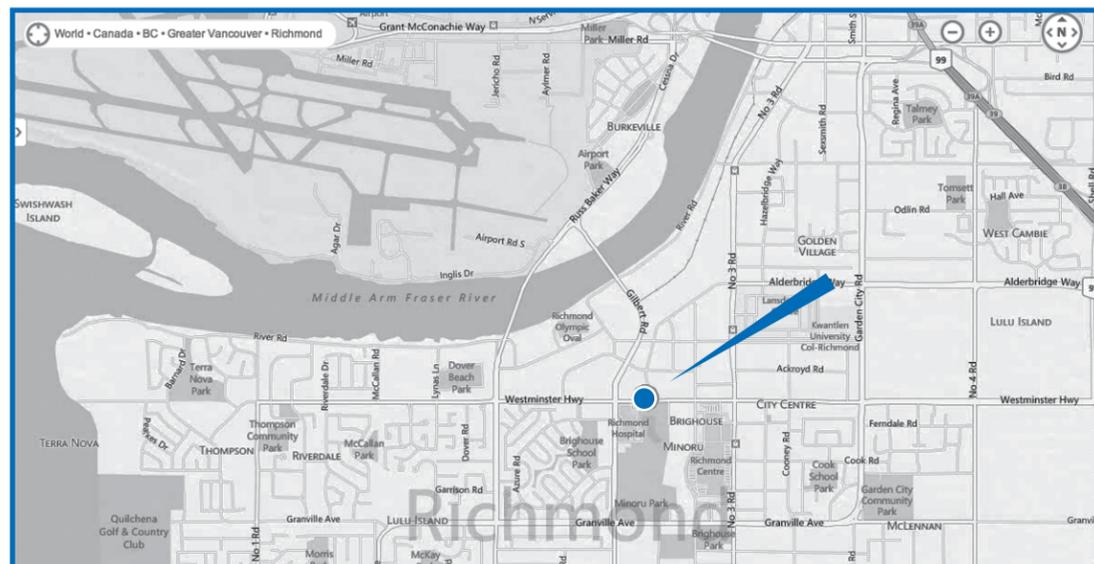




AGM PROGRAM

HOW TO GET TO THE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT HOTEL IN RICHMOND, BC



Questions for the MTABC Board of Directors

To use our time efficiently at the upcoming March 9, 2013 AGM, please submit your questions to the Board reports or to the Board in general ahead of time, by emailing them to mta@massagetherapy.bc.ca

Thanks!



Executive Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, 7311 Westminister Highway, Richmond BC V6X 1A3

		Conference Day/AGM	
AGENDA	Cover		<p>Fee: \$50 early bird by March 1, 2013 \$70 after; Credits TBA</p> <p>Fee Includes Morning & Afternoon Courses and Breakfast & Lunch</p>
REPORTS			
President	1	8:00 am	Continental Breakfast – Visit Exhibitors
Vice President	2	8:30 am	Annual General Meeting: Approving AGM 2012 Minutes, Announcement of Officers and Board Reports
Secretary/Treasurer	3	9:30 am	Professional Practice Groups (PPG) Panel: Bodhi Haraldsson, RMT presents related research evidence on: Sports PPG, Women's Health PPG, Gerontology PPG and Oncology PPG
Communications	4	10:15 am	Coffee Break - Visit Exhibitors
PPG / CE	4	10:45 am	Lecture presented by MTABC Counsel: RMTs & Self-Regulation, RMTs & The Health Professions Act and RMTs & BC's Privacy Laws. <i>Why These Matter To You</i>
Research Chair	5	12:00 noon	Awards Luncheon – Pin Ceremony & RMT of the Year Award
Executive Director	6	1:30 pm	Key Note Speaker – Dr. Geoffrey Bove , <i>Hypotheses and Dogma in Clinical Practice</i> (See AGM Program for Dr. Bove's introduction)
QUESTIONS?	8	3:30 pm	Door Prizes and Closing Remarks
2012 AGM MINUTES	8		
PIN CEREMONY	10	Post Conference Workshop:	Introduction to Pain, Nociception and Nerves, Dr. Geoffrey Bove
Dr. Bove Introduction	11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday March 10 and Monday March 11, 9 am to 5 pm each day Holiday Inn, 711 West Broadway Vancouver Cost: \$410 one month early; \$450 regular 14 PE/A2 CMTBC Credits Register at mta@massagetherapy.bc.ca
Financial Statements	12		
HOTEL	Back Cover	Accommodation:	To book a guest room at \$119 / night at the Richmond Executive Airport Plaza, call 604-278-5555 or 1-800-663-2878 and quote: Massage Therapists' Association of B.C. <u>Book before Feb. 7 /13 **</u>

