

**AMTA-WI Board Meeting**  
**April 20, 2008**  
**Madison, WI – Best Western InnTowner**

Meeting called to order at 12:55pm by Amy Remillard.

Board Members and Committee Chairs present: Amy Remillard (President), Kay Peterson (1st VP/Newsletter Editor), Ellen Wittwer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Awards), Shane Granzow (Treasurer), AnnMarie Kolb (Secretary), Betsy Krizenesky (Immediate Past President/Law & Legislation Chair).

**Board/Committee Reports**

Approval of minutes. **MOTION:** Ellen Witter moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2008 meeting. Shane Granzow seconded. All approved.

**President:** Amy Remillard reported on the AMTA Chapter President's meeting and the AMTA-National Board of Director's meeting in March in Chicago. Amy learned a lot and looks forward to meeting with all the Presidents in September at the National Convention to learn more.

Amy Remillard and Sara Smiley-Robbins attended the Department of Regulation and Licensing event that displayed photos of the various professions the department regulates. They spoke with Secretary Jackson, Larry Martin, and Jeff Scanlan about the massage coalition and licensing for massage therapists.

Amy announced that the Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program will be in Evanston, IL July 10 – 13, 2008. Shane Granzow is planning on attending; Sara Smiley-Robbins and Ellen Wittwer would also like to attend.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP/ Newsletter:** Kay Peterson reported that invoices have been sent for the April issue, these include three past due accounts. The newsletter was mailed April 4, 2008 on schedule. The April issue was 28 pages this seems to be the average for the past few years. It is Mike Rude's second issue with another excellent job done, thank you Mike.

With this issue the awards committee added a column that recognizes members who have reached a landmark year, this list is received from the national office in March, so anyone whose anniversary falls after the date we receive it will not appear in the April issue. The anniversary is marked from your join date, not necessarily your renewal date. If you feel this is your year to be recognized your name will most likely appear in the October issue. We can not retroactively recognize those who marked their anniversary in 2006 or earlier as this is a new program from our new awards chair Ellen Wittwer.

Next deadline is May 31, 2008 for the July issue.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Awards:** Ellen Wittwer talked about the National Awards deadline and who she would like to nominate. She is also working on State Chapter awards, like mentioning various landmark years of AMTA membership in the Connecting Hands.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Membership:** AnnMarie Kolb reported for Sara Smiley-Robbins that there are 1553 professional members, 12 schools, 193 students and 2 supporting members. 1742 total members as of April 1, 2008.

Shane Granzow reported that he and Sara have gone into schools to talk about AMTA. Amy Remillard reported that she has also gone to some schools.

There is an online student recruitment center on the AMTA-National website in the Chapter Center, then Student Recruitment Center to get information for students.

**Treasurer:** Shane Granzow reported that we have \$17,411.70 in the Raymond James CD and as of March 31, 2008 we have \$62,980.99 in our checking account. Shane is working with AMTA-National with our accounting. Shane distributed travel expense forms and general expense forms. He reminded all that they can be found on the AMTA-National website in the Chapter Center. He is hoping to get the forms on the AMTA-WI website and is working on the Delegate reporting forms.

**Immediate Past President/Law & Legislation:** Betsy Krizenesky reported the first phase of Wisconsin Massage Licensing Coalition town hall meetings that have been held around the state from September, 2007 to April, 2008 is completed. There were a total of 231 attendees; with a significant proportion of students, school owners and representatives of various related professions that could potentially be affected by the upcoming legislation. In addition, 13 questionnaires were mailed or faxed directly to me.

One of the meetings was conducted at the Educational Approval Board in Madison, by Pat Sweeney. There were 27 present, representing all but 3 of the private massage schools in the state. Pat drafted a summary of the meeting in letter form that we can use during our legislative efforts as evidence of unity of opinion among the private schools.

Betsy is in the process of contacting with the four Wisconsin Technical College System schools that have therapeutic massage programs, as well as the WTCS legislative director. They are Madison, Chippewa Valley, Western and Indianhead Technical College Districts.

Invitations to the legislative draft meeting on May 6 with our lobbyist were mailed out via postcard to the 66 people that have expressed an interest since July 2007 in serving on the coalition committee. So far 11 have responded that they will be attending. We will be finalizing the details of the first draft of the bill, which will be published in the July 2008 Connecting Hands, on the AMTA-WI Chapter website and sent to ABMP to post on their website, as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Policy manual:** Amy Remillard wanted to discuss disciplinary procedures for the Chapter Rules of Engagement. **MOTION:** Shane Granzow moved that we come up with disciplinary procedures for the Chapter Rules of Engagement. Betsy Krizenesky seconded. Amy Remillard tabled the motion until the June meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Coalition Meeting:** Betsy Krizenesky presented the materials for the Board to review, pertaining to the upcoming coalition meeting. She solicited Board opinions on all seven main issues to be addressed.

**Roles of Board of Directors:** Shane Granzow asked that we as a board be more visible to the members. Discussion took place. Look for the Board to be more visible at upcoming Chapter events.

**MOTION:** Kay Peterson moved that funding from the L&L account be directed toward AMTA-WI Board members to take the Massage Therapy & Body worker Licensing Exam for legislative exam research purposes. Shane Granzow seconded. Approved.

**MOTION:** Ellen Wittwer moved to adjourn the meeting. Shane Granzow seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24pm by Amy Remillard.

Respectfully submitted by AnnMarie Kolb, Secretary.