

**2014 AMTA House of Delegates Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2014
Denver, CO**

- 1:00 pm** **Welcome Delegates**
- Lisa Curran Parenteau, House of Delegates Operations Committee (HODOC) Chair
 - Nancy Porambo, AMTA President
 - Lee Stang, HOD Moderator
 - Rick Greely, Parliamentarian
- 1:10 pm** **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Roxanne La'akea Young, HODOC Member
- Silent Reflection**
- Laura Stevenson Flom, HODOC Member
- 1:15 pm** **In Memorium**
- Remembering Dan Barrow - Nancy Porambo
 - Remembering Bill Greenberg - Kerry Methot
 - Remembering Pat Aicher - Lisa Parenteau
- 1:20 pm** **Reports**
- HODOC Chair Lisa Curran Parenteau reported on the HODOC's work in the past year, specifically, that the Delegate toolkit was updated in the Delegate Resource section of the website. Additionally, she reported that the recommendation regarding having all Delegates take the Massage Therapy Foundation's "Basics of Research Literacy" course is still being reviewed by the Governance committee and should go to the National Board in March of 2015.
- Position Statement Review Commission (PSRC) Chair Xerlan Deery began her report by introducing her fellow Commission members. She also reported that this year they welcomed a few new authors as well as a returning author.
- 1:30 pm** **Call to Order** – Lee Stang, Moderator
- Present:** House of Delegates Operations Committee members: Lisa C. Parenteau (MA), Chair, Kerry Methot (CT), Toni Roberts (GA), Laura Stevenson-Flom (CT), Ken Swenson (IA), Linda Toomey (NY), Roxanne La'akea Young (HI).
- Board Supervisor:** Maureen Hoock
- Moderator:** Lee Stang (CT)
- Parliamentarian:** Rick Greeley (OH)
- Voter Response System Operator:** Brandon Russell
- Staff:** Colleen Leeders, Program Manager, Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs, Mark Tyle, Director, Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs
- Onsite Consultant:** Gail Friedman

Roll Call

Total delegates	142
Present delegates	140
2/3 Majority Quorum	94
Majority Quorum	71
Total Weighted Votes Possible	54,836
Total Weighted Votes Present	54,332
Majority Weighted Voted Present	27,167
Majority 2/3 Weighted Votes Present	36,222

1:42 pm Agenda Adoption

HOD 14:01

Debra Gallup (SC) made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Laura Machida (MI). All delegates were in favor. **Motion passed.**

1:45 pm Adoption of Rules of Procedure

HOD 14:02

Tom Whitmore (WA) made a motion to accept the rules of procedure as presented. Barbara Lis (IN) seconded motion. 139 delegates were in favor. One abstention. **Motion passed.**

1:47 pm Position Statement #1: Massage for Health and Wellness

It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that massage therapy can improve health and wellness through its effects on the physical, mental and social well-being of an individual.

HOD 14:03

Laurel Freeman (FL) made a motion to end debate on the Massage for Health and Wellness position statement. A Delegate seconded the motion. 110 Delegates voted in favor. 30 Delegates voted against. **Motion passed.**

HOD 14:04

Susan DeLegge (UT) made a motion to accept the position statement on Massage for Health and Wellness as presented.

Total for: 115

Weighted for: 42062

Total against: 20

Weighted against: 10208

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 36222

Motion passed.

2:00 pm

HOD 14:05

Tom Whitmore made a motion to continue the business of the house for now and make a friendly amendment to the agenda and take a break at 3 pm. Hedy Blauvelt (ME) seconded the motion. 127 delegates voted in favor. 9 voted against. **Motion passed.**

2:15 pm

Position Statement #2 Proposal on Portability

It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that regulations, in statute and/or rules, should provide options for portability of credentials which meet the required licensing, certification, or registration of massage therapists across the United States.

HOD 14:06

Kim Moore (NC) made a motion to accept the position statement proposal on Portability as presented.

Total for: 80

Weighted for: 30647

Total against: 60

Weighted against: 23685

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 36222

Motion did not pass.