PRESIDENT

Damon Marchand



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

- Henry Ford

In our journey together as a self-regulating profession, we have experienced beginnings, progresses and successes. This year was a particularly dynamic one as we experienced all of the above.

There is no question that the success of the Third International Fascia Research Congress has put the MTABC on the map as an association that represents significant manual health care providers. I cannot say enough of how proud I was to be a part of that congress and the legacy it has created for BC RMTs. There were great bonds and relationships formed with fascia researchers and practitioners from around the globe – the culmination of three years of hard work was definitely a high point for the Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia.

On the other end of the scale, the challenge continues as we found ourselves having to take a stand on behalf of our registrants, given our collective responsibility as a self-regulated profession. The decision by the Registrar to cancel the CMTBC Board election only 2 days prior to the election was very disappointing, and as the Justice Goepel stated, "The Registrar had no power or authority to cancel the March 25, 2012 election." The relationship between the MTABC and the CMTBC must be repaired in order to move forward.

The MTABC is committed to working towards that goal in a respectful and equitable manner, respecting both the mandate of the college and the requirements of a self-regulating profession. Although we were successful in our legal challenge with the CMTBC, the outcome was bittersweet and definitely a low point for me personally and I know for every one of the MTABC Board members this past year. The MTABC is committed to turning this challenging year into a success and forging a new working relationship with the CMTBC, starting with their proposed Bylaw changes.

As for the on-going MTABC business, we are reminded of the need for a professional association when we are dealing with issues that affect every member's pocket book. That is certainly the case in our relationship with the Canadian Life and Health Insurers Association (CLHIA). In collaboration with the National Insurers, we have developed a standard receipt for the profession and a "medically necessary" statement that provides CLHIA with some confidence that the services provided by our practitioners are indeed health care services.

The MTABC relationship with other provinces through the Canadian Massage Therapist Alliance (CMTA) has strengthened our dialogue with the insurers as well as built collegial partners with other associations across the country. It is important that we all support each other as we move forward on national challenges, such as insurance fraud, the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), National Standards (currently the Inter-jurisdictional Standards), regulatory issues, GST/HST and, more recently, the opportunity to develop an Accreditation Process for massage therapy schools.

On the home front, we are moving forward on topics specific to British Columbia, such as ICBC billing. I am pleased to say that we have developed a new and more collegial relationship with ICBC. That relationship has already worked to assist several members deal with ICBC problems quickly. While our relationship with WorkSafeBC has greatly improved, we are still having challenges with members not willing to treat WorkSafeBC patients. This is unfortunate since some members who are

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Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)**

<u>September 30,</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 337,352	\$ 243,914
Term deposits (note 4)	852,955	777,955
Accounts receivable	10,188	37,540
HST receivable	25,638	-
Prepaid expenses	5,403	116,749
	<u>1,231,536</u>	<u>1,176,158</u>
Capital Assets (note 5)	12,362	12,517
	<u>\$ 1,243,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,675</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 66,901	\$ 17,749
HST payable	-	17,021
Wages payable	991	7,569
Deferred revenue (note 6)	400,368	491,817
	<u>468,260</u>	<u>534,156</u>
Net Assets		
Internally Restricted (note 7)	213,155	193,155
Unrestricted	562,483	461,364
	<u>775,638</u>	<u>654,519</u>
	<u>\$ 1,243,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,675</u>

