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# AGM CONFERENCE

April 9 - 11, 2010 Executive Airport Plaza, 7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

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MTABC PRE-CONFERENCE CONCURRENT COURSES	TIME	COST
<b>Friday, April 9</b>	RMT Business Development Course - with Matt Furlot, RMT (Credits 7 PD/1)	9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$150 per course (\$250 non-member)
<b>Or</b>	Pilates: Core Strengthening - with Mary Craig (Credits 7 PE/A2)	9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$150 per course (\$250 non-member)
<b>Or</b>	Micro Alignment Therapy - with Dr. Barbara James, DC (Credits 7 PE/A2)	9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$150 per course (\$250 non-member)
<b>Sat., April 10</b>	<b>CMTBC AGM</b> in the Grand Ballroom	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Sat., April 10</b>	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese</b> , from MTABC / CMTBC Tivoli Room	5:00 pm Included
<b>Sun., April 11</b>	<b>MTABC Conference Day / AGM</b> (Credits 5 PE/L)	8:00 am - 3:00 pm \$50 by April 6, \$70 after *

SUN., APRIL 11	MTABC CONFERENCE-AGM	ACTIVITY / TOPIC
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Visit Exhibitors
8:30 am	Annual General Meeting	Approving AGM 2009 Minutes, Election of Officers, Board Reports, <b>Lecture: Medical/Legal Reporting for RMTs</b>
10:00 10:30 am	Coffee Break	Visit Exhibitors
10:30 12:00 Noon	<b>Speaker – Trish Dryden</b>	<b>Creating the Future We Want</b>
12:00 Noon 1:00 pm	Awards Luncheon	With Recognitions
1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>Speaker – Dr. Hal Gunn</b>	<b>Integrated Cancer Care</b>
2:00 pm 3:30 pm	<b>Speaker – Dr. Kenneth Craig</b>	<b>The Importance of Psychosocial Factors in Pain and Disability</b>
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Door Prizes

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Exhibitors and Silent Auction all day Sunday only. Auction proceeds go to Fascia Research 2012. **To Attend: Fill in the enclosed Sign Up Sheet**

\* Fee Includes Morning & Afternoon Courses, Breakfast & Lunch

**PRESIDENT**

**Damon Marchand**



This past year was certainly a year of opportunities and challenges for our profession. The profession continues to grow at a rapid pace and I am pleased that so many RMTs see the value in a strong and vital professional association.

Last May the MTABC was asked to present at the Canadian Life and Health Insurers Association (CLHIA) Conference about the Future of Massage Therapy in Canada. We were pleased to be recognized as leaders in our field. Our presentation was well received, and as a result we will be attending the next CLHIA Conference this May in Montreal.

As many of you know, the International Fascia Congress organizers awarded the 2012 congress, to the MTABC. This exciting announcement was made during their 2009 congress held in Amsterdam. This tremendous opportunity is an indication of the respect our profession has in the greater Complimentary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) community. The 2012 Congress theme of "Bringing Research into Practice" is perfect for us to host. This conference will demonstrate integrated health care opportunities for positive patient outcomes.

For those of you considering attending this year's Congress DVD Replay, please know that the quality of this presentation is much better than in 2007 and there is much to learn about all of the exciting and groundbreaking new research that is being done by both Canadian and international researchers and practitioners.

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) has now been in effect since April 1, 2009. The AIT presents our profession with both challenges and opportunities. Unfortunately, the MTABC has not been given the opportunity to meet with the CMTBC, and has therefore not had the chance to have any substantive discussions with them about this very important issue and its impact on the profession. We will be attending the next meeting of the Consortium of Massage Therapy Regulators in Victoria in May.

In August, the provincial government blindsided us with the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Unfortunately, it will impact our patients unfairly as RMTs will be the only healthcare providers regulated under the Health Professions Act (HPA) required to charge HST. We will continue to communicate with provincial and federal governments about the HST and the problems it will create for our patients.

