

AMTA House of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, August, 19th, 2015
David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA

1:00 pm Welcome Delegates

- Lisa Curran Parenteau, House of Delegates Operations Committee (HODOC) Chair
- Jeff Smoot, AMTA President
- Lee Stang, HOD Moderator
- Rick Greely, Parliamentarian

1:05 pm HODOC Report

HODOC Chair, Lisa Curran Parenteau

Lisa reported on the HODOC's work over the past year. The HODOC has really tried to streamline the processes and procedures around running the HOD meeting.

Lisa also reported on the status of the 2 recommendations that were passed at the 2014 HOD meeting:

The first recommendation that passed in 2014 was brought forth by the SC Chapter and was as follows "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." This motion was brought forward to the Board of Directors this past March and as such, the Finance Committee was charged with measuring the impact this would have on the overall AMTA National budget. The finance committee will report back to the Board by January 2016.

The second recommendation that was brought forward by the CA chapter and passed in 2014 was as follows: "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." This motion was also brought forward to the Board this past March. This motion did not pass, however, as the National Board already plans to review this business decision as part of its annual business review.

Finally, Lisa reported that, this past June, there were 3 agenda items related to the House of Delegates that were voted on and approved.

1. The HODOC will now have a longer window of time for reviewing the proposed recommendations and making suggestions for the Chapter. In the past, the HODOC only had a 2 week window to review Recommendations and in turn make suggestions for improvement.
2. The Chair of HODOC and the Chair of the Position Statement Review Commission (PSRC) are no longer required to sit on each other's committees.
3. The HODOC Chair will now be chosen no later than 6 weeks after the HOD meeting. Additionally, the eligibility requirements for the Chair position have been expanded. Anyone who has been a Chair of the HODOC in the last 5 years is now eligible to serve.

1:17 pm Pledge of Allegiance - Toni Roberts, HODOC Member

Silent Reflection - Jessica Ferrer, HODOC Member

1:20 pm Lee Stang addressed the HOD with several housekeeping notes to help the meeting run smoothly

1:25 pm Position Statement Review Commission (PSRC) Report
PSRC Chair, Susan DeLegge
 Susan began her report by introducing her fellow Commission members. She also reported on the overall processes that the PSRC goes through before offering the position statements for consideration by the HOD.

1:30 pm **Call to Order** – Lee Stang, Moderator
Present: House of Delegates Operations Committee members:
 Lisa C. Parenteau (MA), Chair, Jessica Ferrer (NH), Laura Stevenson-Flom (CT),
 Toni Roberts (GA), Richard Testa (CT), Olivia Nagashima (HI), Roxanne La'akea
 Young (HI).
Board Supervisor: Hailey Strampel (CO)
Moderator: Lee Stang (CT)
Parliamentarian: Rick Greely (OH)
Voter Response System Operators: Brandon Russell, Kyle Fletcher
Staff: Colleen Leeders, Program Manager, Volunteer Development and Chapter
 Programs, Mark Tyle, Director, Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs

Please note – the displayed results onsite at the HOD meeting showed 2/3 majority as 92 versus 91 that is shown here in the minutes. This was a typo and did not effect the final weighted votes. All other numbers displayed were correct.

Roll Call

Total delegates	143
Present delegates	137
2/3 Majority Quorum	91
Majority Quorum	70
Total Weighted Votes Possible	55,189
Total Weighted Votes Present	53,554
Majority Weighted Voted Present	26,778
Majority 2/3 Weighted Votes Present	35,702

1:35 pm Agenda Adoption

HOD 15:01

Jacqueline Waldrop (NC) made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Carrie Mayo Buechler (MI). All delegates were in favor.

Motion passed.

1:38 pm Adoption of Rules of Procedure

HOD 15:02

Brenda Krzewinski (PA) made a motion to accept the rules of procedure as presented. Kenneth Ring (WI) seconded motion. 136 delegates were in favor.

One abstention. **Motion passed.**

1:40 pm Mock Position Statement: Pets Being Mandatory in Massage Session

It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that a pet will be in every massage therapy session in every state in the United States and District of Columbia.

Total for: 47

Weighted for: 18482

Total against: 90

Weighted against: 35,072

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 35,703

Mock motion did not pass.

2:00 pm Mock Recommendation: National Dress Code for AMTA Massage Therapists

The House of Delegates recommends to the AMTA Board of Directors that a National Dress Code be adopted and implemented alongside the Code of Ethics as soon as possible for the further integrity and visual appeal of the profession.

Total for: 40
Weighted for: 15597

Total against: 95
Weighted against: 36,896

Requires majority weighted at: 26,778

Mock Recommendation did not pass.