Commitments (note 8)

Approved on behalf of the board:

 Director

 Director

Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)**

For the year ended September 30,	2012	2011
Revenues		
Memberships	\$ 696,502	\$ 668,445
Communications and research	406,571	407,336
Workshops	110,709	163,861
Fascia conference net surplus (note 10)	22,129	-
Other income	14,240	11,403
Interest income	13,928	10,929
	1,264,079	1,261,974
Expenditures		
Accounting and legal	129,129	54,472
Advertising and promotion	11,833	6,120
Amortization	6,047	7,852
Annual general meeting	28,782	44,427
Bank charges	21,087	21,078
Communications and research	439,678	513,296
Contract negotiations / insurer relations	15,654	34,176
Equipment rental	2,260	6,310
Insurance	390	1,409
Office	52,921	48,038
Per diem reimbursements	43,375	45,223
Rent	44,440	29,980
Salaries and benefits	195,032	201,825
Telephone	10,140	12,219
Travel	22,433	21,854
Workshops	119,759	159,146
	1,142,960	1,207,425
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 121,119	\$ 54,549



Damon Marchand continued...

now treating WorkSafeBC patients have found the responsiveness and payout by WorkSafeBC to be greatly improved.

As we move into the first half of 2013, we will be in the middle of a provincial election. It is important that members take the time to consider the candidates and parties running. Health care policy is important to the public and politicians, and RMTs are well positioned to address some of the health care needs and issues. One of our messages to government and those seeking election is to review the RMT Scope of Practice and specifically the current definition of Registered Massage Therapy. There is no question that our definition must change, and the MTABC will be working to deliver a strong message that will educate all those seeking election about who we are and the valuable role that RMTs play in BC's health care continuum.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who volunteer on committees, our Board, the CMTBC Board and our staff for the work they do. It is our goal to continue to work on issues that affect the profession individually, provincially, nationally and even internationally.

Thank you to our members for the tremendous support that you have shown us this past year. I am committed to making 2013 a year of working together with all our partners – from the public, to the insurers, to other allied health care professions, to government, to our regulator and most importantly to you our members. Keeping our patients at the forefront of our decisions, will ensure that 2013 will be filled with even more successes.

VICE PRESIDENT

Joseph Lattanzio



One question I constantly get asked is "What does my membership get me?" "Does membership really have its privileges?" I am pleased to answer that question with a resounding YES and refer to a mailout that we sent to the membership in September 2012. Helping members with the "business of the business" is always a priority for the MTABC Board and Staff.

Our many programs provide you the members with Great Value in terms of saving time, saving money and streamlining your business practice.

Although much of this is available to members on the website and has been sent out through our various communication tools, it is always worth a reminder. Here are just a sampling of the tools and benefits the association has developed for you – our members,

PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

- Sample Contracts
- Clinical Medical Forms
- Brochures
- Mentorship Program
- Practice Assistance

INSURANCE

- Malpractice Insurance
- Travel Insurance
- Identity Theft
- Life Insurance
- Medical / Dental Insurance

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Joseph Lattanzio continued...

Access to Professionals:
 • Accounting & Legal
 Job Roster & Locum Registry
 Contract Negotiations
 Fee Schedule

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research Department c/w Access to eHLb & Librarian
 Massage Matters Canada Magazine
 Continuing Education Course at Reduced Rates for Members
 Book and DVD Library
 Conferences
 AGMs and Regional Road Shows
 Professional Practice Groups

Disability Insurance

MARKETING

Community Health Fair Kit & Financial Support
 Referral Service – Find an RMT
 Advertising
 Borrowing Equip. for Community Events
 • Massage Tables & Chairs
 • Portable Shelter for Sport Events

As part of our Affinity Program, we have just struck a partnership with Peregrine plastics. They have a variety of plastic displays as well as customizable display units for whatever your needs may be – watch for more information in an upcoming E-newsletter.

