



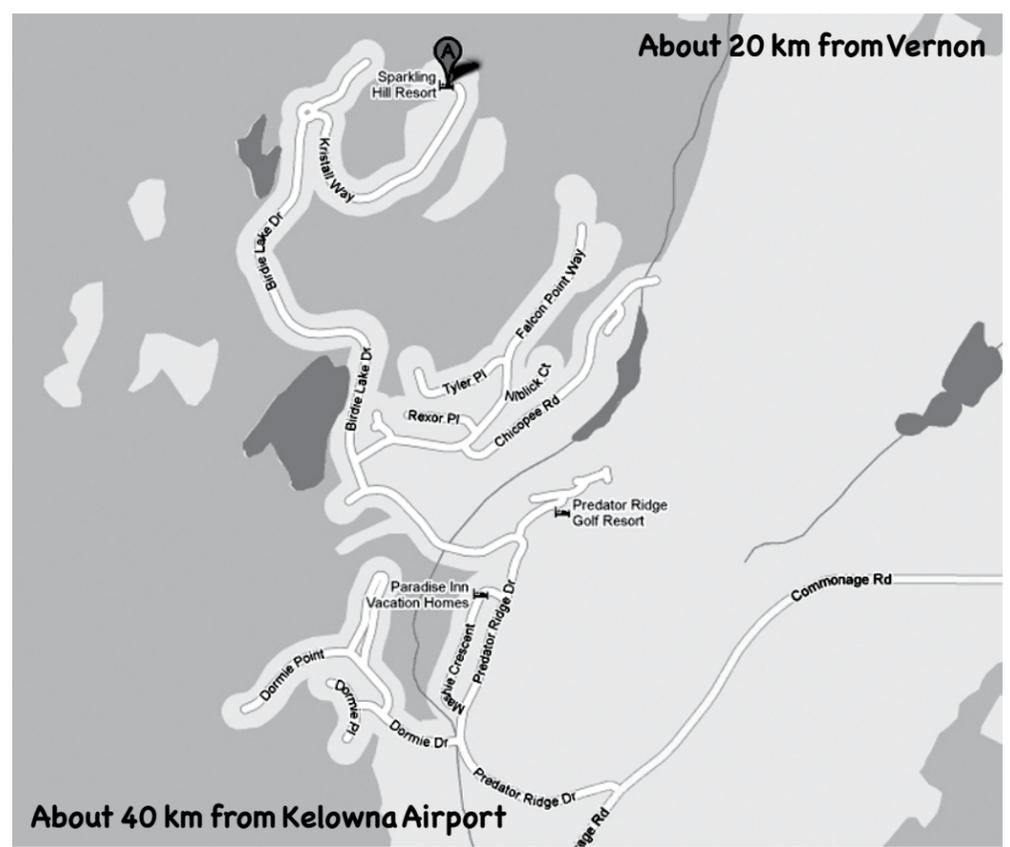
Conference - AGM

April 16, 2011 Sparkling Hill Resort, 888 Sparkling Place, Vernon, B.C.



Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia

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| SAT., APRIL 16 | CONFERENCE - AGM | ACTIVITY / TOPIC / COST |
|----------------------|---|---|
| | Credits TBA | \$50 by April 6, \$70 after * |
| 8:00 am | Continental Breakfast | Visit Exhibitors |
| 8:30 am | Annual General Meeting | Approving AGM 2010 Minutes, Election of Officers and Board Reports. Lecture: New WorksafeBC Agreement |
| 11:00 am | Coffee Break | Visit Exhibitors |
| 11:30 am | Professional Practice Groups: Participants will select a group of interest | |
| | Sports: Best-practice standards for injuries and treatment Oncology: Current research and treatment protocols Women's Health: Key issues and treatments Pain Management: Best-practice standards and protocols for treatment | |
| 1:00 Noon 2:00 pm | Awards Luncheon | With Recognitions |
| 2:00 pm 4:00 pm | Speaker – Willem Fourie, PT | Is there a Place for Manual Therapy in Recovery from Breast Cancer Treatment?*** |
| 4:00 pm | Closing Remarks | Door Prizes |
| 5:00 pm | Wine & Cheese party | Hosted by the MTABC & CMTBC – All Welcome |

LOCATION: The Sparkling Hill Wellness Hotel offers unique, complementary and state-of-the-art hydrotherapy services when booking a guest room. The MTABC has negotiated an excellent guest room rate for RMTs of \$130 per night (down from \$210 per night). The Hotel phone number is 1.877.275.1556 or 250.275.1556.

