**Date approved: 05-18-15**

**American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**April 20, 2015**

**7:30PM**

*Present*:

VOTING: Cindy Farrar, Sharon Remaly, Vivian Davis, Linda Christie, Laurie Pratt, Kathy Grow

NON-VOTING: Ben Glosson, Judy LeFave, C.J. Lowe

OTHER:

*Absent*: Lisa Aspy

Called to order: 7:35pm

Welcome: Cindy Farrar

Roll Call: Linda Christie; established quorum

Agenda; approved as amended.

Minutes from last meeting, March 21, 2015; approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report; needing to recreate up to date spreadsheets for formulas to work; balance through checks written March 31, 2015 is $70,141.94.

**Officers’ Reports (sent earlier):**

President Cindy Farrar

1st Vice President Sharon Remaly

2nd Vice President Vivian Davis

3rd Vice President Lisa Aspy

Secretary Linda Christie

Treasurer Laurie Pratt

Membership Secretary Kathy Grow

# Committee Reports (sent earlier):

Meeting Planning & Delegate Lisa Aspy

Outreach & Delegate Ben Glosson

Alternate Delegate Judy LeFave

Awards C.J. Lowe

**Unfinished Business**

Investment account amount of $42,922.00 has been successfully moved into chapter’s checking account; closed on March 24. Slated for accounting to be transferred to national in August, 2015.

Update regarding CVOP, Sharon has agreed to pay hotel fees during CVOP at convention hotel. Laurie is the designee and Sharon is second representative.

Kathy has made calls to members regarding interest in volunteering. One person has responded with Ben this past weekend with the Outreach event. Cindy suggested calling back to thank her and revisit volunteering longer term. She also suggested for second contact to other interested members via email. Cindy reached out to a transfer member from South Carolina who expressed interest in helping with the Meeting Planning Committee. We need to work on getting organized to have new and transfer members listed on website and in newsletter.

Cindy is interested in getting more school visits completed this year. Travis from Miller-Motte requests a visit from AMTA volunteers on August 10 when the business portion of the class occurs. She will send a list of member schools and where they are located. Then we can see which BOD and committee members live in proximity to hold down costs.

Remember that we promote the chapter instead of trying to sell AMTA. Presenters must be approved by the BOD but preferably a volunteer who has signed the code of conduct. School visit script was to be included in leadership training packet; Cindy will distribute again prior to any visits being completed.

Lisa isn’t available to give an update on the shelving; will revisit next meeting. Currently we have insurance we pay monthly; fee of $11. Laurie should have a copy of the contract to verify if we need to continue paying the monthly insurance coverage. Laurie will review to see if it can be removed to save money over potential years of storage fees; will be revisited at the next meeting.

The National BOD meeting in June is for yearly strategic planning. Cindy has received information from Jeff Smoot as well as Chris Volterel. Only open to Chapter Presidents because of confidential information that will be discussed. It requires an extra day of accommodations but is a budgeted item under President’s Council.

Vivian brought up the question regarding an alternate attendee for National BOD meetings. Discussion ensued; Vivian is concerned that National is trying to gain more control over chapters in regard to confidential National BOD meetings.

**MOTION: 2015-04#01** “table the discussion regarding National BOD meetings for chapter attendees for future with the chapter BOD,” Vivian moves; Laurie seconds; motion carries.

Government Relations update regarding the Women’s Leadership Caucus; went very well. The co-chair communicated that they couldn’t get the details organized in time for the chair massage event. It will be arranged for the next session. Helen Smoot is trying to get a date scheduled in January. Closer to the fall we will get an actual date. Looks like there will be an official date at the capitol, in the winter.

Stan is finalizing a letter to go out to Gwinnett and DeKalb counties regarding the ordinances with incorrect wording about the test provided by NCBTMB, no reference to the state law, and DeKalb’s request to be able to come in and look at client’s charts being against HIIPA. It seems that Winder has reworded its ordinance to be unfair to massage therapists. We are beginning to realize that the state law needs to be amended to disallow power to individual municipalities regarding these ordinances.

May 15 is the deadline for the LLEAD application submission. According to National our concern with local municipalities is enough justification to submit the application. First step is to send a survey to members regarding ideas and suggestions for addressing local ordinances as well as to look at an amendment to the state law to minimize local municipalities’ power with ordinances. Vivian, Judy, and Cindy will meet in order to organize the survey and prepare the application.

On June 27-28, 2015 the Chi Nei Tsang classes will be presented by Mary Ellen Derwis. There was an inquiry via the website from someone; Cindy reached out to her regarding the upcoming class and invited her. The class location is the Georgia Career Institute in Conyers, GA where Joan Nichols is a teacher. Cindy plans to send an email blast to membership about the class May 1, mid May and again in the beginning of June.

**MOTION: 2015-04#02** “have only a membership meeting during the lunch period on Saturday June 27th class,” Laurie moves; Vivian seconds; motion carries.

In October Nancy Dail will be presenting Dimensional Massage Therapy for Neck and Upper Extremity. The location is the Holiday Inn Express in Stockbridge, GA. The dates are October 17-18, 2015. Travis at Miller-Motte wants to host a class or meeting at the school in Augusta. Cindy will reach out Travis to find out about class room capacity to see if the October class could be held there.

**New Business**

Please make sure to register for leadership training during the National Convention. Cindy also needs to know whether people will be attending convention to make sure the appropriate number of rooms will be reserved and roommates can be arranged.

**Announcements**

Cindy will send out what Stephanie put together regarding newsletter advertising. She asked Laurie to get pricing ideas for the website in order to present it to the board.

**Next meeting will be** May 18, 2015

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Christie, Chapter Secretary