Negotiations with WorksafeBC have been slow, but I am confident that we will have a new agreement soon. When it is signed, the MTABC will hold a series of Road Shows to inform our members about the details of the agreement.

The MTABC continues to respond to the needs and issues raised by our members. Whether it is the individual RMT who participates in a community health fair, or someone who requires legal advice, or research assistance for a specific patient, the MTABC office will support our members as best we can.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board, staff and most importantly the membership for their support. The future for our profession will be ours to make. I am encouraged and proud to work in the massage therapy community in BC.

**2009  
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 March 29, 2009 MTABC Conference Day / AGM at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel in Richmond.

**10 YEARS PIN**

Dayna Anchel, Miranda Bakken, Kelly Baxter, Sharon Borg, Gillian Brondyke, Christine Brunelle, Sharon Buzik, Jody Cage, Susan Cameron, Alexis Carnduff, Terri Cowan, Richard Diduck, Jeanette Dobmeier, Melanie Engleder, Tara Findlay, Josephine Fiorica, Julie Gardiner, Vera Giovannitti, Shannon Green, Toshihiko Hasegawa, Rhonda Hicks, Barbara Hunter, Paul Ingraham, Faith Jay, Sem Kelpin, Timothy Kroeker, Daniela Kym, Stephanie Langer, Catherine Lee-Iorio, Jose Leon, Christine Lipus, Shannon Lisch, Ida Lum, Sukh Mann, Catherine Miller, Patricia Molfenter, Wendy Myhre, Kevin Nevins, Pamela Nonis, Tara O'Kane, Rene Oreskovic, Leanna Parkes, Pierre Patenaude, Sandra Pol, Patricia Rambold, Erin Riedel, Sarah Robson, Sarah Sapergia, Iosif Secasan, Elora Selby, Arminder Sidhu, Naomi Smith, Kendra Stahl, Todd Stevens, Megan Thomas, Jason Thompson, Cassandra Varteresian, Karen Waters-Quigley, Andreas Weaver, Mike Wilson, Susan Woo.

**15 YEARS PIN**

Heather Adamson, Karen Andersen, Mario Aniceto, Jessica Apedaile, E. Jill Beaulieu, Mark Bentz, Jeanie Bezdán, David Campbell, Diana Chippendale, James Coy, Christine Czank, Ian Dinur, Jayson Dirks, Brad Dow, Terry Galloway, Gaelen Gibson, Vilma Green, Lea Hartley, Claire Higgins, Janis Hoover, Lucy Huey, Richard Ingram, Sherri Iwaschuk, Peggy Johnson, Jack Jurus, Donna Kolabinski, Daniel Kram, Leonard Krekic, Marie Lapwood, Diana Lauren, Sylvia Leong, Michelle Lowry, Lindsay MacDonald, Peter MacLaren, Wendy Makortoff, Leanna Mann, Amanda McIlwraith, Kris Miernik, Victoria Mitchell, Victor Morin, Colleen Moser, Sandra Nash, Carol Nelson, Angela Ng, Belle Parkinson, Andrea Peiffer, Bonnie Peters, Taryn Pickering, Gail Pritchard, Michael Renz, Gavin Robertson, Ann Robinson, Graham Stamper, Sandra Staples, Kimberly Taylor, Lisa Ternes, Lisa Todrick, Lisa Torrie, Alexander Torsky, Peter Wahlen, Vincent Walker, Kerstin Wallbrecht, Jennifer Weisner, Muriel Wells, Susan Williams, Anna Wong, Vivian Yesnik

