**AMTA-KY 2014 Summer Meeting**

**General Butler State Park**

**July26, 2014**

**Board of Directors Present:** Justin Magnuson, President; Collette Wilson, IPP; Cathryn Forester, 1st VP; Kala Carby-Borders, 2nd VP’ Sandy Gadd, 3rd VP, David Phillips, Treasurer; Valerie Smothers, Secretary; and Caren Williams, Communication Chair **Membership Present:** Katherine Warner, Marketing Chair; Adam Kelsey, Benevolence Chair; Beth Goshorn, (?); JoAnn Klein, (3rd Delegate?); AMTA KY members registered for the Summer Meeting CE classes

**Call to Order:** 12:31PM EST by Justin Magnuson, President

Welcome & brief explanation of AMTA voting regulation. Only AMTA KY membership may vote. Voters were designated by colored nametags.

**David Phillips, Treasurer, made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Cyndi Thornburg-Schnell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.**

**Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program**- Justin Magnuson, President, and Valerie Smothers, Secretary, gave a brief overview of their experience at CVOP 2014.

**Proposed Changes to the Standing Rules**- The Standing Rules Committee: Kala Carby-Borders, 2nd Vice President; Cathryn Forester, 1st Vice President; and Caren Williams, Communication Chair

Kala Carby-Borders gave a brief overview of Standing Rules and By-Laws and discussed the process for altering the Standing Rules.

Caren Williams explained the regulations of notifying the membership. By June 10, 2014 the membership was notified of the Regulation changes by way of E-Blast, [www.amtaky.org](http://www.amtaky.org), and the newsletter. Caren then went on to read each Article that would be changed & explain the reasoning behind each alteration.

Article III, Sec 3A

Article IV, Sec 1

Article VI, Sec 2A

Article VI, Sec 2B

Article VI, Sec 2B1

Article VI, Sec 2C2

Article VI, Sec 2C7

Article VI, Sec 2H

Article VII, Sec 1

Article VII, Sec 2

Article IX, Sec1

Article IX, Sec 2

Article X, Sec 1B

Discussion followed: How will elections work online?

**Theresa Crisler made a motion to approve changes to the Standing Rules as written. Pami Saavedra seconded. All members in attendance voted Aye, no dissention, motion passed.**

**Set your Calendars: Announcements for Fall and Spring Education** **Events** -Collette Wilson, Immediate Past President/Education Chair

Collette Wilson announced the upcoming classes for the Fall meeting in Elizabethtown, KY: Precision Kinematics & Ayurvedic Dry Spa. Registration will begin September 1, 2014. She also showed a PowerPoint of the Spring 2015 event, discussed the date change & generated interest in the lineup of classes.

**Let Your Voice Be Heard at the National House of Delegates: By-law Recommendations and Position** **Statements** -Cathryn Forester, 1st VP and Delegate, Sandy Gadd, 3rd VP and Delegate

Sandy Gadd explained Position Statements and their potential impact on AMTA KY.

Position Statement 1: Portability of Credentials

Discussion: Disparity of state laws & credentials, portability with an exam is already in effect for the Nursing Board

**Marianne Smith made a motion to approve PS1. Justin Magnuson seconded. All aye, no opposed, motion passed.**

Position Statement 2: Massage can improve health.

**Cheri Ensor made a motion to approve PS2. Beth Goshorn seconded. All aye, no opposed, motion passed.**

Position Statement 3: Rehabilitation of Burn Scars

Discussion: Collette stated that this is the second time this statement has been sent to the Delegates. There has now been more documentation added.

**Caren Williams made a motion to approve PS3. Kala Carby-Borders seconded. All aye, no opposed, motion passed.**

Cathryn Forester explained Recommendations and their role.

Recommendation 1 (State?): Chapter Fees

Discussion: Changing back to mandatory state fees would seem “wishy-washy,” we are righting a wrong, it gives us a choice and a voice, it’s about educating chapters as to what we spend those monies on. Currently, chapter fees are optional. Davis Phillips, Treasurer, discussed the impact of the loss of those fees. A contribute button is now on the website & anyone can contribute any time, any amount.

**JoAnn Klein made a motion to move forward with Recommendation 1. Pami Saavedri seconded. All aye, no opposed, motion passed.**

Recommendation 2 (South Carolina): Delegate Funding

Discussion: It is a good way for the chapter to keep its money. How do they choose the number of delegates & will we lose any power? (According to chapter size)

**Sandy Gadd made a motion to move forward with Recommendation 2. Beth Goshorn seconded. All aye, no opposed, motion passed.**

Recommendation 3 (Washington): Position Statement Group

Discussion: What would be the need for this? One group…all the time?

**Collette Wilson made a motion to move forward with Recommendation 3. Theresa Crisler seconded. Majority opposed, motion failed.**

**Legislative Opportunities: Elevating Massage Therapy in KY** -Justin Magnuson, President

Justin did a PowerPoint presentation on Integrating Massage Therapists in KY as Healthcare Providers. He discussed the need for us as AMTA to reach out to ALL massage therapists in KY. Steps were discussed for going forward; polling therapists, voting as membership, forming coalitions, funding/hiring a lobbyist, and lobbying by way of education, advocating, and taking direct action.

Discussion: JoAnn Klein stated we are already heading that way as a profession.

Mary Ann Smith stated that in Ohio, nurses and doctors are already beginning to recognize our skill.

Carolyn (KK) Jauco-Trott stated she is already working with the VA to get their patients massage treatments.

Theresa Crisler stated that between 2003 & 2005 the KBLMT looked into HCP status but Physical Therapists halted it. She further stated that in 2014 change needs to happen and we need to educate the public.

Katherine Warner asked if we could think of ways to raise the monies needed for a lobbyist.

Rich Bruner asked if we could put a link or explanation beside the Contribute button on the AMTAKY website.

A questionnaire about whether or not to pursue Heath Care Provider status was given to each person in the room. Justin’s presentation will also be recorded & put on the website and sent via E-Blast to the massage community.

**Marianne Smith made a motion to adjourn at 2:00PM EST. Cathryn Forester seconded. All aye, motion passed.**