2:32 pm

Position Statement #3 Proposal on Therapeutic Massage for Burn Scars

It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that massage therapy can assist in the rehabilitation of burn scars.

HOD 14:07

Bernadette Binns (VA) made a motion to extend the debate time by 10 minutes for the position statement proposal on Therapeutic Massage for Burn Scars. Sharon Miklos (KS) seconded the motion.

Total for: 48

Weighted for: 18688

Total against: 91

Weighted against: 35333

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 36222

Motion did not pass.

HOD 14:08

Alessa Leming (VA) made a motion to accept the position statement proposal on Therapeutic Massage for Burn Scars as presented.

Total for: 85

Weighted for: 31312

Total against: 54

Weighted against: 22719

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 36222

Motion did not pass.

3:05 pm Meeting recessed for break

3:30 pm Meeting reconvenes

3:33 pm **Roll Call**

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3:45 pm **HOD 14:09**

Thomas Whitmore (WA) made a motion to extend the debate time for each recommendation for an additional 10 minutes. Linda Bucher (WA) seconded the motion.

Total for: 13

Weighted for: 7043

Total against: 127

Weighted against: 47289

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 36222

Motion did not pass.

3:50 pm **SC Recommendation**

The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors

that: convention registration, travel expense, 2 nights lodging and 2 days per diem expenses for Delegates to travel to National Convention to attend the HOD meeting should be paid from the National Convention Budget

HOD 14:10

Katie Heatley (SC) made a motion to accept the SC Chapter's Recommendation as presented.

Total for: 96
Weighted for: 35688

Total against: 44
Weighted against: 18644

Requires majority weighted at: 27167

Motion passed.

4:15 pm

WA Recommendation

The House of Delegates recommends that the AMTA Board study moving the function of generating and approving Position Statements on the clinical efficacy of massage from the House of Delegates to another group, and that the AMTA Board encourage the House to discuss issues that relate to the actual practice of massage therapy throughout the United States.

HOD 14:11

Thomas Whitmore (WA) made a motion to accept the WA Chapter's Recommendation as presented.

Total for: 14
Weighted for: 8457

Total against: 126
Weighted against: 45875

Requires majority weighted at: 27167

Motion did not pass.

4:40pm

CA Recommendation

The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that each Chapter may determine the amount of its Chapter Fee and how to request/acquire said Chapter Fee via mandatory assessment, opt-out contribution, opt-in contribution or as unnecessary.

HOD 14:12

Cynthia Licht (WI) made a motion to end debate on the CA Chapter Recommendation. Kristie Williams (AL) seconded the motion.

Total for: 130

Weighted for: 50987

Total against: 9

Weighted against: 3027

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 3622

Motion passed.

HOD 14:13

Stacey DeGooyer (CA) made a motion to accept the CA Chapter Recommendation as presented.

Total for: 126

Weighted for: 48946

Total against: 13

Weighted against: 4839

Requires majority weighted at: 27167

Motion passed.

5:05pm

HODOC Elections

There are a total of 3 positions open for the 2014-2016 HODOC. Each candidate gave a 2 minute presentation. Candidates were as follows: Richard Testa (CT), Christine Eckery (DE), Myrleen Harrison (FL), Olivia Nagashima (HI), Bary Terry (MO), Jessica Ferrer (NH), Linda Toomey (NY).

5:21 pm

The tellers' Committee was appointed: Sharon Miklos (KS), Dale Stillman (IN), Kristie Williams (AL)

Election Results: Jessica Ferrer (NH), Bary Terry (MO) Richard Tesla (CT)

5:25 pm

Call for new business. No new business was brought forward.

5:30 pm

HOD Meeting Evaluation

5:40pm

HOD 14:14

Susan DeLegge (UT) made a motion to adjourn the 2014 House of Delegates meeting. Laura Machida (MI) seconded the motion. All delegates in favor.

Motion passed.

5:42pm

Meeting Adjourned