When Booking your Hotel room, quote MTABC # 7146.

For those not staying at the hotel there is a \$40 day rate to use the hydrotherapy facilities, which you can check out on their web site: [<http://www.sparklinghill.com/>].

* Fee Includes Morning & Afternoon Courses, Breakfast & Lunch

** The growing understanding of fascial anatomy, physiology and pathology is making the planning and execution of therapeutic intervention more problem-specific. Attempting to restore structure before rehabilitating function protects the post mastectomy shoulder from further secondary dysfunction.

PRESIDENT

Damon Marchand



The year 2010 was an active time for Registered Massage Therapy – not only in British Columbia but also right across the country. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Our meetings with the Canadian Life and Health Insurers Association (CLHIA) and the Canadian Health Care Anti-fraud Association (CHCAA) had a significant impact on the work that we are doing in British Columbia and across Canada. These meetings came directly after the CBC did a serious exposé of fraud in massage therapy in Ontario. Fraud is a serious concern for insurers who only see our profession as a national entity.
- WorkSafeBC: RMTs have been challenged by the previous WorkSafeBC Agreement, but we are pleased, although 2 years late, that we finally have a new signed agreement. Information has been sent out to members about the new agreement. While it isn't a perfect solution, it is certainly better than the past contract and includes regular increases for RMTs. I will travel around the province over the next few months informing members about the new WorkSafeBC contract. It should also be remembered that we are one of a few provinces that have a WorkSafeBC insurance and ICBC automobile coverage plan. And we are the only province that has massage therapy provincial medical coverage through MSP. All third party insurers recognize that this acknowledgment by government translates to efficacy of the massage therapy profession. It is therefore important that we maintain these relationships.
- We are proud to host The Third International Fascia Research Congress (FRC3). The Congress has helped put the BC Massage Therapy profession on the international map. To quote its founder Dr. Tom Findley, "Everyone knows that BC Massage Therapists are different and the best in the world." BC's RMTs are recognized both nationally and internationally. The outstanding work of RMT members such as Susan Chappelle, Bodhi Haraldsson, Paula Jasper and Mike Dixon and others, has extended beyond BC's borders and demonstrates leadership and innovation in the profession. We must share our knowledge and take our leadership role seriously.
- RMTs Professional Development continues to raise the bar in our profession. We saw the Willem Fourie Workshops sell out three times and Dr. Tom Findley spoke to over 90 RMTs. This year the association assisted delivering Dr. Dave DeCamillis's program to the Prince George Region, as well as other high quality courses in the Okanagan and Vancouver Island. Mike Dixon joined our team of excellent instructors as well. The Board wants to ensure that these new continuing education instructors reach as many RMTs as possible.
- The Massage Therapy Degree program continues to excite our members. Our members' survey last year told us that you want to see the profession head in that direction. However, post-secondary institutions are faced with financial constraints limiting course development. In the meantime, we will work on the initial stages of developing a curriculum towards a degree program for post-secondary institutions.

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BOARD MEMBER

Sandra Coldwell



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Tanya Turnbull



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Joanna Linardis



**2011
PIN CEREMONY**

Every year at the MTABC AGM, we honour members who have been RMTs for 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years. The following MTABC members will receive pins when they attend the April 16, 2011 MTABC Conference Day/AGM at the Sparkling Hill Resort North of Kelowna.

