

April 30, 2018 Maine Chapter BOD and Volunteer Meeting
7:00pm, meeting called to order

In attendance: Anita Devito, Louisa Abarno, Dale Alpert, Christine Boudreau, Jeannie Fuller, and Karen Vasil-Busch

Read and approved minutes from the last meeting, which was the 2018 Annual Meeting

Date set for next two Annual Meetings approved for April 7, 2019 and March 29, 2020, both dates are the Sunday before Palm Sunday.

The board tasked the Education Committee to find what dates are available in Bar Harbor, first choice and Portland, second choice for the Annual Retreat for the years 2019 and 2020.

The board tasked Education Committee with finding a venue for the 2019 and 2020 Annual Meetings. They are looking for locations more central in the state and close to the highway between Augusta and Lewiston.

Refunds were approved to 7 registrants to the Annual Meeting who had last minute cancellations. Their checks will be sent out from National. At a future meeting the board will discuss our refund policy, which presently has a \$15.00 non-refundable fee.

How to communicate with other BOD members, email first choice, text follow up to see if email was received. President asked BOD to write up a short paragraph on what they would like to accomplish while they sit on the board.

Membership Anita asked Louisa Abarno if she would be willing to contact new AMTA Maine Chapter members to welcome them into our chapter. She agreed. Members of the communications committee will also be assisting with this.

National Convention travel money increase was approved from \$1,500.00 to \$2,300.00. As National does not pay for Meritorious

winner to attend the convention, it was approved for Dale Alpert to attend the National Convention with travel money allotted. Everyone who the board is sending to the National Convention will participate in CVOP, as this year the fee has been waived.

At 7:28pm the meeting was temporarily suspended, due to technical problems. Resumed 5 minutes later, minus one member who could not get back to the meeting.

AMTA 75th Anniversary Discussion on what fun activities the chapter could do for **AMTA's 75th Anniversary** this year. We approved the proposed idea from Kara Masters Siekman, for recruiting from chapter members, 75 one-paragraph stories about their Service in the field of Massage and publishing said stories in the newsletter.

Communication Committee It was also approved to combine Newsletter, Facebook and website into one communications Committee with Kara Masters Siekman acting as chairperson. The first newsletter will be sent out in early May. Anita will be helping with the website until there is another volunteer.

Government Relations Committee is having its next meeting on May 20th, 10:00am at 170 Summer St., Lewiston, Maine 04240. Tarnya Constantino has set up this meeting and will be setting the agenda. The meeting information will be placed in the newsletter. We discussed that a Chairperson needs to be designated for government relations and will be chosen at the meeting.

Sports Team has a new Chairperson, Chele Fuller, who just completed required AMTA Sports Team training in PA. Reimbursement of the Sports Team for events was discussed and an approved amount of \$65.00 to \$70.00 per person per event was made. Funding would go towards transportation and food for the daylong events. Treasurer, Jeannie Fuller would like to look into this, further, to make sure that this is an adequate reimbursement amount.

Chapter Library A member suggested at our Annual Meeting that the Chapter create a library. There was a discussion and subsequent

approval to begin a library for our chapter. The purpose of said library would be to house books and dvd training videos that could be borrowed by members. Approved money in the amount of \$500.00 to begin the library. We will be looking for a volunteer to be the librarian, house the library contents and disseminate accordingly. Announcement will be in the next newsletter.

Education Committee chairperson, Dale Alpert reported that we have not as yet heard from one of the presenters for the Annual Retreat. She asked whether or not we should give this person a deadline of May 15th to respond, and if not, find another presenter or just go with two presenters. Discussion followed to hold to the May 15th deadline, after that, find another suitable candidate. The question of the number of presenters at the Annual Retreat may be revisited at a future date if the Education Committee is not able to find a third presenter is a reasonable amount of time.

Dale Alpert is also setting a time line for retreat registrations to begin at the end of August and end October 12th. This information plus cost and location will be in the next newsletter.

A review of the Vendor policy, at the Annual Retreat was discussed and the consensus was that vendors at a retreat do not fare well due to a number of reasons, namely that participants don't have time or money to shop.

Dale will look for an interesting activity for members and guest to participate in while in the Bethel area.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Vasil-Busch, Secretary