**20 YEARS PIN**

Dianna F. April, Laurie Arber, Chantal Black, Linda Blanchfield, Bonnie Borbridge, Tracy Bowdery, Edward Bunker, Paul Carr, Penny Chandler, Lisa Dunn, Noni Galliazzo, Robin Goldfarb, Robert Harris, Janice Horsnell, Pauline Johnson, Dianne Jones, Elsie Khoo, Scott Larke, Diana Ljuljovic, Eleanora Loewen, Janet Moore, Sharon Nagle, Sharon Neufeld, Anida Olsen, Tammy Palmer, Steven Picton, Jack Quon, Cathryn Rankin, Julia Sage, Catherine Saul, Susan Scott, Lezlea Scott, Cher Seeger, Jan Shields, Rick Tkach, Desiree Von Myre, Katharine Wadsworth, David Walker, Verna Wheatcroft, Pohney Whitmer, Louise Wood, Karen Wormald, Clifford Yip, Rosemary Zalen

**25 YEARS PIN**

Doreen Allan, Duane Anderson, Judy Benjamin-Baillie, Paula Bethune, Barb Bishop, Linda Black, Linda Bonner, Lorraine Bruce, Dennis Caouette, Dawn Carpenter, Heidi Chamberlain, Rod Cheston, Dorothy Collins, Jocelyn Cowie, Heather Davie, Beth Emms, Cheryl Gibson, Barbara Hindley, Deborah MacConnell, Wendy McVicar, Rebecca Neil, Katharina Neudorf, Jill Orendorff, Linda Pedersen, Karen Stavast, Loretta Tennant, Darla Tolerton, Catherine Traer, Donna Walters, Gordon Wilson

**30 YEARS PIN**

Armand Ayaltin, Peter Behr, Gabriella Friesen, Patricia Kyle, Brendalynn Lloyd, Eric Mooney

**OUR SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Hal Gunn**



**BIOGRAPHY:** InspireHealth (Vancouver) is Canada's first and foremost integrated cancer care centre. As co-founder and CEO, Dr. Gunn has led the organization to become a national model for integrated cancer care. Gunn is respected nationally, by both his conventional and integrative medicine colleagues, for his interest in bridging the worlds of complementary and conventional medicine. He has had a lifelong interest in wellness and healing and a great respect for the healing potential of the human body.

As Clinical Assistant Professor with UBC's Department of Family Medicine and as a head of InspireHealth's Research Department, Gunn recognizes the value in applying the principles of rigorous scientific research to the field of integrative medicine. Gunn has a special interest in mind-body medicine and psychoneuroimmunology (the study of the effects of the mind and spirituality on the body's ability to heal).

**PRESENTATION: Integrated Cancer Care**

**NOMINATIONS**

For the Board of Directors

Sandra Coldwell, RMT Chair of the MTABC Nominations Committee, in accordance with the MTABC Bylaw Part VII is hereby notifying the membership that three positions on the Board of Directors are open for election at the April 11, 2010 Annual General Meeting. The nominations for these positions are:

- Harriet Hall, RMT
- Joseph Lattanzio, RMT
- Damon Marchand, 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.



**VICE-PRESIDENT & COMMUNICATIONS**

**Anita Wilson**



The work of the Communications Committee continues to be interesting, maintaining two fundamental purposes: 1) to educate the public, media, government and insurers, and 2) to provide communication tools for the RMT members.

