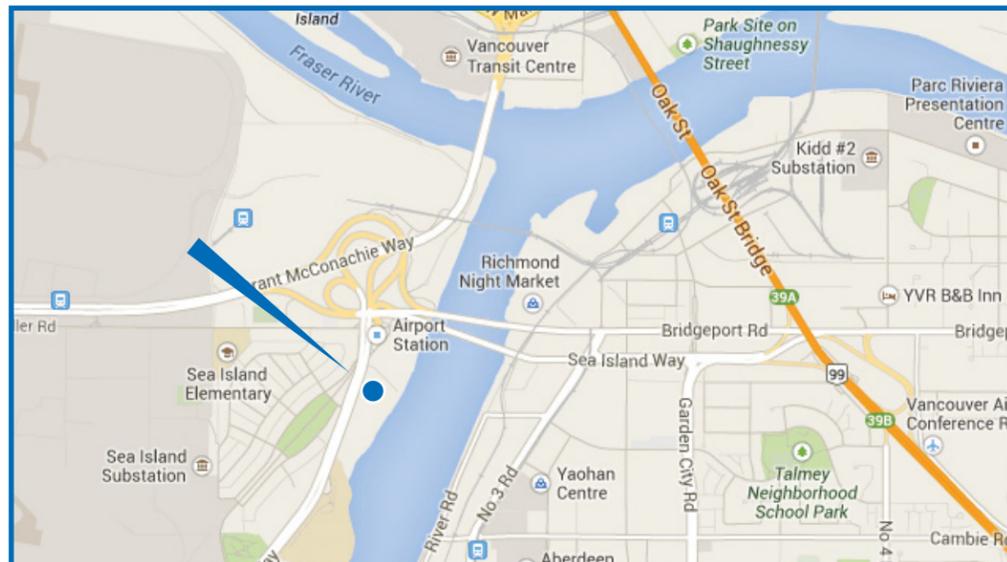




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PRESIDENT

Damon Marchand



After ten years, as the MTABC President, I will be stepping down from the Board at our next Annual General Meeting on March 28, 2014. For me, it has been an incredible experience that has been far more challenging and enjoyable than I ever could have imagined.

This past decade has seen the number of RMTs double, which raises a number of questions regarding the future. Why is the number of RMTs entering the profession significantly greater than other allied health professionals such as Physical Therapists? Is this growth due in part to the removal of the prerequisites to enter the schools, or the lowering of the hours of training? What is the saturation point for the profession? Regardless of the reason for the growth in our ranks, sustainability should be of concern to everyone in the profession, including the Regulator. There is no question that economic viability is directly tied to best practices, ethical conduct, and ultimately to standards of care.

That being said, our growth and unrealized potential is positive, exciting and full of promise. It wasn't so long ago that integrating research into practice was met with much trepidation, but that is no longer the case. Staying on top of the latest research is a daunting task to say the least, but one that is hopefully being made easier by our research department's efforts to not only find relevant research but also help us to incorporate it into our practices. We can all take great pride in the fact that the MTABC has the only fully funded research department for Massage Therapy in Canada. For those of you who attended the 2012 Fascia Research Congress, you know first hand how positive the international community views BC RMTs. I cannot overstate how proud I was of "Team MTABC" in the organization of the Congress – and we continue to be recognized for that work.

Over the past six years, the MTABC has made a concerted effort to develop solid relationships with the Insurance Industry. Through the Canadian Massage Therapist Alliance, we are actively working with the Insurance Industry to better understand their concerns, and to address issues regarding billing and fraud.

This past year, the MTABC Board sequestered itself for two days, and developed a "Strategic Plan" for the profession and the association as a whole. This collaboration was a high point in my work on this board as it was an opportunity to see the potential for the profession and vision. Thank you to each of the Board members for their unabashed commentary and thoughtfulness in the development of a Strategic Plan that is a living, breathing document.

A significant challenge that holds back our profession whether it is expanding our educational opportunities or acceptance by other allied health care professions, is our outdated Scope of Practice definition. Even though the Government's Epstein Report recommended that the Scope be changed in 2001, that has yet to happen. Talking with government regarding this change is a priority for the MTABC as we move forward.

It has been an honour to serve this profession and to meet so many dedicated RMTs. I love this profession and I know that many of you feel likewise, and it is because of that commitment to the profession and, importantly, to patient care that this profession will be an integral part of British Columbia's health care continuum moving forward.

Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)**

	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012 (Note 3)	October 1, 2011 (Note 3)
Assets			
Current			
Cash	\$ 265,744	\$ 337,352	\$ 243,914
Short-term deposits (note 5)	950,000	830,000	755,000
Accounts receivable (note 4)	16,191	35,826	37,540
Prepaid expenses	28,493	5,403	116,749
	1,260,428	1,208,581	1,153,203
Long-term deposits (note 5)	52,955	22,955	22,955
Property and equipment (note 6)	11,734	12,362	12,517
	\$ 1,325,117	\$ 1,243,898	\$ 1,188,675
Liabilities			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 7)	\$ 38,165	\$ 67,892	\$ 42,339
Deferred revenue (note 8)	428,858	400,368	491,817
	467,023	468,260	534,156
Net Assets			
Internally Restricted (note 9)	233,155	213,155	193,155
Unrestricted	624,939	562,483	461,364
	858,094	775,638	654,519
	\$ 1,325,117	\$ 1,243,898	\$ 1,188,675

Commitments (note 10)

Approved on behalf of the board:

Director

Director

Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia

**Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)**

For the year ended September 30,	2013	2012 (Note 3)
Revenues		
Memberships	\$ 738,947	\$ 696,502
Communications and research	430,801	406,571
Workshops and net surplus from conference	174,577	132,838
Interest income	16,569	13,928
Other income	9,187	14,240
	1,370,081	1,264,079
Expenditures		
Accounting and legal	95,407	129,129
Advertising and promotion	10,231	11,833
Amortization	4,758	6,047
Annual general meeting	24,340	28,782
Bank charges	30,974	21,087
Communications and research	452,214	426,827
Contract negotiations / insurer relations	-	15,654
Equipment rental	3,449	2,260
Insurance	28,386	390
Office	74,705	52,922
Per diem reimbursements	42,350	43,375
Rent	53,686	57,290
Salaries and benefits	217,140	195,032
Telephone	14,620	10,140
Travel	14,144	22,433
Workshops	221,221	119,759
	1,287,625	1,142,960
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 82,456	\$ 121,119

VICE PRESIDENT

Joseph Lattanzio



Over the last year I have had the privilege to serve as Vice President on the MTABC Board of Directors. I have worked with an amazing board of directors who all share the same vision of advancing the massage therapy profession throughout the years to come. I would like to thank my fellow board members for their hard work over the last year.

I encourage other RMTs to consider running for the MTABC Board, or simply join a committee, and feel the excitement of making a difference in their profession.

Also, as part of my Professional Development portfolio, I have worked to develop a stretch package for RMTs. The stretch package will be in electronic form and available to all members. The e-package will enable therapists to email stretches to patients or print off relevant stretches for various conditions. The new e-stretch package will replace the out-dated stretch sheets that we had printed in the past. Members will be able to access the e-package through the MTABC web site. Stay tuned for the launch date!

**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 items are covered in other reports; however, it would be prudent that all members inform themselves of all the issues by regularly checking on the MTABC web site.

As Treasurer, I am pleased to advise that membership climbed again last year resulting in an increase of revenue for the year ending October 31, 2013. The financial report available is a summary for member review and is included in this booklet. 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.

Our finances are watched over very diligently by our Book Keeper Nancy Bohonoski and our Executive Director Brenda Locke. David Pel & Company Inc. Our Certified General Accountants continue to provide accurate and timely financial information and records. Additionally, another accounting firm then reviews all statements. So I can assure the membership that your dues are being prudently managed for the well-being of all the members, and in accordance with your wishes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Reoch



Over the last year, the MTABC Communications Committee has been hard at work advancing the registered massage therapy profession. We have been concentrating on growing our presence on social media, as this medium is a big part of our advertising future.

We have also developed a new look for our magazine. *Massage Matters Canada* is now called *RMT Matters*. We have revamped the publication, focused more on an evidence-based approach and added an extra outside editor (at no cost to the association) to assist with the work flow.

I regularly attend a monthly communication conference by a Canadian health care communications company called "Signals" so I can keep current on the PR needs of our profession.

The year we unveiled our new presentation display booth that we take to all trade shows we attend. Please remember that if you have a local health fair in your community, large or small, the MTABC is here to help. You have access to a brochure kit, a small portable display banner, and some financial assistance for the health fair's registration.

