

**COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BOARD MEETING (PUBLIC PORTION)
SUITE 304 – 1212 WEST BROADWAY AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C.
September 6, 2013
MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Robin Perry (in the chair)	Rich Ingram
David Crawford	Carolyn Krawczyk
Lynne Harris	Voula Soursos
Lorna Pawluk	Lizette Tucker
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Regrets:

Marilynne Waithman
Jennifer Slauenwhite

Also attending:

Susan Addario, Registrar/CEO
Brenda Locke, Massage Therapists' Association of BC

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Robin Perry.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND ATTENDING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

No members attended via videoconference.

3. APPROVAL OF THIS AGENDA

A new item regarding a Langara College advertorial from the Metro newspaper was added under New Business of the agenda.

Motion: To accept the amended agenda. *Carried*

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A member requested that her name be removed from the request for an update on the national accreditation planning process, in item 8.1.

Motion: To approve minutes from the June 13, 2013 Board meeting, as amended. *Carried.*

5. BOARD MEMBER DECLARATIONS OF BIAS/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no declarations of bias or conflicts of interest.

6. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

6.1. Health Regulators Organization Public Awareness Campaign

The Registrar updated the Board on a public awareness campaign that will be launched on September 16th. Information about health regulation will appear in several languages in various media and at bus stops in several BC communities. A new website listing all health regulators in BC will also be set up, enabling members of public to get access to information about the benefits of consulting a regulated health care professional.

6.2. Meeting with the Minister of Health

The Registrar provided a brief report on a recent meeting of the BC Health Regulatory Organization (HRO) Registrars with the newly appointed Assistant Deputy Minister from the Minister of Health, along with the Ministry's Director of Professional Regulation. Various topics were discussed, including the HROs' quality assurance programs, standards of practice with respect to Patient Relations, recent incidents of unauthorized practice, and the importance of collaboration among BC health regulators.

6.3. Registration Status and Registration Exams

The Registrar updated the number of active and inactive registrants on the register as well as the number of registrants who were cancelled for non-payment. The Registrar also provided an update on planning for the September Board exams.

6.4. National Accreditation Planning Committee

The Registrar reported that the Deputy Registrar will attend the stakeholder consultation workshop organized by the Planning Committee during the second week of October in Toronto, and will report to the Board afterwards.

6.5. Langara College Advertorial in Metro Newspaper

The Registrar reported that the August 23rd Metro Newspaper contained incorrect information about Langara College's new massage therapy program and about the CMTBC. The Registrar communicated with the Director of Health Programs in Continuing Studies at Langara College, and a correction was printed in the next issue of the newspaper.

6.6. Bcmassagetherapists.com

The Registrar reported that this website contained errors in its description of the scope of practice for RMTs in British Columbia. The College has written and asked the website's organizers to amend the website by removing the incorrect information.

By consensus, the Registrar's report was accepted.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1. Update on Freedom of Information Requests

The Registrar reported that MTABC had requested a copy of the College's current strategic plan, and she confirmed that a copy had been provided.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Destruction of 2013 Election Ballots

Motion: To destroy 2013 Election Ballots. *Carried.*

8.2. Committee reports

8.2.1. Finance & Audit Committee

David Crawford, Chair, presented the year-to-date financial report. The technology upgrade project is in progress and the expected launch date of the website and the database is in October, as planned.

8.2.2. Registration Committee

Lizette Tucker, Chair, reported on a recent Committee meeting that took place on August 21, 2013. The Committee received a briefing on proposed new registration bylaws, on the need for a formal policy on accommodations for examinations, and on requirements for a registration hearing panel to hear exam appeals and questions of fitness.

Motion: That the Board approve a ceiling of \$17,000 for blue printing entry- to-practice requirements and adding to the question item banks. **Withdrawn.**

Amended Motion: That the Board approve inclusion in the 2014 budget process of funding for blue printing entry- to-practice requirements and for additions to the item banks of examination questions. **Carried.**

8.2.3. Inquiry Committee

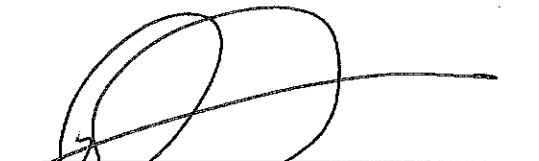
Lorna Pawluk, Chair, reported on open and active files before the Committee, as well as on a recent extraordinary hearing held by a panel of the Committee. She also identified a need to authorize the Registrar to deal with frivolous, vexatious and trivial complaints without referring them to the Inquiry Committee.

Motion: That the Board authorize the Registrar to act under section 32(3) of the Health Professions Act. **Carried.**

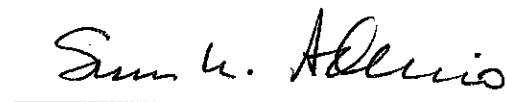
All Committee reports were accepted.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.



Robin Perry, Chair



Susan Addario, Registrar/CEO