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Oregon Board of
Massage Therapists

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

OBMT is in the process of finalizing the conversion renewal process. This process will spread out renewals over the entire biennium making the process more efficient for the office and the LMT's. **See page 3 for more information!**

OBMT participates in the creation of the "Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards"

By Stephanie Manriquez, AAS LMT NCTMB

As a current Board member, I represented Oregon at the organizational meeting of the FSMTB (Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards) held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September. I was unsure of the need for this organization prior to attending this meeting but I was committed to keeping an open mind during all discussions. Twenty-three state boards out of the thirty seven states currently regulating massage therapy were represented along with close to a dozen educators from around the country. This gathering was one of THE best meetings I have attended in a long time! The excitement and the willingness of all in attendance to openly discuss the needs and challenges of both regulation and the profession was refreshing. The outcome of this Federation meeting brought home the fact that these regulatory boards need to be able to have a forum to bring our vocation of massage to the highest level of professionalism.

The key issues/concerns identified by this group were:

- Standards of education for massage therapy
- Standards for instructors and educators in the massage community
- Professional mobility for therapists
- Mentorship for states looking to regulate and license massage therapy
- National database for massage therapy licensing
- Improved communication between state boards
- Credibility as a profession
- Possible creation of an entry level exam that ALL states could use for licensing requirements

I was impressed by the ability of these delegates to speak up and recognize the needs of each and every state represented at the FSMTB. The proposed bylaws were reviewed line by line and adjustments were made to reflect those needs, right there on the spot! By the end of the meeting bylaws were adopted and the first formal board of directors was elected with the OBMT's Executive Director, Patty Glenn as President. We all left feeling that we had truly accomplished a ground breaking task with the formalization of this organization. I left feeling proud of my state and our massage board as we have and will continue to proactively serve both the massage profession and the citizens and LMT of Oregon.

To view the FSMTB press release and for more information, as it is available, please visit the Federations new website at fsmtb.org.

2005 Board Meetings

- November 10th @10:00 am at the OBMT in Salem

2006 Board Meetings

The OBMT will meet at 10:00 am in the Board office in Salem on the 2nd Thursday of January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September and November. The April meeting will be held in Seaside on the 8th and October meeting will be held in The Dalles on the 14th. All meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please verify with the OBMT prior to attending.

THE ROAD TRIPS TO GRANTS PASS and BEND WERE SUCH A SUCCESS THAT WE ARE ON THE ROAD AGAIN IN 2006!



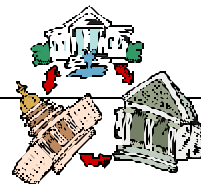
The **July 2005** Board meeting was held at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass and was a great success! The meeting began with an hour of CE where the Board held a Q&A for those in attendance. The meeting was attended by 9 therapists from as far away as Brookings, OR. The Board was thrilled with the opportunity to meet local LMT's and listen/respond to their thoughts and concerns. Thanks to those of you who attended for making it a priority.

Our **October 2005** meeting was held at Central Oregon Community College in Bend and followed the same format. This meeting was also well attended with 7 therapists coming from as far away as La Grande! We will repeat the format again in April and October of 2006. The board is looking forward to connecting with LMT's from around Oregon and hopes you will plan to attend. Remember as added incentive to attend, the board will be offering one hour of continuing education prior to the board meeting and one hour of CE for attendance at the board meeting. Please visit our website or contact the office for additional information.

If you have any suggestions or thoughts regarding this process please email patty@oregonmassage.org.



2005 Legislative Highlights



The 73rd Legislative Assembly Adjourned Sine Die at 6:20am, August 5, 2005.

The OBMT watched several bills this session here are some of the outcomes;

- **PASSED:** SB97 sponsored by the OBMT will allow the renewal cycle to be adjusted by rule effective January 1, 2006. Please see page 3 for more information.
- **VETOED:** SB405 was a bill sponsored by several semi-independent state agencies including the OBMT. This bill would allow semi-independent state agencies to enter into borrowing agreements. SB405 passed both the house and the senate but unfortunately was vetoed by Governor Kulingoski.
- **PASSED:** HB2029 sponsored by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee shifts semi-independent agencies reporting requirements to off session years. The OBMT is pleased with this passage.
- **PASSED:** HB2105 a Cosmetology Board bill that redefines the Facial Technologist's scope of practice and changes their title to Esthetician as well as increases the scope of a Nail Technician. While the OBMT agrees that full body skin care regulation is important we still have several areas of concern around this significant increase in scope and its application. We were hopeful that the HLO would include the OBMT and other interested parties in this transition. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Please see the following article for further information.