Keeping our website current is also one of our top priorities. We post the latest Professional Practice Groups that we are developing, as well as upcoming events, and on-going PR efforts.

For the upcoming year, we will be taking the latest information on the road. We will hold our infamous MTABC Road Shows in half a dozen BC cities; keep a lookout for the schedule and course content.

In 2014 we hope to work further in collaboration with the CMTBC on issues that affect the profession. Last of all, we have a five-year marketing strategy in the works. It will start during 2014.

CEC & PPG COMMITTEE

Harriet Hall



This year has passed by quickly. I wish to thank the membership for your ongoing support over the past eight years. At the March 2014 AGM, I will be stepping down from the MTABC Board, but will continue my work as the Continuing Education Chair and PPG Chair. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and in the process be part of the evolution of our professional association.

The Continuing Education Committee has had another successful year. We continue to offer a variety of continuing education courses from Anatomy Trains to Muscle Energy. As official purveyors of Fascial Manipulation (Stecco) we hosted another successful Level 1 as well as our first Level 2. We have another Level 1 planned for April 2014 in Vancouver and we will be offering one in Calgary in September. We hosted Divo Mueller's Fascial Fitness (with a guest appearance by Robert Schleip) Intro and Trainer Courses in July with 35 people from the manual therapy and movement communities in attendance. Mark Finch, RMT teamed up with Diane Lee, PT to offer an excellent clinical reasoning course for the neck, thorax and shoulder girdle. We have Ron Alexander of Functional Fascial Taping coming to Vancouver at the end of May. We are hoping to have a Fascial replay with highlights from 2012 later this fall. We continue to search for quality evidence-based courses to offer to our members.

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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, 2013 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 accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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by Diane Jacobs, PT

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by Neil Pearson, MSc, BScPT, BA-BPHE, CYT, RYT500

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INTRODUCTION TO MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING FOR CHRONIC PAIN TREATMENT AND RETURN TO WORK
by Dr. Matt Graham, R. Psych

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by Dr. Daniel Gouws

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RESEARCH CHAIR

Bodhi Haraldsson



Professional Practice Groups (PPGs) are still moving along. We will be meeting with an academic next year to develop appropriate language that will support the competencies needed to move toward our goal of recognition of advanced clinical skills. I am currently working to develop a presence for the PPGs on our website. We will have our first PPG Council meeting in the Fall. PPG Pain will participate with Pain Management 2014, an exciting conference set for March 2014. This conference is for health care professionals who wish to increase their skill in the management of chronic pain effectively and safely through manipulative and movement therapies.

The Appeals Committee has not met this year.

Over the past year we have focused on creating foundations for the profession that will assist in expanding our knowledge through research.

Our body of research is expanding, and growing in ways that will surely impact our management of patients.

In 2001, I was at a small research gathering in Ontario where, the then registrar of the CMTO, Deborah Worrad told us about how a new Massage Therapy study on low-back pain (Preyde 2000) was crucial in keeping MT services as part of their workers compensation system. I am also aware of instances in which research helped reverse decisions of insurance carriers who intended to discontinue coverage for certain conditions treated by chiropractors. Increasingly the association is receiving calls from members who have had requests for treatment plans from insurance companies. Some of these plans have been rejected due to lack of supporting research. These examples highlight the need for the profession to produce high quality research that demonstrates the safety and efficacy of our care.

This past year, we took the first steps to set up a Canadian MT Research Foundation in co-operation with the Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan. This foundation will give the profession a national vehicle to deliver the needed MT research. For the profession to be able to produce its own research, we need RMTs to be ready to take on that role. To that end we have also been developing grants to support the advancement of the profession through increasing RMTs in post-graduate education.

