

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

Meeting Minutes

2-6-2012

I. Call to order

Tina Elwood – chair, called to order the meeting at 10:03 AM

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present:

Mary Donker-Syvertsen – Member

Dr. Tim Hobbs – Vice Chair

Faith Miller – Treasurer

Tina Elwood – Chair

Donna Laseter/Phone – Member

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Mary makes motion to accept the minutes as is from the 1-23-2012 meeting. Faith 2nds the motion, all approved.

IV. Old Business

Practice act

Committee was asked to readdress a few items:

1. Provisional license – which committee chose to leave out of practice act
2. Definition of an establishment – which was changed to:
A place of business that offers the practice of massage therapy, and where the practice of massage therapy is conducted on the premises of the business. A place of business includes any office, clinic, facility or other location where a person or persons engage in the practice of massage therapy. The residence of a therapist or an outcall location which is not owned, rented or leased by a massage therapist and or a massage establishment, is not a massage establishment, unless the location is advertised as the therapist or establishments place of business.
3. The establishment fee was also decreased to \$50.00

4. Other item of correction was on item RS 3735:67 The effect on local regulation. Original language verbiage on A was put back. (it was repetitious before)
5. Tina looked for a motion to approve the practice act as written, Faith motions to approve the practice act as written. Mary opened discussion. Mary wanted RS 37:3554 A1 stricken from the practice act. She suggested taking out the verbiage requiring one board member/lay person being a CPA or accountant out because it would not necessarily be a benefit and would limit that position. Mary suggested that the treasurer and our hired CPA should offer checks and balances for the board.
6. Tina asked for a vote to accept the practice act as written, all opposed.
7. Tina asked for a motion to amend the practice act RS37:3554 section A1 to delete the verbiage requiring one board member/lay person to be a CPA, accountant, bookkeeping, or financial background.
8. Tina asks for a motion to accept the amendment to the practice act. All were in favor.
9. Tina asks for a motion to accept the practice act as amended. Faith motions to accept the amended practice act, Mary seconded. Discussion was opened on several different subjects within the practice act, Tina asks for a vote to accept the amended practice act, all in favor.
10. Mary questioned where we were going with the bill now. It was discussed that it was the next step to acquire a sponsor for our bill. A call was made to Representative Ponti to ask for representatives from our board to sit with him to discuss next steps/guidelines/information for the process of moving our bill through its proper protocol.

V. New Business

Board Member Responsibilities

1. Tina brought up that board members need to stay on top of their responsibilities and all work together now more than ever. Discussion on getting a policy manual together on duties and protocols of the board in the near future. Dr. Hobbs suggested links to this information so the office would not have the responsibility of updating the information.

VI. Adjournment

Mary makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05, Dr. Hobbs seconded. All approved.