We are also very excited about our new partnership with Lululemon. There will be more details through the E-newsletter and at our 2013 AGM.

Of course, the MTABC is always on top of issues that impact the profession provincially, nationally and internationally.

I am proud to share this sampling of the benefits and work that is done on members' behalf. I wanted to take this time to thank my fellow board members and our executive director for their guidance and hard work over past year.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

Walter Ament



As the Secretary, I would like to report that since the last AGM, the Board has met both face to face and by conference calls. There are many challenging issues that affect our profession and require the time and attention of 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 of all the issues by checking the MTABC web site regularly.

As Treasurer, I am pleased to advise that membership climbed again last year resulting in an increase of revenue for the year ended October 31, 2012. The available financial report is a summary for member review. Rest assured that our financial position is healthy. Dues have not increased since 2006 and the premium for our liability insurance has varied little, while we get better coverage than other plans. Member benefits and affinity programs continue to improve.

David Pel & Company Inc., our Certified General Accountants continue 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 and in accordance with your wishes.

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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, 2012 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 discussion 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
 December 20, 2012

Mary C.P.
 Chartered Accountants

**2013
PIN CEREMONY**
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Tracy Leach, Linda Ann McDermot, Sandra Meierl, Maureen Perry, Yvonne Poulin, Colleen Schmitt, Helen Smith, Michael Spicer, Tim Mothe Tilden, Curtis Verigin, Vicki Wills, Julia Winter, Glenn Wong

30 YEAR PIN

Debra Carlson, Douglas Fairweather, Dennis Keithley, Anne Lindsay, Roger Partridge

35 YEAR PIN

Margaret Behr, Mary-Margaret Gingerich, Patricia Hepper, Paulette Marchetti, Riki Vogt, Adriane Yzerman

40 YEAR PIN

Laara Gabriel



**Dr. Geoffrey Bove's
INTRODUCTION**



Our understanding of every facet of our lives develops through observation and curiosity. A curious individual makes an observation, and wonders "why." Their next action is highly variable, ranging from a shrug of the shoulders to a life's work striving to understand "why." A quest to understand involves making and testing hypotheses. An acceptance of something as truth, without proof or in the face of facts to the contrary, constitutes dogma. Hypotheses and dogma influence our daily and clinical practice, but it seems that the two often blur. This presentation will use trigger point therapy, visceral manipulation, and other familiar examples to contrast the role of hypotheses and dogma in daily practice.

COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Reoch



I want to thank Christin Sadler for the hours of hard work she has put into the communications department. Christin has moved out of province and we are sad to see her go. Our board will miss her intelligence and vision. Christin has shown us the potential that social media offers.

By the beginning of 2013, it will have been a full year since I started at this post and I feel like I am starting to get a handle on how interwoven this department is within our organization. In the future, I would like to help create better policy for interdepartmental communication. I also feel that we the board need to keep striving for even more openness and transparency to our members.

With this in mind, we have gone about reviewing and amending the MTABC mission statement, vision statement, and mandate. We have also created a flowchart to help the office streamline and understand their responsibilities with communications. The MTABC is looking at finishing its social media policy and is conducting a new survey to track attitudes ideas and beliefs regarding our profession.

We are constantly tweaking the MTABC website to be more user-friendly. It is a challenge to present so much content and to do it in a way that allows for easy access. Lately, the MTABC has added two new brochures written in Punjabi and Chinese for your patients' convenience.

To keep the RMT message going in the public domain, we have participated in several Radio 650 talk shows. RMTs provided very informative and thought-provoking interviews on the Dr. Don Show. Also, we are continuing our road shows, newspaper pieces and other mainstream media campaigns.

We are always looking for ideas, suggestions comments and volunteers. You may contact me at anytime: michael@massagetherapy.bc.ca

**PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE GROUPS
/ CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

Harriet Hall



This has been a short year with the last AGM being held in June. As reported last year, the 3rd International Research Congress was a huge success; we are now happy to report a modest profit.

