

AMTA MAINE CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2018

The Annual Membership meeting of the AMTA Chapter was held at the Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Approximately 94 members were in attendance. Jeannie Fuller-Lehtis, interim Board leader, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Charlene Jenness, outgoing Financial Administrator, provided a written report, and explained the 2018-2019 Budget. Funds have been allotted to Sports Massage Team, hoping a chairperson will volunteer to continue its work. State Convention, Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program (CVOP), Newsletter, and Committee allocations were decreased (the latter because many committees are not active at present), while National Convention, Education events, and Website were increased, for a total budget of \$49,550. National requires a reserve amount of 25% of total income, which is currently \$59,211.42, so we are well within sufficient fund guidelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Wendy Jo Davis sits on this committee, but was not in attendance.

Sports Massage – no report.

Website/Facebook – no report.

Government Relations – Wendy Decker has indicated dedication to this committee's goals. Funding for our lobbyist remains in the '18-'19 budget, although the State legislature's short session and the fact that no bills are currently affecting our profession have temporarily interrupted communication with him. A member asked how the membership is informed about legislation, and was told that legislative issues are printed in the newsletter and on the Chapter Facebook page. Also, a BOD member can be contacted at any time, and members are always welcome at BOD meetings if they first communicate with a BOD member for location and time.

Newsletter – Kara Masters Seikman is revamping the newsletter, and invited members' ideas and articles. She will check in with any members who want to receive the newsletter by mail, although emailed newsletters will be the delivery method going forward.

Education – Dale Albert reported on last October's Retreat in Bar Harbor, and surveys were available for attendees to complete, indicating their degree of satisfaction with the event and their ideas for future workshops. (Don Ash facilitated Cranio-Sacral Exploration, and Julie Gammon led Massage for Arthritis and of the Abdomen at today's workshops). The next Annual Retreat is October 19-21, 2018, at Sunday River.

ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES: Anita DeVito reported that National Assembly will take place on August 9-11, 2018, in Washington D.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Chapter offers scholarships that pay Retreat expenses for one Student and one Active member; contact a Board member or look in the newsletter for application information. Jeannie had nominated Dale Albert for the Chapter Meritorious Award for 2018 and received BOD approval, and today the award was given to Dale for her executing her Ed. Chair responsibilities almost single-handedly and so well for the past year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Jeannie called three times for nominations for the following positions:

BOD MEMBER, two-year commitment. Mary Craven nominated Heddy Blauvelt and was seconded by Karen Vasil-Busch. Heddy accepted and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

SECRETARY, two-year commitment. Karen Vasil-Busch nominated herself and was seconded by Heddy Blauvelt. Karen was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, two-year commitment. Christine Boudreau nominated herself and was seconded by Kathy Paul. Christine was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

PRESIDENT, two-year commitment. Jeannie nominated Anita DeVito and was seconded by Heddy Blauvelt. Anita accepted and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR, one-year commitment. Anita nominated Jeannie Fuller and was seconded by Diane Whiteside-Peck. Jeannie accepted and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Many thanks to all members who attended today's meeting, and a special thank-you to those who volunteered to serve in a position or help with a committee! Chapter strength relies on passionate massage therapists who volunteer.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Whiteside-Peck, Secretary