

Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan, Inc
Annual General Meeting
April 8th, 2018
Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre, Cumberland Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan
Minutes of the meeting

Call to order (9:05 a.m.) – President Marles Kerns

1.0 Housekeeping:

- Introduction of Board of Directors, staff and special guests.
- Absent with regrets: Board members Donelda Gowan and Camille Lapierre.
- The AGM is being recorded - must come to the microphone to speak. For recording purposes, please identify yourself every time you speak. Microphones are identified as opposed and in favour.
- Turn off all cell phones.
- Please leave your voting cards on the tables for collection at the end of the meeting.
- Moment of silence in recognition of Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy.

2.0 Review/amend/adopt Agenda.

T. Senz – amend item 5.5 below (Insurance report) to read Insurance/Intergovernmental Affairs report.

2018AGM-1 Motion to adopt the Agenda.

T. Senz/S. Strachan

CARRIED

3.0 Review/amend/adopt Minutes of AGM April 2nd, 2017.

2018AGM-2 Motion to review/amend/adopt the Minutes as presented.

D. McCoshen/T. Tincher

CARRIED

4.0 Business arising from Minutes.

No business.

5.0 Directors' Reports.

5.1 President – Marles Kerns.

5.2 Vice President/Human Resources – Camille Lapierre.

5.3 Treasurer – Cecilia Mryglod.

Qu. M. Churchman: Does MTAS file taxes with Revenue Canada?

Ans. L. Green: Yes, because our auditor advises that we must.

2018AGM-3 Motion to approve the 2017 audited statements as presented.

C. Mryglod/M. Churchman

CARRIED

2018AGM-4 Motion to appoint Stewart, Gee & Murray CPA LLP as the auditors for 2017.

C. Mryglod/C. Schultz

CARRIED

5.4 Education/Exam – Mandy Fahr.

Add to report:

Introduction and recognition of Mieka Dueckman, Chief Examiner, and the examiner team.

Qu. C. Martin: Re. the Medical Massage Therapy program mentioned in report. Are there other kinds of MT programs registered with the Ministry of Education?

Ans: M. Fahr: No, that is just the name of the new Axiom program.

5.5 Insurance/Intergovernmental Affairs – Jordan Smith.

5.6 Complaints/Investigation – Erin Sobkow.

Add to report:

Show chart of cases being dealt with this year. In conjunction with the MTAS lawyer, we are sharing this information to be transparent with the membership.

- Criminal cases – referred to the law
- Non-MTAS member cases – we have no authority to deal with them, but we keep a record as evidence in support of legislation
- MTAS members – must be written complaints

If you know about an issue with another therapist, it is your responsibility under the Bylaws to report it.

Refer to the Bylaws often – Code of Ethics and items of misconduct.

Require 1 more member for the Disciplinary Committee.

Qu. M. Churchman: Is this information available on our website and can we legally release this information to another Association if they ask?

Ans. L. Green: It will be on the newly updated MTAS website when the overhaul is complete. If someone is under investigation they are not considered to be in good standing – e.g. con-ed not complete, fees not paid. If another Association requests a letter of good standing for a member who is being investigated, the letter will note that there they are under investigation and that they are not in good standing.

5.7 Membership/Public Relations – Tim Rutley.

Add to report:

Proud to be a member of MTAS and value position on the Board.

Affinity program – add any suggestions on the forms on the tables and I will investigate/contact them.

Encourage members to reach out to the office or myself, no matter what the issue.

Updating our website – will launch within a few weeks.

5.8 Competency – Aileen Tran Mapletoft.

Add to report:

Invitation to M. Leniuk to speak about the PPG First Nations Health.

5.9 Research – Donelda Gowan.

Video presentation by Dr. Gowan (absent). “Researching Patient Safety in Massage Therapy, Part I”.

5.10 Executive Director – Lori Green.

Add to report:

After upgrade to website we intend to produce more videos.

Website will have 3 sections – general, public and members only.

Discussion took place re: state of legislation. No resolutions made.