To see a more comprehensive breakdown of our research activities, please visit our web-page <https://www.massagetherapy.bc.ca/research>

Bodhi Haraldsson, RMT
Director of Research, MTABC

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**2014
PIN CEREMONY**

10 Year

Walter Ament, Catherine Bachinsky, Kimberley Bade, Caroline Bailey, Stephen Bartlett, Jamie Beauchamp, Janet Beck, Rosemarie Blum, Cecilia Borden, Anne Boschman, Caithlin Boyle, Juanita Bradley, Mary Brigel, Nancy Brown, Janel Bryan, Stephen Butchart, Shalan Cameron, Shawn Carlsen, Lynne Carroll, Gwendolyn Cole, Dana Cotton, Nicholas Cowan, Amanda Cunningham, Andrea DeSousa, Neal Eberle, Brenda Flint, Heather Goodman, Sarah Harrison, Debbie Harvey, Kelly Hazeldine, Jason Hollingsworth, Simon James, Kelly Johnson, Harry Kaari, Michael Lambert, Joy Larsen, Lisa Lawrie, Joanna Linardis, Jennifer Mackie, Jocelyn Macklem, Sarah MacLeod, Julie Malowany, Nicole Martinus, Taryn Matson, Rachel McDonnell, Troy McFadzen, Sascha Mehrassa, Ann Meijer, Laura Meikle, Erica Mitchell, Jason Morrison, Navpreet Muker-Lehal, Debra Neufeld, Vienna Ng, Jennifer Olson, Jacqueline Parkes, Zoe Patsch, Michael Paulic, Mary Ann Phillips, Angèle Pinette, Christiana Pooley, Mieko Rennie, Lisa Rokus, Nicole Rose, Vesna Rukavina, Elan Schacter, Dan Schmit, Amanda Schrik, Patricia Shore, Shara Sikora, Sally Sinclair, Andrea Siu, Melissa-Lynn Skafel, Beverley Spidle, Nicole St. Denis, Ginger Steven, Ashley Stevens, Dayna Stevens, Sarah Swift, Igor Tatarnikov, Amber Thompson, Miko Tomasevich, Melody Tucker, Leisha Vasilinda, Trudy Wilkinson

15 Year

Kevin Acton, Marie Arcand, Jana Asman, Marialena Brossard, Paula Cherchas, Corinne Compton, Phillippe Damiano, Michelle Darcy, Andrea De Vos, Anna Dominelli-Forgie, Liane Dorrius, Christina Duthie, Shauna Fairholm, Cheri Goller, Angela Gray, Timothy Gropen, John Haner, Sonja Heide, Michael Kono, Christine Kraayvanger, Claudia Lee, Michelle Leo, Doris Lombana, Samantha MacKenzie, Sean McLaren, Donna McMurtry, J. Gayle Mosby, Lisa Nakano, Wendy Onusko, Tia Ramos, John Reimer, Deanna Reimer, D. Shawn Sarson, Randy Savard, Erin Scott, Harry Sese, Adam Shore, Janine Siddall, Margaret Sponaski, Alecia Stephenson, Lizette Tucker, Susan Tucker, Susan Ward, John Zandvliet

20 Year

Carol Armstrong, Ronald Aura, Peter Bachmann, Tanya Bachmann, Gillian Bilesky, Lesley Byford, Gillian Calkins, Michael Chadbourne, Stephanie Clerk, Ian Cook, Guy Curwen, Carolyn Daubeny, Colette Gendron, Dianne Goertzen, Sandi Gray, Maureen Halvorson, Richard Hawes, Leanne Howes, Karen Jasmine, Alexandra Lane, Alanna Lane, Dawn Leonard, Andrew Lewko, Robert Libbey, Susan MacRae, Krzysztof Maludzinski, Joanne Mather, Sharon McDonald, Christine McKee, Luz Meyer, Rose-Marie Newling, Rosemary Peters, Brent Robinson, Rebbah Rodrigues, Roger Sandahl, Christine Shumaker, D.J. Kent Smith, Francois St-Onge, Jennifer Twyman, Steve Verigin, David Watt, Anthony Wong, Donna Yurkovich, Evan Zaleschuk, Carol Zuckernick

25 Year

Linda Ackerman, Nancy Bibby, Charlene Botterill, Dawne Briggs, Nicola Brown, Rebecca Brown, Joan Chestnut, Arthur DeLuis, Jacinthe Fortin, Brigit Garrett, Peter Grainger, Tina Hansen-Baker, Kevin Hayka, Kathryn Hill, Annette Johnston, Lorraine Johnson, Hedi Keller, R. Norman Kelley, Corrine Koelewyn, Kenneth Leong, Marylyn Lewis, Patricia McDonald, Gina McMahan, Judith Przibislavsky, John Russell, J. Leila Stuart, Andrew Taylor, Judith Trost, Richard Wong, Kelly Worthen, Shakeira Wynde