10 Year Pin

Shari Andrews, Jean August-Hammond, David Bach, Aaron Baker, Tammy Birch, Jennifer Bond, Sharon Buzik, Krista Carreck, Rachel Chandler, Pam Cheema, Annie Clarke, Sarah Cleijnsen, Nicholas Crooks, Sharon Don, Amber Dyck, Nina Edwards, Lawrence Fraser, Sabrina Frazier, Daniel Fung, Julie Gardiner, Natalie Gasten, Maya Gill, Cynthia Gillanders, Kirsten Hansen, Silvia Hickey, Dorit Hoffmann, Teri Holland, Loni Horsley, Susan Jenner, Christy Kirk, Wayne Kirton, Kristina Lee, Debra Logan, Diane Mahoney, Deanna McClure, Jennifer McGeorge, Jane Najvar, Erin Hannah-O'Riordan, Barbara Price, Anna Ricard, Patricia Schmunk, Stephanie Schwartzin, Gurpreet Senghera, Delina Somani, Deanna Taylor, Nicolas Tyrrell, Eric Valiaho, Doris Van Koll, Kari Walker, Jennifer Wick, Nicole Wiseman, Bradley Wong

15 Year Pin

Anne Adkins, Teri Babcock, Beverly Banks, James Bechard, Timothy Benoit, Barry Bereziak, Michael Berger, Lory Bloomquist, Kimberly Brandt, Dee-Ann Brielsman, Sandra Cadavid, Mike Charuk, Janet Chow, Matthew Cipes, Korenna Corby, Katherine Couch, Suzanne Cutt, Catherine Di Cecca, Katrina Douglass, Leanne Dupont, Delia Enevoldson, Darlene Fair, Rhonda Farnham, Christina Graham, Vilma Green, Christopher Hagey, Richard Hogle, Linda Hope, Elizabeth Horne, Lucy-Anne Huey, Shon Hunter, Lori Johansson, Paula Johnston, Laura Jordan, Kristin Kalmakov, Stewart Katz, Michael Kirby, Melanie Klapstock, Renate Kroesa, Jonathan Kromhoff, Lalita Kuehn, Jo-Anne Lacroix, Linda Lalande, Daniel Last, Tania Lauren, Sylvia Leong, Audra Lobo, Hody Lye, Jason MacDonald, Denise Mackinnon, Douglas Makuch, Jennifer McKinney, Jennifer Moss, Andrew Nemeth, Rozanna Newman, Tasha Panasiuk, Shannon Prasad, William Redfern, Violet Reynolds, Beverley Roberts, Susan Ruth, Rackel Scarcello, Tricia Schiedel, Murray Schwabe, Stephen Shumka, Olga Slosel, Karen Smith, Todd Smith, Katherine Smithson, Dawn Sparks, Mary Kathleen Sulis, Andre Tee, Marnie Todd, Lana Tucker, Yasmine Tuokko, Elizabeth Vasko, Gregory Wartak, Heidi Waymark, Barbara Wells, Wilhelm Wendowsky, Melissa West, Tonia White, Leslie Williams, Darwin Wong, Jennifer Wood, Michelle Wood-Tressel, Colleen Wyld, Marion Young

20 Year Pin

Eva Andersson, Attila Apt, Lindsay Bagshaw, Karin Bergen, Nynke Bokma-Mitten, Joan Borutski, Janet Brooks, Marla Brown, Janet Butler, Ninetta Chenier, Tessa Cherniavsky, John Coelho, Clifford Dickson, Sally Gardner, Linda Gysel, Harriet Hall, Teresa Hall, Petra Hasenfratz, Michele Hawes, Kim Kirk, Kanetta Kristofferson, Kevin Kroschinsky, Bronislav Kvapil, Merrill Lalonde, Melba Lewis, Jane Margetson, Laurie McEwen, Cathy McLellan, Ellen McMann, Margo Northey, Cindy Nylund, Blaire Pardee, Jason Peck, Patricia Raidt, Leanne Reynolds, Krystaal Shzyourm, Karoly Sikolya, Lynn Ann Smith, Jacqueline Soby, Glenn Steele, Heather Taylor, Albert Wong, Dawn Wright