One outcome of our success has been the MTABC's appointment as the official Canadian organizer for the Stecco Fascial manipulation Courses.

We held a very successful Level 1 course in November and have plans for a second in April 2013 and a Level 2 in the fall of 2013.

Also, I am following up with many of the post-congress workshop providers to see if they would like to provide more continuing education opportunities for our members.

Professional Practice Groups (PPGs) are still moving along. We hosted a one day face-to-face gathering of all the members of PPG Women's Health that included a basic research course.

We have new Chairs for PPG Sports (Anita Wilson, RMT) and PPG Women's Health (Elizabeth Esposito, RMT). Many thanks to Sarah Swift who was the past chair of PPG Women's Health, and has gone back to university to pursue a midwifery degree. We also have interest in PPG Gerontology and PPG Pain. The Appeals Committee has not met this year.

RESEARCH CHAIR

Bodhi Haroldsson



MTABC members and their Board of Directors recognize the importance of research for the massage therapy (MT) profession. This recognition is supported through dedicated yearly funding. A strong infrastructure for MT research is one of the main obstacles the profession faces as it tries to build its knowledge base to create better health and health care for patients in BC. Building our capacity to produce profession-specific research can some times be a slow process. This is why we celebrate each triumph.

2012 was a particularly successful year for our research program. MTABC hosted the 3rd International Fascia Research conference and had 2 research projects, supported through our research seed grant program. Susan L. Chappelle, RMT and Geoffrey M. Bove, DC, PhD published the finding of their study *Visceral massage reduces postoperative ileus in a rat model* in the **Journal of Bodywork & Movement Therapies**. Susan and Geoffrey also presented some of their findings at the 3rd International Fascia Research conference. They will be presenting more of their work at the International Massage Therapy Conference in Boston this coming April.

Also, Patricia Janssen, PhD and Paula Jaspar, RMT published their paper *Massage therapy and labour outcomes: a randomized controlled trial* in the **International Journal of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork**

Our student case report awards program is another way MTABC and its members encourage and support research inquiry. One of our first place winners Morag Wehrle and her case study, *Manual lymph drainage and therapeutic massage in treatment of a professional violinist* has been selected for an Oral Presentation at the 2013 International Massage Therapy Conference in Boston this coming April.

BOARD MEMBER
Sandra Coldwell



BOARD MEMBER
Magdalen Farley



BOARD MEMBER
Anne Horng



**2013
PIN CEREMONY**

Every year at the MTABC AGM, we honour members who have been RMTs for 10, 15, 20, or 25 years. The following MTABC members will receive pins when they attend the March 9, 2013 MTABC AGM at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, in Richmond.

10 YEAR PIN

Alexander Albrich, Amanda Allen, Patrice Allen, Shannon Arnould, Isabelle Arsenault, Sheena Badr, Christina Baptista, Tanya Basra, Emiri Benish, Richard Boothe, Shaun Bos, Todd Broadhurst, Rosabel Bunyan, Kristen Burrows, Wai Chan, Gisele Clark, Robert Crudo, Melissa Cullen, Cody Cummings, Natasha Delfin-Hsuch, Linda Dickout, Katherine Donovan, Jackie Doscocil, Paul Dournovo, Gina Dunn, James Duran, Kimberly Fairall, Lee-Erin Fairbairn, Tao Farrell, Jeremy Fraser, Bridget Gagnon, Nicola Gibson, Shane Giorio, Paula Gregorash, Jenni Griffiths, Jeffrey Haab, Eric Hampton, Barbara Harris, Gayle Heinrich, Sheila Hobbs, Patricia Ibbitt, Sabrina Jamal, Snjezana Kalic, Tuula Kaltio, Nicole Kinsman, Nathan Lalli, Jennifer Large, Natasha Lemay, Heather Maher, Jatinder Makkar, Elizabeth Martin, Lana Martin, Kevin Matthews, Laura Meikle, Trevor Milne, Julie Missal, Holly Morgan, Amanda Muchalla, Rachele Murphy, Chris Nakahara, Toby Neumann, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Connie Pagnan, Carmen Parsons, Barbara Paulsen, Jagraj Purewal, Jaime Rea, Amy Reid, Sarah Remington, Kara Ricka, Jennifer Riedel, Heather Roberts, Steven Roland, Jeremy Rowland, Holly Samson, Miranda Saville, Verenia Saxon, Viva Schurch, Nicole Scovill, Judith Selman, Kendra Shand, Amy Strilaeff, Laszlo Szederkenyi, Alisha Tacoma, Sharon Tiessen, Heather Tobin, Sheelagh Tobin, Laurie Tomandl, Joyce VanDyk, Nancy Wager, Nicole Wahl, Martin Williams, Victoria Wilson, Alexis Wright, Grace Yu