- Our professional magazine, **Massage Matters** will continue to be published three (3) times a year. The magazine has gone from 16 to 20 pages and from 5000 to 5500 copies. Although BC RMTs are the focus, it's also read by massage therapists and associations in several other provinces. We hope to increase our circulation in the coming years. We also conducted a survey of our readers and received very good reviews, and have received excellent feedback on what we can do better.
- **Message is the Message**, our newsletter, is mailed with the magazine. The newsletter focuses more on office events and related business matters. One feature we've added in each issue are step-by-step instructions on how to negotiate an aspect of our website. There are other similar information articles planned, and articles from other RMTs will continue to be important to us. In our last issue, for example, Lionel Webb outlined how to write a report to a physician and Leslie Clisby wrote about the Sport Professional Practice Group.
- Our **Website** has had several updates. The **"Find an RMT"** button is now integrated with Google maps, which will make it even easier to find a therapist. We also have an online **"Store"** and we will continue to develop this feature including adding items other than clothing, which creates a great tool for you to brand yourself as a BC RMT. Also, we have incorporated special buttons on the right side of the website which go directly to features such as **"NO TO HST"** and a video and slideshow on AIT, as well as other downloadable information. Finally, we now have a calendar of events. In the future we will continue to make changes to the website to better accommodate even more features.
- We are proud of our new broadcast quality **TV Commercial**. It was placed on CBC TV from Sept. 28 to Nov. 8, 2009 across a wide range of shows, including Vancouver Canucks games, the National News, Comedy Hour, the Ghost Whisperer, Being Erica, Wheel of Fortune, Steven & Chris, Jeopardy, Coronation Street and the Fifth Estate. Watch for future advertisements in different forms this year. The "Have you seen your RMT lately?" advertisement has shown a measureable increase in the "hits" to our website and patient phone calls to the office.
- One of the more exciting projects is the development of a very cost-effective & user-friendly RMT-specific software. This system has many beneficial features for both the individual RMT and group practice, including scheduling, billing, GST tracking, and statistical reports. If you have questions about this exciting program please contact me, and watch for future mail-outs and see it at the AGM.
- We continue to participate in the **Vancouver Wellness Show** and the **West Coast Women's Expo**, and last fall also went to Prince George for a regional health show. Thanks so much to our volunteers.

With so many types of body work, alternative practices and other therapies 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 unique.

**SECRETARY /  
TREASURY**

**Walter Ament**



As the Secretary, I would like to report that since the last AGM, the Board has met eight times both face to face and by conference calls. It has been a challenging year with many issues that affect our great profession. It would be prudent that all members inform themselves of these concerns. Summaries of the minutes of Board meetings are available to members on the MTABC web page. Because of continued experience on the part of the Board members and the professional guidance from our Executive Director, the Board meetings continue to run efficiently.

As Treasurer, I am pleased to advise that membership increased about 11% last year. For the year ended October 31, 2009 our financial position was healthy. Net income exceeded expenses by approximately \$160,000 and this amount provides a good reserve for future initiatives to enhance the Massage Therapy profession. Dues have not had to be increased since 2006 and in fact, the premium for our insurance has decreased.

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.

I can hardly believe that four years have gone by since I joined the MTABC Board of Directors. I want to thank the membership for its continued support.

The Continuing Education Committee has created a policy document for hiring CEC instructors and an instructor/course evaluation document to help assess the courses and provide appropriate feedback. We continue to search for quality evidence based courses to offer our members. We have signed one new instructor and are currently talking with several others.

In October, I represented the MTABC in Amsterdam at the 2nd International Fascial Research Congress. We had over 30 RMTs from BC attending this exciting event. I presented our bid package to the committee and we were successful in being chosen to host the 3rd Congress here in Vancouver in 2012.

Once again, I am facilitating the Fascial DVD Replay for 2010.

I was a guest at a CMTBC panel that is investigating specialization. I did a member survey to get a sense of what you think. I then researched other professions and prepared a position paper (which has been approved by the board). It has been submitted to the CMTBC panel and distributed to our membership for wider discussion.

Work on the Professional Practices Groups (PPG) carries on slowly. Feedback from the PPG Sports has been extremely valuable in assisting with the ongoing development.

Again, there has be no work with the Appeals Committee.

**PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE  
GROUPS**

**Harriet Hall**



**OUR SPEAKERS**

**Trish Dryden**

**Dr. Kenneth Craig**

**Dr. Hal Gunn**

**Trish Dryden**



**BIOGRAPHY:** Trish Dryden, M.Ed., RMT, Trish Dryden is Associate Vice-President, Research and Corporate Planning at Centennial College in Toronto, Canada.