25 Year Pin

Rick Backman, Laurie Baird, Bisia Belina, Margot Blum, Bill Brummund, Roger Carling-Kelly, Leslie Croll, Judith Crowhurst, Phyllis De Rousie, Tina Didio McInnes, Michael Dixon, Kaarina Engelbrecht, Henry Epp, Connie Erickson, Alyson Ferguson, Colleen Fraser, Lyn Fraser-Gilmer, Stephen Inaba, Barbara Kops, Juergen Krejan, Monica Ma, Leslie MacGregor, Kim Milbers, Janet Phelps, Sandra Rathwell, John Schlapbach, Frances Shelest, Craig Smart, Kristie Straarup, JaneTherault, Suzanne Vetterli, May Waterfield, Dianna Weaver, Carla Wiseman, Kathleen Wood

30 Year Pin

Lyle Bellamy, Jennifer Berry, Adrian Cato, Barry Davison, Dana Janssen, Sandra Meservia, Suelina Quan, Barbara Rady, Dale Roscovich, Ann Sleeper, Leslie Smith, Lynn Smith

- We continue to work on new and innovative programs for our members. As you know your membership includes our associations' identity theft insurance – a unique benefit for members of massage therapy associations gives. This year too, we increased our liability insurance coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to coincide with the increase in claims and inevitable inflation.

These are just a few of the issues that affect the profession and the association. We will continue to work on your behalf, and lead the profession in BC and nationally. Your input is always welcome. This is your association, and we appreciate and respect your comments.

Sincerely,
Damon Marchand

**VICE-PRESIDENT
&
COMMUNICATIONS**

Anita Wilson



The work of the Communications Committee continues to be both challenging and interesting with never-ending possibilities. We maintain two fundamental purposes: 1) to educate the public, media, government and insurers, and 2) to provide communication tools for RMT members.

- Our magazine, now called **Massage Matters Canada**, will continue to be published three times a year. It is published primarily in the interest of BC RMTs but also serves as a source of information for government, insurers and other health professionals. We have discovered, proudly, that many massage therapists across Canada are also requesting our magazine. We will continue to work hard on this publication to keep it fresh & relevant.
- Our newsletter **Massage is the Message** focuses on office events and other business matters relevant to BC RMTs. It will no longer be sent via regular mail but instead will be turned into an E-newsletter which will be accessible on the website. This will allow us to keep costs down, as well as ensure that important information such as CEC courses are delivered in a timely matter.
- Our **new Website** (www.massagetherapy.bc.ca) is almost complete. It is designed to be more user-friendly – you may notice that we have a new menu system and that some of the links have changed or moved. One of the most important features of this website will be the online registration (yes, you will be able to pay online!).
- The MTABC will proudly host the **2012 International Fascia Research Congress**, which will be one of the biggest events this association has had the privilege to be involved in. The magnitude of this event is so great that I cannot possibly go into detail in this report. Detailed information regarding this special event will be sent regularly in our future communications.

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- Over the last year, our latest "Have you seen your RMT?" **TV Commercial** has been seen on two different broadcasters: CBC and CityTV. It aired during several Hockey games and the National News, as well as during a wide range of programs including Two and a Half Men, Friends, The Simpsons and Law and Order: CI. To ensure that the entire province continues to be covered, we also placed our original commercial "Look for the Logo" on the Shaw Directory in Prince George, Kelowna and elsewhere. In the future, we plan on airing our commercial on several other channels and are hoping to do more public information advertising with the help of the CMTBC.



- Zoom Media** offers us a unique opportunity for us to advertise on specialized boards in very specific locations. Our "Have You Seen Your Registered Massage Therapist?" poster advertisements will appear in the locations such as fitness centres, restaurants, theatres and medical centres starting the week of February 13, 2011, and will remain for one year.