Plan to circulate membership survey: Is legislation more important than who is regulated? Can the College, once established, implement standards of entry to practice that will be acceptable to your goals as healthcare practitioners?

Answers from survey will provide Board with directives on how to move forward. Results will be published.

We may need to set up a special meeting to discuss further.

Encourage members to call or e-mail the office with any questions.

Adjourn for 20-minute break – 10:40am

Re-convene – 11:00am

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim McKenzie, CIP, Dusyk & Barlow Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Overview of the insurance products available to members, incl. discussion on new sports massage policy requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.0 Amendments to the Bylaws.

2018AGM-5 Motion to amend Bylaw 11.3 (e) Classification of Membership

To strike Education/Instructor Membership and replace with Auxiliary Membership and to insert retired Association members.

T. Rutley/C. Lapierre

CARRIED

(e) Educator/Instructor Membership: Subject to the Act and the Articles, an Educator/Instructor Member shall be entitled to attend and be heard at meetings of the Members, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat, may not hold office in the Association, but may assist on Committees of the Board. Educators, health-care professionals (outside the massage profession), and other interested individuals may obtain Educator/Instructor Membership in the Association. A corporation, partnership or other business vehicle may obtain an Educator/Instructor Membership in the Association. A candidate for Educator/Instructor Membership in the Association must:

Pay the Education/Instructor Membership fee and other annual dues pursuant to Section 11.5; and Complete the prescribed membership request form.

The Association shall not issue a license number to Educator/Instruction Members. Educator/Instructor Members shall not practice massage therapy or use the Association's logo or emblem.

Rationale:

This membership category will be specifically designed for those who would like to be kept informed of current professional issues in Saskatchewan regarding Massage Therapy. It will be an opportunity for retired member therapists to stay in touch with their peers and the opportunity to offer support in areas of committee work and volunteerism.

New wording:

(e) Auxiliary Membership: Subject to the Act and the Articles, an Auxiliary Member shall be entitled to attend and be heard at meetings of the Members, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat, may not hold office in the Association but may assist on Committees of the Board. Educators, health-care professionals (outside the massage profession), retired Association members, and other interested individuals may obtain Auxiliary Membership in the Association. A corporation, partnership or other business vehicle may obtain an Auxiliary Membership in the Association. A candidate for Auxiliary Membership in the Association must:

Pay the Auxiliary Membership fee and other annual dues pursuant to Section 11.5; and Complete the prescribed membership request form.

The Association shall not issue a license number to Auxiliary Members.

Auxiliary Members shall not practice massage therapy or use the Association's logo or emblem.

7.0 Motions from the Membership.

2018AGM-6 Motion that MTAS implement education for all members re: domestic violence.

C. Martin/R. Kilmer

CARRIED

2018AGM-7 Motion that:

- 1. MTAS implement awareness education for members re: sexual harassment or misconduct from clients**
- 2. MTAS provide education re: reporting inappropriate client behaviour to the police and subsequent outcomes of reporting/not reporting to the police**
- 3. MTAS obtain a legal/privacy opinion re: ability of members to maintain a written client “do not book” list that can be shared amongst members to protect ourselves**

C. Martin/M. Fahr

CARRIED

8.0 Report of the Nominating Committee: C. Mryglod, Treasurer (in lieu of absent C. Lapierre, Vice President).

Full slate of 10 members.

Call for nominations from the floor – no nominations.

2018AGM-8 Motion that nominations cease.

C. Mryglod/G. Giannoutsos

CARRIED

2018AGM-9 Motion that the 2017-2018 Board of Directors be appointed as presented.

M. Churchman/D. McCoshen

CARRIED

9.0 Elections.

Not necessary.

10.0 CSM TA update – M. Churchman/A. Bodnarchuk

11.0 Date of next meeting.

President M. Kerns announced the date of the next AGM in Saskatoon to be Sunday, April 14th, 2019.

12.0 Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.

2018AGM-10 Motion to adjourn the 2017 AGM.

L. Brierley/T. Tincher

CARRIED