**Date approved: 12-07-15**

**American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 17, 2015**

**6:15PM**

*Present*:

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

NON-VOTING: Anne Cortino, Loyce Kemp, Judy LeFave, C.J. Lowe

OTHER:

*Absent*: Lisa Aspy, Ben Glosson, Kathy Grow

Called to order: 6:15 pm

Welcome: Cindy Farrar

Roll Call: Linda Christie; established quorum

Agenda; approved.

Minutes from last meeting, September 17, 2015; approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: National is moving everything up there by end October; the bulk of monies will be located at Chase Bank. Laurie suggested keeping a spreadsheet behind the scenes to allow detailed reporting for the different categories. Two AMEX cards will be issued to President and Treasurer for expenses. There were 17 attendees for this weekend’s class; we should be fine for breaking even.

**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

# Committee Reports (sent earlier):

Meeting Planning & Delegate: Lisa Aspy

Alternate Delegate: Judy LeFave

Awards: C.J. Lowe

**Unfinished Business**

A draft copy of the reimbursement policy will be used by Sharon, Vivian, and Laurie to bring proposed changes to the rest of the board for additional ideas, prior to approval.

Board elections are in February. Positions are president, vice president, secretary, membership secretary, and one delegate as well as two alternates. The new policy for Delegates says that board members are not able to be elected to the position. If there is no one available to be elected the spot stays open and a person is located and appointed. If it remains open at the time of convention, a board member could be appointed to attend. Linda suggested having all election items listed on the website including position descriptions, and application. The potential dates are February 6-7, 2016. Cindy will verify with Lee Stang for availability.

Cindy wishes to begin thinking about the continuing education schedule for 2017 as far as topics and presenters. By our next conference call, look at dates for February, June, and September or October for availability. Cindy has spoken with Linda about taking over the Education Chair responsibilities.

Government Relations update: for NMTAW Anne from Art of Touch received the proclamation from the city of Atlanta. On Friday, October 23rd she is holding an open house to kick off National Massage Therapy Awareness Week. Laurie suggested working something for her “Best Place to Get a Massage” along with NMTAW. Cindy also suggested having some non-dated signs to place outside of our businesses to promote every year. Cindy requested input from Facebook users as ideas for NMTAW by Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

CJ Lowe wants to recognize anniversaries of members with some sort of special remembrance: certificates, pens, pins, shirts or some other sort of “giveaway.” Sharon suggested certificates for five year and gradually getting more impressive with the anniversary year. There is available monies in other categories that will not be used; potential to reallocate for awards’ use. Cindy asked CJ to put together a presentation of her ideas for the board to discuss.

The annual membership awards will be coming up shortly. We need to identify folks outside of the board to receive various awards. Please take a look at the list and think of any folks who may be appropriate for any categories. Cindy requests that the application be used this year for any submissions

**New Business**

**MOTION: 2015-10#01** “use one of the donated Massage Warehouse massage tables to donate to an active AMTA member in South Carolina who has been affected by the flood.” Sharon moves; Laurie seconds; **motion carries**.

**Announcements**

Mayor should be sending the NMTAW proclamation for Dougherty County; Vivian announced they are having a chair massage event on October 22, 2015 for the mayoral debate.

**Next meeting will be** December 7, 2015

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Christie, Chapter Secretary