2:18 pm Position Statement #1: Massage for Burn Scars

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

HOD 15:03

Bernadette Binns (VA) made a motion to approve the position statement proposal on Massage for Burn Scars as presented. Sharon Bryant (AL) seconded the motion.

Total for: 87
Weighted for: 29754

Total against: 50
Weighted against: 23800

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 35,702

Motion did not pass.

2:45 pm Position Statement #2: 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 can be used to help meet the licensing, certification, or registration requirements of massage therapists across the United States.

HOD 15:04

Maureen Stott (CT) made a motion to approve the Position Statement on Portability as presented. Scott Raymond (CT) seconded the motion.

Total for: 104
Weighted for: 40,707

Total against: 31
Weighted against: 12,166

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 35,702

Motion passed.

3:10 pm Meeting recessed for break

3:32 pm Meeting reconvened

3:33 pm **Roll Call**

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3:40 pm **IN Recommendation: Human Trafficking**

The House of Delegates recommends to the Board of Directors that a work group or operations committee be established to research and recommend a plan that the American Massage Therapy Association can use to develop support material and create a guide for working with Homeland Security, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and other organizations working on Human Trafficking.

HOD 15:05

A motion was made to extend the debate time for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion did not pass.

HOD 15:06

A motion was made to have a 5 minute caucus. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

4:08 pm Caucus

4:15 pm Meeting reconvened.

HOD 15:07

Christy Doolittle (IN) made a motion to extend debate time by 5 minutes. Jacqueline Waldrop (NC) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HOD 15:08

Barbara Lis (IN) made a motion to accept the Indiana Chapter's Human Trafficking Recommendation as presented. Scott Raymond (CT) seconded the motion.

Total for: 85
Weighted for: 29,997

Total against: 51
Weighted against: 23,204

Requires majority weighted at: 26,778

Motion passed.

4:25 pm WI Recommendation: Online CE's

The House of Delegates recommends that the National Board of Directors offer complimentary online CE for members.

Bernadette Binns (VA) suggested that a friendly amendment be made to the proposed recommendations as follows: *The House of Delegates recommends that the National Board of Directors consider that the AMTA offer complimentary online CE for new members.*

The WI chapter did not accept this friendly amendment so no motion was made.

HOD 15:09

John Botsford (WI) made a motion to extend debate time by 5 minutes. Kenneth Ring (WI) seconded the motion. Motion did not pass.

HOD 15:10

Jacci Horstman (WI) made a motion to accept the WI Chapter's Online CE Recommendation as presented. Jaime Smith (CO) seconded the motion.

Total for: 59
Weighted for: 20,742

Total against: 78
Weighted against: 32,812

Requires majority weighted at: 26,778

Motion did not pass.

4:50pm

WI Recommendation: Media Education Kit

The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that the Board commission the creation of a model journalist/media education kit for chapter use.

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian (NJ) suggested a friendly amendment to the Recommendation as follows: "*...the board commission a committee to create the model journalist/media education kit for chapter use*". *Additionally, please add that the chapters will have a shared responsibility with the National Board of Directors when media kits are enacted.*

The WI Chapter did not accept this amendment

HOD 15:11

A motion was made to end debate. Motion was seconded. Motion passed

HOD 15:12

Cynthia Licht (WI) made a motion to accept the proposed Media Education Kit Recommendation as presented. John Botsford (WI) seconded the motion.

Total for: 106
Weighted for: 39,620

Total against: 30
Weighted against: 13,594

Requires majority weighted at: 26,778

Motion passed.

5:06 pm HODOC Elections

5:08 pm The Tellers Committee was appointed: Scott Raymond (CT), Laurie Pratt (GA), Bernadette Binns (VA).

There are a total of 4 positions open for the 2015-2017 HODOC. Each candidate gave a 2 minute presentation. Candidates were as follows: Jennifer Findley (VT), Laura Stevenson-Flom (CT), Debra Gallup (SC), Alessa Leming (VA), Donna Webb (NY), Roxanne La'akea Young (HI).

Election Results: Donna Webb (NY), Roxanne La'akea Young (HI), Laura Stevenson-Flom (CT), Debra Gallup (SC)

UPDATE – Jennifer Findley (VT) will now serve on the HODOC for the 2015-2017 term replacing Roxanne La'akea Young.

5:25 pm Call for new business.

Barbara Lis (IN) announced that there are cards with the 800 hotline for reporting Human Trafficking.

5:27 pm HOD Meeting Evaluation

5:35pm HOD 15:13

Melissa Brocato (LA) made a motion to adjourn the 2015 House of Delegates meeting. Carrie Mayo Buechler (MI) seconded the motion. All delegates in favor.

Motion passed.

5:37pm Meeting Adjourned