15 YEAR PIN

Najat Adams, Deborah Adshead, William Allen, Maya Bennett, Sue Caithness, Maribeth Callahan, Paul Christopher, Jill Chrysler, Shawna Clarke, Julie Colvin, Claire Cote, Christopher Curran, Michelle De Martin, Loris DePaoli, K. Gail Dunn, Cheryl Dyke, April Erickson, Teressa Euley, Bonnie Evoy, Sandra Fedele, Gaston Gilliard, Garth Glowa, Sheri Griffiths, Sheryl Hamilton, Kim Hastie, Kevin Heath, Stephen Hedman, L. Odean Hume-Smith, Robert Irish, Paula Jaspar, Karamjit Kaila, Csaba Keresztely, Pamela Labossiere, Teresa Lam, Tina Lane, Philip Letts, Scott Litchfield, Heather Locke, Tricia Lovegrove, Jennifer Luk, Kimberly Mark-Goldsworthy, Larry Martin, Evano Masini, Megan McEwen-Nekrash, Frank Mollica, Paula-Jane Moore, Robert Paradis, Michelle Relf, Michelle Renyard, Gerard Rowley, Mikayla Ryane, Cynthia Shoemaker, Shawn Slingerland, Helen Smiciklas, Gary Sofko, Laurie Spear, Jennifer Stranart, Sherry Sweeney, Calvin Tarasoff, Nicola Temple, Erik Treijs, Christopher Urae, Caroline Vrba, Byron Walters, John Wong

20 YEAR PIN

Percy Abraham, Chris Angerer, Kari Bailey, Brenda Beattie, Melanie Brancato, Donald Campbell, Winifred Chow-Teimouri, Susan Christie Riel, Marian Collins, James Cryderman, Susan Dibnah, Linda Duncan, Michael Fischer, Shirley Gingras, Sandi Gray, Ester Haack, Colleen Hansen-Langmann, Bodhi Haroldsson, Susan Iwamoto, Pansy Jang, Michael Kolberg, Donald Lawton Solomon, Cynthia Lee, Kendra Lee, Wendy McLean, Cheryl Morch, Kyla Mortil, Sandra Mowat, Yvonne Murray, Wlodek Peliwo, Barbara Penney, Sharel Perkins, Andrea Perrett, Carol Poser, Brigitte Rahn, Marcella Reay, G. Robins, Gary Schweitzer, Jacqueline Sinclair, Katherine Smithson, Franz Sutter, Jian Ping Tao, Leanne Teron, Patricia Trumper, Tilman von der Linde

25 YEAR PIN

David Arscott, Peggy Bereza, Stephen Boothman, Carol Brophy, Herta Buller, Roxanne Derkson, J. Amanda Harris, Stephen Harrower, Garth Hunter, Lynda Hydamaka, Nelly Kosteljik, Linda Lavender,

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June 3, 2012
AGM MINUTES
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MOTION 2

Acceptance of Financials:
Be it resolved that the membership approve the 12 and 15 month financial statements as presented.
Moved by Walter Ament. Motion Passed

MOTION 3

Be it resolved that the MTABC appoint Robert Herd of MacKay LLP Chartered Accountants to review the association financial statements for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.
Moved by Walter Ament. Motion Passed

Professional Practice Groups – Harriet Hall

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Harriet encouraged members to join the various committees. No questions to the report

Professional Development Report – Joseph Lattanzio

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Chair called for questions to the report.

