

AMTA House of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Pasadena, CA

1:00 pm Welcome Delegates

- Jessica Ferrer, House of Delegates Operations Committee (HODOC) Chair
- Nathan Nordstrom, AMTA Immediate Past President
- Lee Stang, HOD Moderator
- Ken Swenson, Parliamentarian

1:05 pm Pledge of Allegiance – Olivia Nagashima HODOC Member

Silent Reflection – Jennifer Findley, HODOC Member

1:07 pm HOD Report – Jessica Ferrer, Chair, House of Delegates Operations Committee

In 2014, the House of Delegates passed a recommendation proposed by the SC Chapter that various expenses should be paid from the National Convention Budget for Delegates to travel to National Convention to attend the HOD meeting. In 2015, the Finance Standing Committee determined more information was needed to be able to make recommendations to the National Board and then in 2016, the Governance Standing Committee was charged with the task to research the House of Delegates structure, function, and purpose and bring forward recommendations. As a result, changes to bylaws pertaining to the HOD and Position Statement Review Commission were notified to the Membership in March 2017, feedback was received; the proposed Bylaw Changes were presented to the National Board of Directors in June 2017 and passed. In brief summary, the House of Delegates is undergoing continued transformation and restructuring to become the Assembly of Delegates, effective at the close of the 2017 House of Delegates meeting.

The Finance Standing Committee will revisit the recommendation passed by the 2014 HOD with an answer to be provided to Chapters for their 2018 budgeting cycles.

1:10 pm Lee Stang addressed the HOD with several housekeeping notes to help the meeting run smoothly.

1:15 pm Call to Order – Lee Stang, Moderator

Present: House of Delegates Operations Committee members:

Jessica Ferrer (NH), Chair, Jennifer Findley (VT), Debra Gallup (SC), Olivia Nagashima (HI), Donna Webb (NY).

Moderator: Lee Stang (CT)

Parliamentarian: Ken Swenson (IA)

Voter Response System Operators: Brandon Russell

Staff: Colleen Leeders, Senior Resource Manager, Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs, Mark Tyle, Senior Director, Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs

Roll Call

Delegates Possible: 137
Delegates Present: 137
Total Weighted Votes Possible: 57,019
Total Weighted Votes Present: 57,019
Majority Weighted Votes Present: 28,511
Majority 2/3 Weighted Votes Present: 38,012
2/3 Majority Quorum: 92
Majority Quorum: 70

1:22 pm Agenda Adoption

HOD 17:01

Patricia Gillette (CA) made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Rachel Mann (NC). 136 delegates were in favor. One against. **Motion passed.**

1:24 pm Adoption of Rules of Procedure

HOD 17:02

Jeannie Fuller (ME) made a motion to accept the rules of procedure as presented. Roxanne Young (HI) seconded motion. All delegates were in favor. **Motion passed.**

1:30 pm Mock Recommendation: Cat Assisted Massage

The House of Delegates recommend to the National Board of Directors that a work group or operations committee be established to research and recommend a plan to train massage therapists in a safe and proper way to use cat-assisted massage in their treatments.

Mock motion did not pass.

1:47 pm Position Statement

Massage Therapy Can Provide Significant Benefit as a Component of Integrative Health Care

HOD 17:03

Gordon Pilotte (MA) made a motion to continue debate for 10 minutes. Mitchell Lowry-Lee(NE) seconded.

Total for: 56
Total against: 80

Requires Majority of the Weighted Vote: 28,511
Motion did not pass. Debate closed

HOD 17:04

Bob Jantz (PA) made a motion to caucus for 5 minutes. Marcel Coffman (FL) seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

HOD 17:05

Paige Harper (KS) made a motion to call the question. Martin Fitzgerald (NJ) seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Massage Therapy Can Provide Significant Benefit as a Component of Integrative Health Care as presented.

Total for: 119
Weighted for: 48585

Total against: 18
Weighted against: 8434

Requires 2/3 majority weighted at: 38012

Position Statement Approved.

2:30 pm Meeting recessed for break

2:50 pm Meeting reconvened

3:53 pm **Roll Call**

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2:55 pm

Indiana Recommendation:

Allowance of Dues received from National for Student Membership Classification

The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that National Policy be changed to allow chapters to receive an allowance of \$10.00 for each student member, allowing chapters to better serve all its members and fulfill the Goals, Objectives and Vision of the American Massage Therapy Association.

Total for: 83

Weighted for: 33474

Total against: 54

Weighted against: 23545

Requires majority weighted at 28511

Recommendation Approved.

3:25

Mock Assembly of Delegates Session

The HOD discussed three proposed position statement topics, did a mock majority vote to move the position statement topic proposals forward to the Board of Directors for action, then prioritized the approved proposal topics. These exercises helped to prepare Delegates for the new processes that will be instituted at the 2018 Assembly of Delegates.

Of note: each chapter will have a transition process for a vote of up to two delegates moving forward. Lee Stang and Ann Blair Kennedy encouraged all Chapter presidents to contact chapter relations for assistance with any transition questions.

4:35 pm

HOD Meeting Evaluation

4:50 pm

Celebration and Toast

5:03 pm

HOD 17:06

Melissa Brocato (LA) made a motion to adjourn the 2017 House of Delegates meeting. Gordon Pilotte (MA) seconded the motion. All delegates in favor.

Motion passed.

5:01 pm

Meeting Adjourned