPT Codes are downloadable.

How does this affect RI? Who is setting pricing? Hospitals only? How is this being done?

We should be sitting at a table to be sure that we have a say in how this is being done.

Joanne states that AMI codes are 4 standard codes, PT codes.

The mission is to have MT codes for massage.

Co-presenter with Nancy Parambo was Clark Simpson CEO National Athletic Assoc. working with AMTA working on insurance and coding issue.

ACTION: Michaela to initiate conversation with Nancy Parambo, Clark Simpson and others that would be interested on the insurance and coding information and the information in the Massage Today articles.

1. What is the proper process?
2. Who do we need to gain support from other than the insurance commissioner?

ACTION: Michaela will look through her notes from class at national for code information.

ACTION: Michaela to call massage today to ask for permission to reprint these articles for our newsletter

AMTA is keeping an overview on a national level, where do we find out what's going on, on a local level since we are one of the states named in this article. Michaela, this is why she wants to reach out to Nancy Parambo and Clark Simpson and see how they can help us at this level, being

that Nancy is one of the people pushing for MT codes working with Clark Simpson who deals specifically with our profession on this issue.

Check in with the insurance commissioner of RI office.

Currently in RI MT's are listed as healthcare.

As far as Joanne knows the Insurance commissioner's office in RI has not said to the RI insurance companies that they have to pay for MT coverage in this state.

Workers comp will pay for MT with prior authorization.

Regina: Being that RI is 5th in the national in opioid overdose crisis that this is something that may happen quickly. Our chapter and our profession needs to be ready. A doctor is not going to write a prescription to just anyone for massage therapy, will there be certain training that needs to be done to work on this population of clients.

Will there be a need for a definition re: clinical massage vs relaxation massage?

Regina: Alliance for Massage Therapy Education wants to move forward with standards for massage therapists, one of the biggest hold ups is the education and what are standards are.

Will MT's need to have gone to a college in the future in order to have MT covered by insurance?

Michael states that in the PT/PTA profession there was literally a line drawn in the sand stating that if "prior to date xyz" and you had "xyz education and years in profession" you were grandfathered in, if not, you had to go back to school to get required education. This may happen with massage therapy in the future.

Regina emailed Alana Rodriguez of the Massage Therapy Board regarding this information.

Waiting to hear back. Michael requested that Regina cc her on requests like this. Regina states that some of these things that she does are on behalf of CCRI and she cannot always share information with the RI chapter board until she is ok'd to do so by CCRI.

Regina: Grassroots programs are popping up starting to talk with doctors, MT's, acupuncturists, doctors into integrative medicine, chiropractors.

Kenji: Washington State worked with legislature went to state house during congressional meeting with chairs "massage on the hill" got legislators on their side.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:

New Business: Kenji: This was the 2nd national convention he attended and enjoyed it very much.

Next years' convention is in Washington DC which is worst for traffic and rush hour.

The chapter should plan to reserve rooms as soon as possible in hotel at convention site. Being at an offsite hotel for this years' convention created a different experience.

We know for sure that at least 3 people from our state will be attending and we could get discounted pre-registration. Michael states that we should consider this depending on the financial state of the chapter.

Deb K looked on the AMTA national website and there is no mention of the convention hotel on there yet.

Committee Reports:

Convention Committee: 89 Registrations to date, more full registrations this year than last so revenue is already up from last year. Kim M. asks about the free library viewing, we potentially will have an extra space opening up for other use during the weekend, one class is very low enrollment and probably will be cancelled. We will discuss this at the next convention committee meeting.

Pre-registration for future convention? Michaela was thinking whatever our convention may become in the future is it worth having some kind of pre-registration at this upcoming convention, should we collect a deposit? It would show an interest factor, give us something to start a conversation with. If we did nothing, they would get money back, if it changes we let them know what it has changed to, they could decide if they wanted to register or wanted refund. Michelle Souza: I would want to know what my money is going toward and if it changes we take the chance of members getting upset that what they paid for it not what we are offering and taking the chance that the chapter doesn't have the money at the time to process the refunds. Joanne states that decision would have to be made soon because convention is 3 weeks away, last convention meeting next week. This may be better to discuss next year.

Deb K: I feel that this is definitely something for discussion moving forward, but not for this year. We have to wait until this convention is finished to see where we are on the other end financially. There have been conversations with the other NE presidents on talking about a combined conference again in the future. So, this should be tabled until next year.

Michaela: Incorporate having Dolly Wallace at our convention into a contest for our attendees. Deb K suggests that Angela be put in charge of this project because she put together the twitter contest from last year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Deb K, seconded by Alda, meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.