Ms. Dryden is a national leader in complementary and integrative medicine research, education and advocacy with over 30 years of clinical experience and scholarship. She is a senior executive in post-secondary education, specializing in strategic planning and partnerships, with extensive experience in change management in complex systems. Twice nominated for the Dr. Rogers Prize in Integrative Medicine (2007, 2009), Trish is the recipient of the 2008 President's Award from the American Massage Therapists Association and the 2005 Canadian Massage Therapist Alliance Outstanding Achievement Award. She is a passionate advocate for human rights and equitable access to safe and effective health care.

**PRESENTATION: Creating the Future We Want.**



**Dr. Kenneth Craig**



**BIOGRAPHY:** Dr. Kenneth Craig, a senior research scholar and psychologist at the University of British Columbia, examines the importance of attending to psychological and social factors when caring for people with acute and chronic pain. Understanding the thoughts and feelings of patients and their relationships to health care professionals, employers, their families and others is of considerable importance. It has a major impact on the response to injury or disease and influences the effectiveness of treatment and long-term outcome. A model of pain examining both intrapersonal and interpersonal determinants of pain and pain-related disability will be examined, with issues related to the assessment of pain.

**PRESENTATION: The Importance of Psychosocial Factors in Pain and Disability**

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Brenda Locke**



The Association is indeed growing by leaps and bounds. We are proud to have over 2150 RMT members and about 250 student members – making us a very busy and active office.

Each year I have the opportunity to present to term 6 and 7 students and attend several graduation ceremonies throughout the year. I am always impressed by the caliber and diversity of the students. I know that the future of this profession is filled with bright, committed and enthusiastic individuals.

This year I attended the Massage Therapy Alliance of Canada (MTAC) meetings in Moncton, New Brunswick. These meetings are an opportunity to dialogue with other provincial associations about issues facing us at the national level, perhaps most important is insurer relations. While we have much to share, we also have the opportunity to exchange ideas and forge new relationships. I am hopeful that this new alliance will become an important voice for our profession on the national stage.

Government Relations for the MTABC was busy in 2009. As this past year was an election year, we took the opportunity to meet with some of the candidates running for office about issues impacting the profession. Informal meetings were held with a number of MLAs and Cabinet Members, including the new Minister of Health. We met with ministry staff regarding the Harmonized Sales Tax, Agreement on Internal Trade challenges and our WorksafeBC agreement. Other jurisdictions such as Alberta, New Brunswick and the Northwest Territories have also sought input from the MTABC regarding regulatory issues.

There is no question that the HST will cause hardship to our patients. We have received hundreds of letters from RMT patients supporting our fight against the HST. While the problem remains, the support from members, individuals, patients and many non-profits like People with Disabilities has been most gratefully received. The HST proved that RMTs touch lives of people they may never meet, because chronic pain and health problems in general touch whole families. The HST battle has brought some of those families out to support their loved one and their RMT.

This year the association expanded its DVD library. The library is well utilized particularly as we approach the end of a continuing education cycle. We hope that you enjoy some of the new offerings.

The MTABC was pleased to support Trish Dryden, RMT as one of the nominees for the Dr. Roger Rogers Prize. What a great compliment to Trish and the profession that an RMT was recognized amongst an amazing group of CAM practitioners.

The association exists for our members. We want to support RMTs in their practice. Please do not hesitate to contact the office – we will always help when we can.

I want to sincerely thank Dee, Dave, Nancy, Pat, Bodhi and Monica at the MTABC office for their commitment and hard work over the year. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated people.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

**Sandra Coldwell**



Members of the Scope of Practice (SOP) Committee are Joyce Henderson (Chair), Bodhi Haraldsson, Beth Sampson, Doug Fairweather and Sandra Coldwell (MTABC). The committee reviews and assesses registrants' Scope of Practice and related issues in accordance with the College's mandate to protect the public.

In the work to understand what "massage therapy diagnosis" might look like, a request was asked of the registrants on how the information gained during a patient's assessment is used to treat the patient. Thank-you to all registrants who responded. Beth Sampson, Bodhi Haraldsson, and researcher, Julie Dais, are currently working on this project.