- One of the more exciting projects is the development of a cost-effective & user-friendly RMT-specific software. **MRX Office Solutions** has worked hard to develop their "Office Master for Massage Therapists" software to meet the needs of BC RMTs. This system has many beneficial features for both the individual RMT and a group practice, including appointment scheduling, billing & payments, GST tracking, and statistical reports. It will also be a useful tool for the MTABC and private insurers in gathering data about the use of massage therapy, demographics of treatment, and preventing fraud. If you have questions please contact the MRX Solutions at (<http://www.mrxsolutions.com/>) and watch for future mail-outs, or come see a demo live at the AGM.
- We continue to participate in the two largest health shows in BC, the **Vancouver Wellness Show** and the **West Coast Women's Show**; and last fall we also went to Prince George for a regional health show. With the seemingly endless number of shows that we are presented with we continue to try to choose those shows/conventions in various regions of the province that will have maximum impact.

With so many other types of medical therapies, alternative practices and non-regulated body work available, it is more important than ever for us to continue to educate the public, government and insurers on what an RMT is and what makes our service so beneficial and so unique. This report would not be complete without thanking our fellow RMT colleagues who have volunteered to help at various health shows and proudly represent our profession.

Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)**

| <u>September 30,</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | \$ - | \$ 10,482 |
| Term deposits (note 4) | 692,955 | 532,955 |
| Accounts receivable | 17,641 | 17,368 |
| Prepaid expenses | 17,591 | 2,568 |
| | <u>728,187</u> | <u>563,373</u> |
| Capital Assets (note 5) | <u>9,858</u> | <u>12,946</u> |
| | <u>\$ 738,045</u> | <u>\$ 576,319</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Cheques written in excess of deposits | \$ 2,770 | \$ - |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 32,792 | 20,724 |
| Wages payable | 8,277 | 385 |
| Unearned revenue (note 6) | 94,236 | 49,850 |
| | <u>138,075</u> | <u>70,959</u> |
| Net Assets | | |
| Internally Restricted (note 7) | <u>173,155</u> | <u>352,205</u> |
| Unrestricted | <u>426,815</u> | <u>153,155</u> |
| | <u>599,970</u> | <u>505,360</u> |
| | <u>\$ 738,045</u> | <u>\$ 576,319</u> |

Commitments (note 8)

Approved on behalf of the board:

 Director

Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)**

| For the year ended September 30, | 2010 | 2009 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Memberships | \$ 605,881 | \$ 538,192 |
| Communications and research | 376,511 | 340,616 |
| Workshops | 248,514 | 93,862 |
| Other income | 19,727 | 17,337 |
| Interest income | 8,816 | 18,229 |
| | 1,259,449 | 1,008,236 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Accounting and legal | 65,489 | 47,085 |
| Advertising and promotion | 978 | 894 |
| Amortization | 5,153 | 2,552 |
| Annual general meeting | 27,054 | 31,412 |
| Bank charges | 14,540 | 11,025 |
| Communications and research | 466,958 | 345,202 |
| Contract negotiations | 31,456 | 16,269 |
| Equipment rental | 3,629 | 3,629 |
| Insurance | 1,674 | 712 |
| Office | 41,726 | 34,165 |
| Per diem reimbursements | 59,060 | 32,425 |
| Rent | 19,721 | 20,499 |
| Salaries and benefits | 176,840 | 162,840 |
| Telephone | 7,093 | 7,096 |
| Travel | 39,644 | 36,136 |
| Workshops | 203,824 | 96,059 |
| | 1,164,839 | 848,000 |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures | \$ 94,610 | \$ 160,236 |

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**SECRETARY /
TREASURY**

Walter Ament



As the Secretary, I would like to report that since the last AGM, the Board has met nine times both face-to-face and by conference calls. There are many challenging issues that affect our great profession and require the time and attention of the Board members and the MTABC staff. Many of these concerns are covered in other reports, however, it would be prudent that all members inform themselves by checking out the summaries of the minutes of Board meetings on the MTABC web page. The Board meetings and business continue to run efficiently. Our Executive Director's professional guidance has played a large role in this situation.

