

5/3/14

### Member Luncheon and Elections

The meeting was called to order at 12:28pm By President LaDonna Ward

Roll Call:

Present were, LaDonna Ward-President, Sharon Bryant-1<sup>st</sup> VP, Roxanne Castille-2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Cynthia Taylor-3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer-Paul Wollff, Secretary-Kristie Williams, BOL #1 Krissy Warren

Reading of the agenda by LaDonna Ward-motion made to approve the agenda as read by Sharon Bryant-LaDonna ward made an amendment to the agenda to add Oath of Office after Elections, New Business-Meritorious Winner and standing rules, after amendment Agenda was approved.

LaDonna Ward appointed Sargent at arms for Voting-Tom Henderson Jr and Ellen Roberts. Total present for voting were 27 professional members.

Presidents Report: LaDonna Ward discussed 2013 Convention and activities. Discussed what it means to be a volunteer and the benefits of doing so. Discussed how to become a volunteer. Recapped 2013 Mingles, massage therapy awareness week, and her new national position as CPC Moderator Elect.

Appointments and Elections:

Commission on Candidacy- Harley Gentry

Sharon Bryant made a motion to select LaDonna Ward for President for two more years, Roxanne Castille Second, all said Aye, LaDonna Ward is the official chapter president.

Kristie Williams made a motion to approve Roxanne Castille as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Liz Mawhiney 2<sup>nd</sup>, all said Aye-Roxanne Castille is the official chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Krissy Warren was appointed Board at Large #1 by LaDonna Ward, Sharon Bryant Second, all said Aye-Krissy Warren is the official board at large #1 Member.

Kristie Williams was appointed Secretary by LaDonna Ward, Paul Wolff Second, all said Aye-Kristie Williams is the official chapter secretary.

Commission on Candidacy Harley Gentry announced the following candidates for this years election:

BOD#2 Anna Rickabaugh-Hal Richardson

Anna Rickabaugh educated the board and it's members on why she would make a good candidate for this position. Hal Richardson was not present, Harley Gentry read his bio. After the voting was concluded Anna Rickabaugh was elected BOD#2 for the Chapter

Alternate Delegate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kristie Williams-Anna Rickabaugh

After voting, Kristie Williams is the Alternate Delegate #1 and Anna Rickabaugh is Alternate Delegate #2

This ends the voting section of the meeting-All candidates were sworn in by the commission on Candidacy.

1<sup>st</sup> VP report-Sharon Bryant-The North Liaison is Harley Gentry, we are currently looking for a Southwest liaison.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Roxanne Castille-No Report

3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Cynthia Taylor-No Report

Treasurer-Paul Wolff, handed out proposed budget, analyzed it and explained it to the members. There were no questions. Paul Wolff made a motion to accept the budget for 2014/2015 Kristie Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>, all members approved Budget.

Secretary-Kristie Williams-No Report

Membership-Sharon Bryant- March roster shows 509 active members, gained 56, lost 21 for a net of 35. Kristie Williams and I will be updating the Membership Packets after this weekend's elections. We have been contacting graduate members before they expire and the results are successful. Liaisons have been taking care of this.

MRT-Liz Mahawaney- As you know we had our first drill last October and realized a few things needed to be adjusted so we can get our team deployed under emergency situations. The Boston Massacre showed us that preparation is critical in a crisis and they held regular drills and handled the tragedy with amazing skill. Massage is a vital service we offer first responders to help them not only with their physical complaints but also with the psychological trauma of a disaster. We need more volunteers and one's who can be ready to pack up and leave town for a few days or maybe even a week.

Community outreach is still an area that needs more input. We have suggestions for events (not necessarily those looking for chair massages). Perhaps we could attend quarterly 5Ks or other outdoor festivals in our local areas and set up information tables. Therapists could have designated time slots so no one individual is giving up a half/full day of work. Most of these types of events are from 8 – 11 on a Saturday morning.

I will offer another training session in Birmingham on **June 1 from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.** and will consider another training session later in the fall in another location if necessary. A 2014 statewide drill will be enacted in the fall similar to last year's Cullman Tornado Drill.

MRT budget requests are for t-shirts for all MRT team members - bright green with the AMTA-AL chapter logo on the front and AMTA-AL MRT Massage Response Team on the back in large letters. I will have an accurate account after an e-request is sent out for sizes. We will pay for the first one and if the member would like a second t-shirt it will be \$10. I believe we have money in the miscellaneous fund to

cover the t-shirts. Other budget requirements will be travel expenses if a training class is scheduled outside of Birmingham.

Team members also requested financial assistance with their go-packs. Let's discuss this further after the convention to see if we can accommodate their request.

Event Planner/Coordinator-Cynthia Taylor updated us on the 2014 Annual Convention, she discussed the success and the learning curves. She discussed the fall convention that will be held in Montgomery and will give us more information later.

Education Chair-Krissy Warren, discussed collecting data for the fall convention, Lee Stang is the preferred educator for this event. She will collect data and present it to the board at the August board meeting.

Newsletter-Kristie Williams, discussed that when she took over the newsletter, the cost was about \$7,000 year, and is now around \$38/year. Discussed going green and why. Discussed what to do if you are not receiving your newsletter or your post cards.

Government Relations-Ron Joganic-Not Present-LaDonna Ward gave the following report: the three bills that went to the house were turned down. That is all he knows at this point. Will update us at a later date.

New Business-President LaDonna Ward discussed the change in the standing rules and the voting process. She informed the members to be looking in their emails for this information.

Opened the floor for new business-None at this time

Meeting adjourn at 1:52pm