Communications Report – Mike Reoch

Report was pre-circulated to membership. No questions to the report.

Research Report – Bodhi Haraldsson

Report was pre-circulated to membership. No questions to the report.

Executive Director's Report – Brenda Locke

Brenda updated the membership on our increasing numbers. Brenda thanked the staff for their contributions. Report was pre-circulated to membership. No questions to the report.

MOTION 4

Special Resolution of the MTABC Board of Directors

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 4.14 of the bylaws of the Association, which currently reads as follows:

Voting shall be by show of hands or voice vote recorded by the secretary of the general meeting.

be amended to read as follows:

Voting shall be by show of hands, secret ballot, mail-in ballot, online ballot, or voice vote, or a combination thereof, recorded by the secretary of the general meeting, and any member who is entitled to vote and casts their vote by mail-in or online ballot shall be deemed present at the meeting for the purpose of counting their vote but not for the purpose of reaching quorum.

Moved by Walter Ament. Motion passed.

Scott Nicoll – MTABC Counsel

Mr. Nicoll discussed and explained the 2012 court case, and subsequent decision by Judge Goepel.
Member asked about the procedures for proxies and the soliciting of proxies. Mr. Nicoll explained that the MTABC followed the same procedure as in past years.

Dave Pel / Ken Richardson – MTABC Accountants

Mr. Richardson provided a presentation on financial practices when running a business

New Business

Member asked about length of Board terms and whether there might be an issue of burn out. Member suggested a 2-3 year term limit. Board responded that they would take this suggestion under advisement.

Adjournment

Secretary called for meeting to be adjourned.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brenda Locke



What an exciting year 2011/12 has been for the MTABC office. Membership in the MTABC has grown again this year with approximately 2,500 members.

Changes and more changes. There is no doubt that change is our future, certainly our growth demands that change occur in the profession and association. This year the association has changed the way we are administering elections. We are hopeful that the new electronic/mail in ballot will encourage more member participation. The MTABC website is constantly being changed and updated and this year it went through a major review and re-alignment. Please take some time to update yourself on the website resources that are there for you. I am sure you will find some valuable information and forms to use in your day-to-day business.

There is no question that there has been a theme in the office that you will see in many of the reports. The Third International Fascia Research Congress was a significant undertaking for every department in the MTABC. I am so very proud of everyone involved, especially the MTABC staff, who stepped up like never before - we all learned a lot. While I miss the excitement of delivering this high profile international event, it has left a legacy for us to build upon. I know that all the hard work has raised the profile of BC RMTs provincially, nationally and internationally in terms of Fascia research and clinical practice.

As a member of the Canadian Massage Therapist Alliance (CMTA), this year BC hosted the 2012 CMTA Annual General Meeting. Other provincial associations throughout the country attended the meeting in order to identify ways that we can work together on the many national issues we have in common.

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) and the Inter-jurisdictional Competency Document changed the national expectation for massage therapy. For some of the non-regulated provinces, those standards will require a change to their current provincial culture and practice. The Inter-jurisdictional Competency Document also defined the professional expectations to the insurance industry which now has a clearer understanding of the work an RMT can and should be doing in their clinical environment.

The MTABC is an active member of the CMTA Insurance Committee which allows us to work directly with third party insurers, specifically the Canadian Life and Health Insurers Association (CHLIA) and the Canadian Health Care Anti-fraud Association (CHCAA). It is important, and perhaps surprising, to know that Massage Therapy is the second highest in billing of all the supplementary health care providers.