As Treasurer, I am pleased to advise that membership climbed again last year resulting in an increase of revenue over expenses for the year ended October 31, 2010. The financial report is in this booklet for member review. However, rest assured that our financial position is healthy. Net income continues to exceed expenses and this provides a good reserve for planned initiatives to enhance the massage therapy profession. Dues have not increased since 2006 and the premium for our liability insurance has decreased while we get better benefits than any other plans. I would like to thank Pat Newton, our association accountant, who continues to provide accurate and timely financial information and records. I would also like to assure the membership that your dues are being prudently managed for the well-being of all the members.

**PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE
GROUPS**

Harriet Hall



Again, I facilitated DVD replays from the **Second International Fascia Research Congress, 2009** in Amsterdam. I traveled around the province to five sites and met over three hundred of our members. We are trying to make CEC credits more accessible to our members living beyond the town of Hope. We are beginning to develop some local groups to facilitate our expanding access. Carolyn Vbra has started an on-line discussion group in the Kootenay area.

As the Chair of the FRC 2012 Planning Committee I have the privilege of working with our office staff as well as international contacts to bring the **Third International Fascia Research Congress to Vancouver March 28-30, 2012**. The website is up, the venue has been confirmed and we have eight exemplary plenary speakers lined up.

The **Continuing Education Committee** completed its work on terms of reference, criteria for and evaluation of MTABC sponsored Instructors as well as other policy and procedure documents. We continue to search for quality evidence-based courses to offer to our members. This past year we hosted Willem Fourie, a physiotherapist from South Africa and expert on fascia and cancer. Robert Schleip, PhD from Germany presented his latest workshop on working with fascial mechanoreceptors. Julie Day and Antonio Stecco from Italy presented some of their latest fascial work, and we are looking forward to their return. We have signed several new instructors and are currently talking with several others.

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RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Bodhi Haraldsson



Joey Lattanzio and I have developed a refresher course aimed at practitioners returning to practice or leaving spa employment. This course also works for those wishing to reexamine, reflect upon and strengthen their practice particularly during the initial interview for employment. The course will help expedite and guide treatment planning and will be offered later in the year.

Work on the Professional Practices Groups carries on slowly. We have entered the next stage of planning and are currently working with an academic to develop appropriate language that encompasses our goals. We will be ready to involve a member interest group in the fall.

I wish to thank those members of the PPG Sports who have worked hard to formulate policies that have greatly assisted in this process. We will be officially launching the therapy provider aspect of this group at the AGM.

The MTABC Appeals Committee has not been active.

*T*his past year has been exceptional for the MTABC research department. In my eight years of involvement in the MTABC research program I have seen a lot of excitement around research. The dedicated research funds that your membership dues provide have allowed us to become one of the major forces in massage therapy research. This force extends beyond massage therapy and into the international fascia research world. In Canada, we are the only association that has dedicated research funds, and a research department. Below are several other points to consider:

1. In 1999, MTABC hosted the first massage therapy research conference. This was a major feat for a relatively small organization. Now, this small BC organization is about to hold a major international research conference next year. We should all be proud of our accomplishments.
2. There is a need for increased opportunities for our members to further their own education and involvement in research projects. We see this in the case reports for which we offer awards, and we see this reflected in the seed grant interest we have. Members spoke clearly through our education survey that they want to see a degree program in massage therapy here in BC. With this aim, we have been working to secure the interest of a BC university to develop and offer a baccalaureate degree in massage therapy.
3. "Health professionals can no longer see their role as simply that of competent health practitioners performing their direct clinical role. They also need to recognize that they have a role in shaping the future of a health care system that is their workplace as well as a vehicle for providing quality health care to the community they serve." (Educating beginning practitioners: challenges for health professional education, By Joy Higgs, Helen Edwards, 1999)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Pat Newton

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Review Engagement Report

**To the Directors of
Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia**

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia as at September 30, 2010 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied to us by the Association.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Vancouver, Canada
March 9, 2011