Due to the increased interest from registrants for the use of Low Level Laser Therapy (LLLT), a paper that examines the risk of LLLT and the benefits to RMTs' patients of this treatment modality has been completed. You can find the LLLT Position Paper and Executive Summary by visiting the CMTBC website ([cmtbc.bc.ca](http://cmtbc.bc.ca)) and look under Scope of Practice. Registrants should note the following paper is for informational purposes only, given this modality is not in RMT's SOP. With approval from the CMTBC Board, the committee hopes to make a presentation to the Ministry this year asking for inclusion of this modality in the SOP for BC RMTs.

**RESEARCH DEPARTMENT**

**Bodhi Haraldsson**



This past year has been a great one for the MTABC research department with new opportunities opening up for the profession. Being your research chair for the last six years has been a great honour. We have witnessed the shift towards greater acceptance of research and increased engagement in research activities by members.

We see this increased engagement expressed in the Seed Grant applications, and in student case reports submitted. I would like to highlight one of our Seed Grant winners, **Susan Chapelle**. Susan is an RMT from Squamish who had a great idea for a research project about massage therapy for mastectomy scaring and lymphedema. After receiving our Seed Grant, Susan worked hard to assemble a team of interested researchers. This has allowed her to now move forward and apply for larger and more involved grants.

All the awards and grants winners are posted on our website and are a part of our printed Research Report, which will continue to improve and expand our knowledge transfer.

All of our 1st place Case Report award winners were given an opportunity to apply to the upcoming Highlighting Massage Therapy in Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CIM) Research conference in Seattle this May.

MTABC has had representation both on the planning committee and the scientific committee for the CIM Research conference in Seattle. I was very proud to see six abstracts from BC accepted for oral and poster presentation in Seattle.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Joseph Lattanzio**



We continue to expand our member services and outreach. MTABC research department now has a significant presence on the Internet through our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and our ever-expanding practice resource blogs.

In our outreach to the schools, we educate the students on the many research resources we have to assist them in their studies and research projects.

This coming year brings with it much excitement. Specifically, I look forward to planning and promoting the 2012 Fascia conference.

Over the past few years, MTABC members have shown a renewed interest in attending our Conference Days/AGMs weekends. I am excited about more therapists taking ownership of their profession and becoming part of the AGM weekend. The guest speaker forums will continue, and we hope they will be valued by everyone.

The MTABC is proud to be hosting the Fascia World Congress in 2012. Our goal is to showcase BC RMTs to the world. Such a large event brings new challenges and one that may require us to call on our members to assist in various levels of the event.

We continue to attend the various schools and speak to those students who are approaching graduation to inform them of the MTABC's role and services.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all our staff at the office for their hard work over the year, our Executive Director for her guidance and our President and Vice President for their leadership as well as the rest of the board members for their continued hard work over the last year.

**BOARD MEMBER**

Tanya Turnbull



**BOARD MEMBER**

Greg Inkster



**BOARD MEMBER**

Joanna Linardis



**March 29, 2009  
AGM MINUTES**

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**Scope of Practice – Sandra Coldwell**

Sandra informed membership that the "Diagnosis" Survey results would be reported in the next CMTBC's Touchstone magazine and posted on the CMTBC's website. The CMTBC has contracted Dr. Julie Dais to prepare a paper for presentation to the government around the use of cold laser, electric modalities and therapeutic ultrasound by RMTs. A question about the past history of scope of practice and use of other modalities was answered.

**Research Report – Bodhi Haraldsson**

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Bodhi provided an overview of the research activities for 2008. Bodhi discussed the purpose and aims of the research department. Bodhi reviewed the awards and recipients for the seed grants and case study competition. He also reviewed the massage therapy funds activities for the last 2 years. Bodhi made a presentation about the New Practice resource blogs on the MTABC web site

**Executive Director's Report:**

Brenda Locke thanked the Board and staff for working as a strong team. Report was pre-circulated to membership. Parliamentarian called for questions to the report.

