

AMTA RI CHAPTER BOD MEETING
Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019
Meeting Location:
Unique Fitness
263 Quaker Lane, West Warwick, RI
MINUTES

Members present: Claudia Botthof, Michaele Colizza, Kim Cook, Alda Cordeiro, Dale DeCelles (phone-in), Larry Gallagher, Debbie Kilty, Kim Medeiros, Victoria Moutahir (phone-in), Kenji Omori, Angela Perry-Place, Cassie Rawcliffe, Michelle Souza, Suzanne Wilcox

Members absent: Pat Bachus, Joanne Lozy, Stephanie Welsh, Jennifer Wilkiki

Meeting called to order at 7:36

Call for new business: None

Approval of minutes from 6/12/19 meeting. Kenji motions to approve. Kim C. 2nds. All approved.

President's report:

a. Survey results

A survey was sent out to membership regarding online voting. A copy of the results are in the newsletter. Deb reads participant comments and her replies. Based on results it does not appear that we are in a place to implement online voting.

Side note: Michaele suggests to Membership to have a survey on the tables at next general meeting asking when people would like to have networking events

b. Spring meeting: Holiday Inn has not gotten back to Deb. Michelle says Stephanie has been working on this. They have compiled a list of possible venues. Victoria suggests contacting Cosmic Yoga. Potential date is March 20. Need 3 hours of education. Ethics or business class.

ACTION: Membership committee will continue to narrow down venue options.

ACTION: Education committee to find a 3 hour education.

c. Awards committee name change. National now has "recognitions" not awards. Deb makes motion to officially change the name of our Awards Committee to Recognition Committee. Kim M. 2nds. All approve. Needs to be changed in the Policy and Procedures.

Financial Administrator's report:

Chapter investments. Guidelines are given by National. Probably best to look at this after next budget meeting. We would need to budget to hire an investment professional.

Pain Symposium at CCRI – Victoria

Saturday, October 19, 2019 at CCRI Warwick Campus. Partnering with Brown University. Two panels focused on two pain management case studies. Panels will include a massage therapist, acupuncturist, occupational therapist, mindfulness practitioner, and healthcare professionals. Also a report on biopsychosocial study findings.

Victoria also reports that CCRI is currently undergoing an audit by the state. The Massage Therapy program will be suspended until the completion of the audit. Deb Watson is contact person for inquiries.

Committee reports:

Membership: Boston bus trip for Bodyworks exhibit is happening. Looking at Sunday, Dec 1 with a Cranston pickup. We would like to offer our members to pay for their bus ride but the Chapter will then cover the exhibit ticket fee.

Welcome packets now include the \$25 voucher toward RI Chapter education event. Not available to be used for CPR.

Kim M asks about school visits. Stephanie is following Lincoln Tech's program to try to get us in during their business classes.

Community Service Team: Two events coming up: Operation Standdown on Sept 20 and 21, Johnson and Wales Good Life Expo Sept 25.

Education: Oct 6 one day Reiki with Billy Downing. Constant contact going out soon. At Village at Waterman Lake. The most he can handle is 10 people. Michelle volunteers to assist if it helps him to be able to accommodate more students.

Cindy Woods, orthobionomy is interested in talking to us. Looking to do one day with her this Fall.

David Lobenstein is definitely interested in coming in the spring for a 2 or 3 days.

Lee Stang is also interested in coming next year.

Suggestions: Ashiatsu with bars. Trager with Linda McConnell (maybe wait for this). Marjorie Brooks scar tissue work. Stretching. Hospice with Susan Coffey. Pregnancy with Kelly Lott. Kim C. suggests spa treatment classes (facial toning, stones, etc). Intra-oral work (contact Scott Raymond)

There were some issues with people receiving their CPR cards. **ACTION:** Alda will follow up with Bill Simas.

GR: National has a goal for all chapters to have a lobbyist on retainer. We did not receive the full amount of the LLEAD grant this year so we needed to adjust next year's budget for this. It was put to a Board vote and was approved.

Legislature approved in FL mandating physicians and prescribers hand out a printed pamphlet to patients providing information about alternative health options. We are looking into doing the same.

Next Thursday is Dept of Health meeting. Deb and Cassie will be attending.

Michaele asks if our lobbyist, Bill Fischer, could come speak to our members about what he does and his role within our organization. We are spending our member's money on this. Maybe at GR table at general meeting. **ACTION:** Cassie will contact Bill regarding coming to a meeting.

Delegate – Cassie: Topics for AOD are being discussed on Hub. Currently 2 position statements have been presented: consistent language and online education (initial ed and continuing). Regarding language, SOAP notes are a universal language . Regarding online education, there are limitations placed by individual states. What do other healthcare professions allow? Quality of online ed? Fraud?

Deb has one more item for Membership: SBA is interested in scheduling a class specifically for our members. Weekday daytime is the only option for them. **ACTION:** Deb will follow up with SBA.

Kim C motions to adjourn. Kenji 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.