

## **AMTA – WI Chapter Meeting**

### **Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, August 25, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 12:16 PM by Mya Rowe, President

#### **AGENDA**

- Introductions to the BOD, Chairpersons, and committee members
- Needed: Education Chairperson, Outreach committee member, Commission of Candidacy
- Membership Committee is in transition, MERT looking for volunteers
- Establish a Quorum: Total counted is 34 (Quorum = 18)
- Approve Chapter Minutes from March 30 & 31

**MOTION:** Lynn Kutz moved to approve Minutes from March 30. Kris Ott seconded. All approve.

**MOTION:** Lynn Kutz moved to approve Minutes from March 31. Ellen Wittwer seconded. All approve.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Mindy Murkley presented

Treasurer's Report

The Associated Bank account has \$20,018.82

The Edward Jones General account has \$80,756.83

The Edward Jones Government Relations account has \$82,849.73

The total for the Edward Jones accounts is \$163,606.56

The Total for all the accounts is \$183,625.38

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Awards:**

- Ellen Wittwer presented awards for therapists who have been professional members of AMTA for 20+ years.
- Meritorious Award given to Cindy Spitzza for her commitment and service with massage at the end of life.
- Humanitarian Award given to Casey Guilfoyle for her volunteerism within numerous organizations, including Oncology Organization. She helps out and gives back in numerous ways.

## **Display/Social Media:**

- Lynn Kutz reports on Display. She informed the chapter that the banners and display materials are available for use by members.
- Lynn encouraged chapter members to like us on Facebook and encouraged suggestions from the chapter for ways of keeping members active and engaged.

## **Education:**

Mya Rowe presented for Stephanie Anderson

November 2012 is still set to be held in Eau Claire, WI from the 16-18<sup>th</sup> with Doug Nelson Head and Neck

2013:

All hotels have been contracted for 2013 and all presenter contracts aside from 3 have been mailed and returned.

March 15-17<sup>th</sup> Madison Marriot

- Hanna Franke teaching Bach Flower Essences (contract sent and returned)
- Doug Nelson teaching Form and Function and Origins of pain as well as a to be announced class (contract in the works, waiting on class title from Doug)
- Susan Cozette teaching Reiki and Sound Healing (contract sent and returned)

May 3-6<sup>th</sup> - Green Bay Ramanda

- Dan Higgins teaching Lomi Lomi

August 23-25<sup>th</sup> Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

- Ben Benjamin teaching Origins of Low Back Pain and The Anatomy of Communication (contract sent and returned)

November 16-17<sup>th</sup> Wausau @ The Plaza

- Roger McNear Active Isolated Stretching

2014:

Hotels have been contracted for March and August but not yet for May and November have been looking to hold the education only events in LaCrosse

## **Finance**

Diane Pandl reviewed all the reports submitted by Treasurer Mindy Murkley and found them to be correct.

## **Government Relations**

Mya Rowe reported that Kay Peterson is working with lobbyists to make sure that all people working in the field of massage therapy are licensed. She is reviewing other state laws as they relate to massage therapy licensure to prepare to draft additional provisions within Wisconsin law.

## **Newsletter**

Kelsey Lyons reported that Mike Rude stepped down as layout and design person. Kelsey will be assuming the role of the layout person as well as the Editor. We will be issuing a special edition of the newsletter coming out in January which will list all the education opportunities for the year. This will go out to all LMTs in Wisconsin, not just AMTA members.

## **Outreach**

Amy McLoughlin reported that the Outreach Committee is doing well serving burn survivors in the community. Training in July was specific to AIS for burn tissue. Phoenix Society event in November is still looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be partnered up with someone who has taken the class specific to working with burn survivors.

## **Scholarship**

Mya Rowe reported on behalf of Corrin Burnell

New offer is out and waiting for response for the scholarship contest. Winner will receive free education to a class of their choice at either the November 2012 or March 2013 conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive one free night's stay at either the November 2012 or March 2012 conference.

## **Sports**

Mya Rowe presented on behalf of Ronnie Artero Frederick

- Events that AMTA Sports Team had a presence at: Pewaukee Triathlon and World Kayak Championships.
- Events that the Sports team did not have enough volunteers to take part in: Best Damn Bike Ride (MS Society) and Tour of America's Dairyland.
- Upcoming events: Wisconsin Ironman, Get Your Guts in Gear, and Lakefront Marathon
- Other initiatives:

- High-quality brochures recommended instead of approved Rack Cards. Text and printing costs to be shared at November budget meeting.
- Large tents to be used during chair massage events. Researching prices and styles and will report back.

## Website

Casey Guilfoyle reported that the website gets updated as frequently as we can. The e-blast comes out once per month, the next seasonal update on the website will come out in conjunction with the newsletter (2 weeks), then again in December.

Introduction to Delegates

**MOTION:** Robin Brauner moved to hear the Position Statements for the items to be discussed with the House of Delegates at National Convention. Ellen Wittwer seconded. All approve.

Position #1: It is the position of the AMTA that massage therapy can be effective in reducing low back pain. Discussion closed after 5 minutes. Vote: NO.

Position #2: It is the position of the AMTA that creating public health initiatives which promote massage therapy for health and wellness would benefit the public. Discussion closed after 5 minutes. Vote: NO.

Position #3: It is the position of the AMTA that massage therapy can be good for health. Ken Rang moved to extend discussion. Mindy Murkley seconded. All approve. Discussion closed after 7 minutes. Vote: NO.

Position #4: It is the position of the AMTA that massage therapy can improve sleep. Discussion closed after 5 minutes. Vote: YES.

Position #5: It is the position of the AMTA that massage therapy can be a beneficial part of an integrative treatment plan for those who suffer with fibromyalgia syndrome. Discussion closed. Vote: NO.

Position #6: It is the position of the AMTA that massage therapy can assist in the rehabilitation of burn scars. Lynn Kutz moved to extend discussion. Kris Ott seconded. Motion not passed, discussion closed after 5 minutes. Vote: NO.

## Vote on Standing Rule:

**MOTION:** Two Changes to existing Standing Rules. #1: \$20 fee will no longer be used exclusively for law and legislation. #2: Chapter Officers' registration fees will be waived for two education functions per year. Kelsey Lyons moved to approve changes to Standing Rule. Ellen Wittwer seconded. All approve.

**MOTION:** Ellen Wittwer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Schweiger seconded. All approve. Meeting adjourned at 2:09PM.

