

AMTA RI CHAPTER BOD MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Meeting Location:
Unique Fitness
263 Quaker Lane, West Warwick, RI
MINUTES

Members Present: Claudia Botthof, Kim Cook, Dale DeCelles, Larry Gallagher, Debbie Kilty, Joanne Lozy, Kim Medeiros, Kenji Omori, Cassie Rawcliffe, Michelle Souza, Jennifer Wilkiki

Members Absent: Pat Bachus, Regina Cobb, Michael Colizza, Alda Cordeiro, Victoria Moutahir, Angela Perry-Place, Suzanne Wilcox

Meeting Scribe: Kimberly Medeiros

Meeting called to order at 7:44

Approval of minutes. Kenji motions to approve. Deb 2nds. All approved.

Call for New Business: Maybe Victoria with a call-in regarding bill. Deb regarding sports massage.

Accounting of actions from 1/9/2019

ACTION: Membership committee to contact schools regarding school visits. **RESULT:** Michelle talked to Stephanie Welsh at Lincoln Tech and was asked to check back at a later date.

ACTION: Jen trying to get flyers and information from National. She is waiting for arrival. Deb suggests emailing Chapter Relations if does not receive. **RESULT:** Jen talked to Laura Sabransky in Chapter Relations. They do not send out paperwork to chapters anymore. Need to find on the hub and print or put on power point. National will send everything to schools for us. Deb suggests a sign up sheet for our general meeting if people would like us to email them more info. Also should download PDFs from National to post on our website and print a few for meeting.

FA Report: No outstanding bills. Could we reconsider stipends? Deb asks about the budget line item for Presidential travel. Is there money there that she could use to attend the Research Conference? Deb makes a motion that the line item in the budget for Presidential travel will include the Research Conference in May. Kim M 2nds. All approve. Motion passed.

We are no longer using Payroll. Now use RegOnline.

General Members Meeting

Sunday, March 10 at Holiday Inn in South Kingstown. We should arrive between 7:30-8. Bag stuffing will be Wed, Mar 6 at 7:00pm. Annie Powell (educator) will have bags to give away so we will add to that. Claudia needs to leave early so membership will help cover the library table. Kim C and Angela will be at registration table. Joanne will run elections. She will print ballots.

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Deb discusses the attendance requirements. We have forms for Board members and committee chairs to sign. The forms will be available at the general meeting so that it will be clear that this should be taken into consideration if someone is thinking of running.

We now have 553 members in RI. 47% of licensed therapists in the state are AMTA members. Michelle inquires as to how many we have in our Facebook group (298) and page (463). During committee report at general meeting, Membership can mention joining.

Agenda is on Constant Contact. Committees that need time for reports: GR, Membership, Sports, Education, Financial report, Awards

Joanne to look into timeline for Meritorious award and report to Deb.

Advance

Sunday, April 7 at Village at Waterman Lake. Joanne is planning. Dale offers to help. Time tbd (approx. 10-4).

New Business:

Awards: Joanne would like to know if she should send out the anniversary awards. Yes for 15 years +

Deb: As of March 10th meeting the Sports Massage Team will become the Community Service Massage Team – Outreach Division. Therapists cannot be paid so we will create “non-chapter events” for these.

Committee Reports

GR: Final amendments to massage statute rough draft submitted to Bill Fisher; he submitted to the state legal department for review.

Bill Fischer contacted Deb and I through text; the massage statute legislature has two sponsors: Senator Miller and Representative Bennett. Bennett was our sponsor in 2012 when the statute was last amended.

Bill H5120 (insurance reimbursement for non-opioid therapies) reintroduced for 2019 legislative session & was on the docket for a hearing through the assembly of delegates on 1/30, but rescheduled due to a large amount of testimony being given for an education bill.

Reviewed how to register for bill tracker due to short notice alerts regarding bill hearings.

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Contacted Karlo Berger to offer assistance and support for H5120 to the coalition. He responded back by email stating different ways members can help and upcoming lobby day in April. Date TBA.

Contacted National GR (James & Jason) regarding bill H5120 and put together a summary page of recent 2018 research study conducted by AMTA. Information was inclusive of RI specific stats, demonstrating direct cost savings. Letter also drafted by National GR to Assemblyman McNamara, giving written testimony aiding bill H5120

Constant contact formulated for AMTA RI chapter members informing them for the reintroduction & provided the following links: bill tracker, formal letter writing your representative, state representatives contact information, Facebook page for H5120.

Contacted Bill Fischer to inform him that I will be present whenever bill H5120 is back on the docket to provide written testimony from AMTA and to view the legislative process. He will be present as well.

Contacted John Balletto regarding Masage Board open public meetings. February's meeting has been postponed until a DOH representative has been assigned. Alana no longer works for RI's DOH. We may just meet in May.

Kenji motions to adjourn. Deb 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 9:19.