M. Mackay
Chartered Accountants

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NOMINATIONS

For the Board of Directors

Harriet Hall and Joey Lattanzio, RMTs, and Chairs of the MTABC Nominations Committee, in accordance with the MTABC Bylaws are hereby notifying the membership that six positions on the Board of Directors are open for election at the April 16, 2011 Annual General Meeting. The nominations for these positions are:

- Sandra Coldwell, RMT
- Walter Ament, RMT
- Anita Wilson, RMT
- Joanna Linardis, RMT
- Tanya Turnbull, RMT
- Mike Reoch, RMT

A positive, working Board of Directors is integral to the future of our association and massage therapy in the province of British Columbia. We are confident that the names we are putting forward are people who are dedicated and capable of moving our health care sector forward with integrity.

OUR SPEAKER

Willie Fourie



Mr. Fourie works in private practice in Roodepoort, South Africa, and has more than thirty years of clinical experience in the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions, including Sports Physiotherapy on Provincial and International level as well as Trauma Rehabilitation in the Mining Industry. Starting in 2002 as graduate dissector in the School of Anatomical Studies, Willem has been paying special attention to the interrelationships of structures and how this relates to function. This understanding of fascial interrelationships led to a movement model for better evaluation and therapy, presented in courses internationally over the past 8 years.

The emphasis of Willem's academic work has shifted to finding solutions to, and understanding of Post Mastectomy Pain and Dysfunction Syndromes in partnership with the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Oncology and Palliative Care (ACPOPC) in the United Kingdom. Overlapping with this, Willem has recently started mapping the fascial relationships of the thigh, and how this influences knee function. Apart from sharing his understanding of the connective tissue and fascial systems in workshops and courses, Willem presents his work at international research congresses.

His most recent engagements were as keynote speaker at the 2nd International Fascia Research Congress in Amsterdam, as well as at the Royal Dutch Physiotherapy Society Annual Congress also in Amsterdam.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brenda Locke



4. MTABC has entered into a contract with Sigma Applied Research LLC to create a digital repository of case reports in massage therapy and related soft-tissue manual therapies - the **Massage Case Report Repository**. The proposed repository will be initially populated with all the case reports authored by students from the three accredited massage therapy schools in British Columbia, and will then be expanded to include case reports from other Canadian provinces and the US. Over a five year period the scope of the repository could be expanded to include Australia and New Zealand.

This last few years has seen unprecedented growth, commitment and enormous potential for Registered Massage Therapists in British Columbia. Membership alone in the Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia has been significant.

| Year: | 2000/01 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Members: | 837 | 942 | 1,012 | 1,344 | 1648 | 1749 | 1945 | 2074 | 2230 |

But growth in an organization like ours cannot only be described in terms of numbers. These past few years have seen the profession grow in many others ways. Our Research, Communication, and Continuing Education departments have all seen significant activity this past year. Importantly too, we have been working hard to continue to build strong relationships with insurers, government and other massage therapy associations across the country.

We know from our survey of British Columbians that, increasingly, there is better awareness of Registered Massage Therapy in our province. The association will continue to increase public awareness and understanding of massage therapy and its benefits.

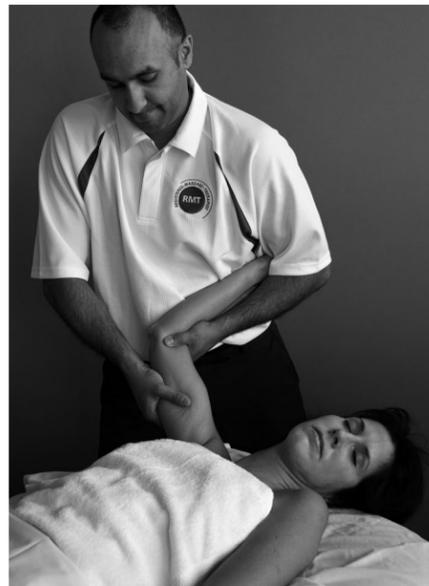
This year we participated in three health expos, intensified our public advertising on television and grew our "speakers bureau" to health advocacy groups. Furthermore, we have developed new Banners and supply kits for members to promote the profession when participating in community health care events.