30 Year

Janice Bryans, Joanna Campbell, Alyne Danielle, Joni Diamond, Cheryl Dirks, Liliya Gulbis, Marcia Haley, Jannet Klooster, Rosalee Rainbow May, Barry Merovitz, R. Blair Mitten, Peter Roach, Tacjana Saunders, Brenda Wilkinson

35 Year

Floyd Norman, Barbara Fallot, Victoria Hall, Jacqueline Mousseau, Marilyn Norman, Patricia Pucher, Natale Rao, Daniel Voykin, Linda Zinkus

40 Year

Christine Sutherland



**March 9, 2013
AGM MINUTES**

MOTION 3

Be it resolved that the MTABC appoint MacKay LLP Chartered Accountants to review the association financial statements for the 2012/2013 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. Joey announced the launch of two initiatives for members
1. Lululemon clothing line and 2. Peregrin Plastics holders

Communications Report – Mike Reoch

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Mike announced four new initiatives for communications.
1. A survey on the public opinion of massage therapy. 2. New branding strategies. 3. New TV spots. and 4. A new marketing campaign.

- Member asked about the on line voting system. There was a problem with the system timing out before motions could be thoroughly read.
- Member suggested putting the motions in the members' section of the web site so they can be read at any time.
- Members asked about having the mail in voting after the AGM, or to have on line discussion. Office responded that the latter suggestion was more feasible.

Research Report – Bodhi Haraldsson

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Bodhi announced the two case studies that were published. Bodhi introduced Kristina Oldenburg, the new MTABC Research Librarian.

- Member suggested that the librarian promote new studies that would encourage interest in research

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.

- Member asked if the MTABC travel insurance was reimbursement or immediate coverage. Harry Peterson of Shaw Sabey Insurance explained that it was the latter.
- Member asked if Great West Life was handling member numbers in a secure fashion. Brenda explained that CLHIA and the Anti-Fraud Association both deem professional registries as secure and efficient tools to assist in dealing with insurance fraud.
- Member asked about status of RMT Scope of Practice. Brenda explained that the MTABC had just recently received the go ahead to take over the project/file, and that the MTABC was now waiting for the physical file to be sent over from the CMTBC office.
- Member asked about lobbying. Brenda and Scott Nicoll explained that the MTABC must have an "in-house" lobbyist in order to discuss scope of practice and other issues with Government MLAs. Brenda is a registered lobbyist on behalf of the MTABC.
- Brenda encouraged members to get involved in the upcoming provincial election by meeting with their local MLA in order to explain the importance of registered massage therapy. Brenda has a list of "talking points" available for members. Also, Brenda offer to go to MLA meetings with a member.

Adjournment

Scott Nicoll called for meeting to be adjourned.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Brenda Locke



2013 was another great year for membership in the MTABC. Membership topped 2,700 and we were pleased once again to welcome many new grads into our profession.

More and more members are taking advantage of the many services that the MTABC has to offer. This year in particular, our accountant was busy answering questions regarding the change from HST back to GST. Legal services are always in demand as well as our liability and travel insurance. Many members took advantage of the MTABCs lending program – borrowing chairs, DVDs, books and tables. We were also pleased to support many members to participate in their local community health fairs.

2013 also saw a significant focus on the National Alliance and national issues in general.

The Canadian Massage Therapist Alliance (CMTA) held its annual meeting this year in Alberta. Whether we are in regulated or non-regulated jurisdictions, we can always learn from one another. This year in particular, it was important to discuss regulatory challenges in non-regulated provinces. 2013 was a particularly great year for our colleagues in New Brunswick as they became regulated in December. Ultimately, good news for everyone, because when one more province regulates we can commence the work to remove the GST. Of course regulation has many additional benefits that provide a level of confidence in the profession, and demands consistent entry-to-practice standards.

Accreditation of school programs was an important issue that was addressed at the national level as well. We were pleased to participate with other Regulated Provincial Associations, Regulating Colleges, the CMTA and the Council of Massage Therapy Schools in Toronto. The fact that the CMTBC no longer accredits teaching schools in BC, is an important step in BC and on the national agenda. This accrediting process is now being led by the College of Massage Therapist of Ontario (CMTO), the CMTA and the Council of Schools – again another step towards national standards.