**Election of Officers:**

Six names were put forward for Board directors:

- Sandra Coldwell
- Walter Ament
- Anita Wilson
- Tanya Turnbull
- Greg Inkster
- Joanna Linardis

**Membership accepted the appointments / nominations as presented and elected them to the Board of Directors.**

Presentation by MTABC Legal Counsel on "An RMT's Legal Responsibility as a Primary Health Care Provider"

Adjournment: Parliamentarian called for meeting adjournment at 10:10 am.

**March 29, 2009  
AGM MINUTES**

Executive Airport Plaza,  
7311 Westminster Hwy.  
Richmond, BC  
1:00 - 4.00 pm

**Call to Order:** 8:30 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.

**2008 AGM Minutes:**

**MOTION 1**

**Be it resolved that the membership approve the minutes of the April 20 2008 AGM. Moved by Linda Ackerman, Seconded by Leslie Smith. Motion Passed.**

**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. Anita, the Communications Chair provided a demonstration of Office Master, an RMT-specific practice management software. The key features, including scheduling, billing, accounting, and patient database information were shown to membership, and the software vendor was on hand to answer further questions. If anyone is interested they can contact Sava at MRX Solutions directly.

**Treasurer/Secretary's Report - Walter Ament**

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Walter reviewed financial statements. Parliamentarian called for questions to the report. Walter responded to a question regarding school memberships.

**MOTION 2**

**Be it resolved that the membership approve the 12 month financial statements as presented. Moved by Walter Ament. Seconded by Magdalen Farley 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 Lizette Tucker. Motion Passed.**

**Professional Practice Groups - Harriet Hall**

Report was pre-circulated to membership. Harriet discussed members' interest in Professional Practice Groups (PPG). Harriet introduced Leslie Clisby RMT, Chair of the Sports PPG. Leslie thanked the MTABC for the grant which will allow them to recruit more members. Harriet made a call for more RMTs to become involved in the PPGs.

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Robert T. Herd, C.A.\*  
\*Personal Corporation

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**REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

To the Directors of **Massage Therapists' Association of B.C.**

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of **Massage Therapists' Association of B.C.** as at September 30, 2009 and the statements of changes in net assets and operations 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 company.

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.



Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, B.C.  
February 8, 2010

Suite 300, 1338 W. Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia V6H 1H2

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT

Pat Newton

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
(Unaudited)

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	2009	2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,482	\$ -
Term deposits	532,955	364,955
Accounts receivable	17,368	51,005
Prepaid expenses	2,568	2,935
	563,373	418,895
Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 2 & 3)	12,946	12,546
	\$ 576,319	\$ 431,441
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ 2,812
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	20,726	27,020
Wages payable	385	5,683
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	49,850	50,804
	70,961	86,319
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets	12,946	12,546
Restricted - member contingency fund	22,955	22,955
Restricted - board fund	130,200	110,200
Unrestricted net assets	339,257	199,421
	505,358	345,122
	\$ 576,319	\$ 431,441

## MASSAGE THERAPISTS' ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
(Unaudited)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	2009	2008
Receipts		
Memberships	\$ 538,192	\$ 487,483
Communications and research	340,616	296,682
Workshops	93,862	212,332
Interest income	18,229	18,086
Other income	17,337	14,248
	1,008,236	1,028,831
Expenditures		
Accounting and legal	47,085	27,101
Annual general meeting	31,412	30,505
Advertising and promotions	894	810
Amortization	2,552	4,080
Bank charges and interest	11,025	11,822
Contract negotiations	16,269	19,028
Equipment rental	3,629	3,637
Insurance	712	7,022
Office expenses	34,165	22,750
Per diem reimbursements	32,425	32,975
Communications and research	345,202	317,283
Repairs and maintenance	20,499	19,700
Salaries and benefits	162,840	149,236
Telephone	7,096	8,412
Travel	36,136	19,142
Workshops	96,059	170,452
	848,000	843,955
<b>Excess of Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 160,236</b>	<b>\$ 184,876</b>