This year we focused our surveys directly on you, the members, to better determine your thoughts and vision for the profession. And membership overwhelmingly responded that they want more educational supports, both advanced courses and refresher courses, and the association is responding.

Over the next year, we will be increasing our communication with you through our bi-weekly e-newsletter that will keep you up to date on the "goings on" in the profession. It will have a calendar of continuing education options for your consideration as well as notices of new member benefits. This year, for example, we increased members'

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liability insurance from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Your MTABC insurance also covers you for travel and identity theft protection.



From our humble beginnings out of the back of Brenda Wilkinson's clinic on West 4th in Kitsilano, to the early '90s' when we moved to our first official home in the attic of Big Sisters, then onto our office on Broadway, we have now settled in the Marpole area of Vancouver. And we will continue to expand within our current facility. In addition, through all that growth, we went from no staff, to hiring Dee Willock one day a week, to where we are today, with six full time employees and two part-time/on-call employees as well as numerous contractors that are all committed to serving our members. Growth and progress have become the moniker of the MTABC.

Whether it is the Degree Program, Hosting the International Fascia Congress, Public Awareness, or our Research Department, the MTABC "punches above our weight" in terms of our potential and vision for the profession.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication. It is a privilege to work with such a great group of people who truly care about our profession and have embraced the significant amount of change we have experienced in a relatively short time.

**April 11, 2010
AGM MINUTES**

Executive Airport Plaza,
7311 Westminster Hwy.
Richmond, BC
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Call to Order: 8:35 am by Damon Marchand, who introduced MTABC Board Members, staff and parliamentarian.

Meeting Facilitated: by Stephen Duck, Parliamentarian, who discussed housekeeping, quorum and meeting rules. A quorum was determined to be present.

2009 AGM Minutes:

MOTION 1

Be it resolved that the membership approve the minutes of the March 29, 2009 AGM. Moved by Walter Ament, seconded by Anita Wilson. Motion Passed.

Election of Officers

Three names were put forward for Board directors: Damon Marchand, Harriet Hall, Joey Lattanzio

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**April 11, 2010
AGM MINUTES**

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Membership accepted the nomination as presented and elected them by acclamation to the Board of Directors.

President's Report - Damon Marchand

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Parliamentarian called for questions to the report. No questions were raised.

Vice-President's/Communication Report - Anita Wilson

Report was pre-circulated to membership. There were no questions to the report.

Treasurer/Secretary's Report - Walter Ament

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Walter reviewed financial statements. Parliamentarian called for questions to the report.

MOTION 2

Be it resolved that the membership approve the 12 month financial statements as presented. Moved by Walter Ament. Seconded by Brenda Flint Motion Passed

MOTION 3

Be it resolved that the MTABC appoint Chartered Accountants Herd & Company to review the association financial statements for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Moved by Walter Ament. Seconded by Leslie Smith. Motion Passed.

Professional Practice Groups - Harriet Hall

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Koby Blanchfield commended Harriet on her hard work on this committee.

Scope of Practice - Sandra Coldwell

Report was pre-circulated to membership. There were no questions to the report.

Research Report - Bodhi Haraldsson

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Bodhi announces the four research seed grant winners:

- | | |
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| 1 Susan Chapelle, RMT | 3 Jocelyn Cowie, RMT |
| 2 Shelley Jackson, RMT | 4 John Forde, RMT |

Professional Development - Joey Lattanzio

Report was pre-circulated to membership. There were no questions to the report.

Executive Director's Report - Brenda Locke

Brenda updated the membership on:

1. the MTABC HST campaign,
2. the parameters surrounding GST an HST,
3. the current national body for massage therapy, and
4. insurer relations and the investigation of fraud, and the affect therein on the RMT profession. Membership expressed their concern MSP and ICBC fees.

Adjournment

Parliamentarian called for meeting adjournment at 10 am.