The MTABC and the Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan (MTAS) continue to co-chair the national "Insurer Relations" committee. This year was a busy one as we attended many meetings with the Canadian Health and Life Insurers Association (CHLIA) and the Canadian Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (CHCAA) Conferences. We were honoured to be speakers at the anti-fraud conference in Toronto last October.

As you know, 2013 was an election year in BC. Our Government Relations Committee attended fundraisers and meetings in order to talk to those running for office to discuss issues of interest and concern to the profession. Our message regarding our Scope of Practice and Educational standards was well received and we continue to put those concerns forward to government.

Patient Relations is an issue of concern to the Ministry of Health. Registrant and Patient resources regarding sexual misconduct is an area that has not been adequately addressed in our profession and the MTABC has and will be undertaking to address this issue. You will have received a booklet called "Where's the Line" that we developed with the CMTBC. Our thanks to the College of Physical Therapists' of British Columbia for allowing us to "repurpose" this guide for RMTs. Watch for more Patient Relations material in the future.

2013 was also a year to celebrate as the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) was formed. The

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Brenda Locke

MTABC participated in their first Conference and Trade Fair to showcase the RMT profession. There was interest in our profession and we will continue to work with FNHA to explore how we can integrate into their health care milieu.

In 2013, the MTABC held its first Clinic Owners Meeting. While the meeting was open to all members, it was clear that there are some challenges that are specific to Clinic Owners and the MTABC was happy to assist in hosting a one day meeting for that purpose. The meeting tackled issues such as the confusion with the switch over from HST to GST, privacy laws and requirements, as well as the formulation of a template lease agreement. I am sure that all who attended the meeting found it to be positive and useful.

In the fall of 2013, the CMTBC changed their bylaws. Although the MTABC raised a number of concerns and issues with the proposed Bylaws, by far the most impactful and concerning issue to members is; who retains patient files, and the new requirement to retain files for 16 years. This change by the CMTBC has the potential to be an administrative and costly challenge for many members. The association will be looking into ways to assist members in managing this problem.

All in all, 2013 was a busy and exciting year. I want to take the opportunity to thank our very dedicated and talented staff for the work that they do every day. Many thanks to Dee, Dave, Nancy, Mikayla, Erin and our student Galina. It is also a great pleasure to work with our brilliant contractors Bodhi (research), Kristina (librarian) and Dave F (technical support).

It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with and for the Board and membership of the MTABC as we all strive to do our best for the profession and patient care in massage therapy in BC.



**March 9, 2013
AGM MINUTES**

**Executive Airport
Hotel, Richmond B.C.**

Call to Order: 8:30 am by Scott Nicoll, Chair of the Proceedings. Mr Nicoll discussed housekeeping, quorum and meeting rules. A quorum was determined to be present.

MOTION 1

Be it resolved that the membership approve the minutes of the June 3, 2012 AGM. Motion passed

Announcement of Board Positions

Sandra Coldwell, Walter Ament, Mike Reoch, Anne Hornig, Alison Coolican

Announcement of Mail-In Resolutions

Scott Nicoll read out the three resolutions that were passed when members electronically mailed in their vote

Resolution 1 – Evidence-Based Research

Be it resolved that the MTABC produce and publish a summary of evidence-based scientific research on massage therapy, similar to the now-outdated "Physician's Guide". This new "Health Professionals Guide to Massage Therapy" will be sold at a moderate cost to encourage sales and distribution. Moved by Peter Behr, RMT. **Motion Passed**

Resolution 2 – Great West Life Insurer Registry

Be it resolved that all members of the MTABC will be included in the confidential disclosure of CMTBC practitioner numbers for a National Insurer Registry, unless a member specifies otherwise. Moved by Walter Ament, RMT. **Motion Passed**

Resolution 3 – Special Resolution of the MTABC Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Section 7.2 of the bylaws of the Association, which currently reads as follows:

The Board shall hold such meetings no less than nine (9) times per calendar year.

be amended to read as follows:

The Board shall hold such meetings no less than four (4) times per calendar year.

Moved by Walter Ament, RMT. **Motion Passed**

President's Report – Damon Marchand

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

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 breakdown of the insurance payment and where that was detailed for members. Office staff explained that all this was detailed in the yearly renewal letter.
- Member asked about the increase in legal fees. Walter outlined the various legal expenses and other member benefits

MOTION 2

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

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