While it is fair to say that BC RMTs are clearly defined in the Health Professions Act and identified through our Regulator, that is not the case in most provinces. Fraud is a serious concern for the CLHIA/CHCAA members and the MTABC has been working with them to help identify only "bona fide" massage therapy billings.

The MTABC along with our industry partners have developed a draft "standard receipt" for CMTA members to use. As well, we developed a clear definition for "medically necessary" massage therapy, and we are in the process of developing a companion definition for "health and wellness" massage therapy. We are also working with the CHCAA on the provider registry that will allow insurers to quickly and easily identify practitioners who meet the RMT standards. You will hear more about the "standard receipt" and other insurance initiatives in the coming months.

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Through the CMTA, the MTABC continues to encourage and assist other provinces in their attempts to regulate. This initiative is important to the insurers but it serves the profession as well, as it is an important step toward the removal of the HST/GST tax.

2012 saw a significant increase in the number of opportunities to promote the profession to the public at major health and trade shows, as well as other community events. More and more members are taking advantage of the offer to assist when an appropriate event comes to their community. The MTABC will provide members with brochures, small giveaways, a banner and even a contribution towards the entry fee.

The mandate of the MTABC is to represent the interests of RMTs. We are conscious of the hard earned dollars that RMTs contribute, and we are constantly looking for new ways to make your dues "value added." This year we added a \$10,000 life insurance policy for every member at no additional cost and, as well as a top-notch liability insurance package, every MTABC member is also covered by travel and identify theft insurance.

This year like every other, I had the gift of attending a number of graduation ceremonies. With each grad, I am buoyed not only by the caliber of folks entering this profession but their commitment and excitement to have the RMT moniker. Then I look at the list of those receiving their 25, 30, 35 year pins and, this year, even a 40 year veteran will be recognized. In the short 7 years I have been with the association, our numbers have almost doubled, and our job roster has remained full of new and exciting opportunities for RMTs entering the profession. This all speaks to the amazing work that BC RMTs do for their patients each and every day. In speaking to many of you, that commitment and excitement remains and your experience has driven you to "raise your bar" even higher for your patients. What an honour it is for me to work with such a dedicated profession.

Please know that the MTABC is there to serve you. If you have any questions about member benefits, how to access them or if you have ideas as to how the association can assist you in the administration of your business, please take a look at the members side of the MTABC website, call the office or send me an email locke@massagetherapy.bc.ca

I would like take this opportunity to thank the hard working staff at the MTABC - thank you to Dee, Dave, Nancy, Mikayla and Erin for their commitment.

Respectfully submitted,



Questions for the MTABC Board of Directors

To use our time efficiently at the upcoming March 9, 2013 AGM, please submit your questions to the Board reports or to the Board in general ahead of time, by emailing them to mta@massagetherapy.bc.ca

Thanks!



June 3, 2012 AGM MINUTES

Executive Hotel &
Conference Centre
4201 Lougheed Hwy.
Burnaby, B.C.

Call to Order: 8:55 am by Scott Nicoll, Chair of the Proceedings. Mr Nicoll discussed housekeeping, quorum and meeting rules. A quorum was determined to be present.

Addition to the Agenda
Member asked for a discussion regarding the length of Board terms

MOTION I
Be it resolved that the membership approve the minutes of the April 16, 2011 AGM.
Motion passed

President's Report – Damon Marchand
Report was pre-circulated to membership. President provided an overview of the activities over the past year. No questions to the report

Election of Officers
Four names were put forward for Board directors:
Harriet Hall, Joseph Lattanzio, Damon Marchand, Magdalen Farley. Membership accepted the nominations as presented and elected them by acclamation to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer/Secretary's Report – Walter Ament
Report was pre-circulated to membership. Treasurer reviewed financial statements, and presented the financial summaries. Member asked about the legal costs and the Fascia Congress costs. Treasurer responded that these costs would be finalized for the year-end on Sept 30, 2012, and would be summarized at the 2013 AGM.