Board of Cosmetology Rules Hearing November 21, 2005 at 9:00 am



The OHLA (formerly HLO) Board of Cosmetology is in the process of adopting new rules related to the increased scope of practice which resulted from the passing of HB2105. Many of the concerns raised by the Board of Massage during the past 18 months have unfortunately come to reality in this proposed change. During communications with the Board of Cosmetology the OBMT and others were repeatedly promised that there was no intention of including massage in the scope of practice of Estheticians. To demonstrate that commitment they actually removed the word "massage" from the statute. Unfortunately two words of significant concern to the OBMT remained. Those words were and still are; "manipulate and stimulate". While we were repeatedly assured that those words existed only to allow for the application and removal of product, the Board of Cosmetology is now proposing to replace the definition of "Manipulation" in their rules with a cut and paste of the definition of "Massage" from ours. In addition, in a draft press release prepared by OHLA when asked if massage is within their scope of practice they state "Yes if used only in relation to skin care services for the purpose of improving the health of the skin. No if provided solely for therapeutic purposes beyond the health of the skin." This is consistent with the numerous concerns raised during this past year and inconsistent with their claim that they would not be "doing massage". Due to the lack of training on the physiological effects of hands on therapy and pathologies, the OBMT is strongly opposed to these changes. Unfortunately, our opposition is not enough. If you as LMT's in Oregon are concerned about this change in statute and now in rule you must speak up and be heard. You may submit written testimony to Patricia Allbritton, Rules Coordinator, Oregon Health Licensing Agency, 700 Summer Street NE, Suite 320, Salem, OR 97301 or appear in person at the rules hearing held on November 21st at 9:00 at the same address. The OBMT would like to compile the concerns of the LMT community please consider copying our office as well as your State Senator and Representative. You can find contact information for your legislators at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/> If you are interested in discussing this information further or participating in ongoing communication please contact the OBMT.



- **THE RENEWAL PROCESS IS CHANGING!**
- **YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE AS EARLY MARCH 1, 2006.**
- **IGNORING THIS ARTICLE COULD COST YOU \$250.00 IN LATE FEES!!!**
- **PROOF OF CE IS NOT REQUIRED WITH THE CONVERSION RENEWAL.**

This past legislative session SB 97 was signed into Law. This bill allows OBMT to revise its renewal cycle benefiting the OBMT, LMTs, applicants and the general public by streamlining the agencies processes both administratively and financially. Are you wondering what that means to you?

In order to get into the revised renewal schedule we will be conducting a mandatory “conversion renewal” cycle which will extend the expiration date of your current license. This “conversion renewal” will bring your license into alignment with the new renewal system. Once we have completed the “conversion renewal” process all future renewals will be due the 1st day of your birth month, on even years if your birth year is even and on odd years if your birth year is odd. We will begin the “conversion renewal” this January and conclude the process in December 2006 at which point all licensees will be in alignment with the new process.

Renewal applications for Licensees with odd year birthdates and those with birthdates in January, February and March of even years will receive conversion renewal applications in January of 2006. Those renewals will be due by March 1, 2006 and will extend your current licensing period. For the remainder of 2006, licensees with even year birthdates from April to December will receive their conversion renewal application approximately 30 days prior to the due date, which will be the first day of their birth month. This is a mandatory renewal and licensee who do not meet the renewal deadline will be assessed the standard late fee of \$25.00 per week up to \$250.00. **Please note: late fees are based on due date of the renewal not the expiration date of the license.**

Active Renewals

**** Inactive Renewals**

Birth Month/ Year	Amount Due for Extension	* CE to cover extension	CE due at following re- newal	Current Exp Date	New Exp Date
Jan of odd	\$4.00	1	26	Dec-06	Jan-07
Feb of odd	\$8.00	2	27	Dec-06	Feb-07
Mar of odd	\$12.00	3	28	Dec-06	Mar-07
Apr of odd	\$17.00	4	29	Dec-06	Apr-07
May of odd	\$21.00	5	30	Dec-06	May-07
Jun of odd	\$25.00	6	31	Dec-06	Jun-07
Jul of odd	\$29.00	7	32	Dec-06	Jul-07
Aug of odd	\$33.00	8	33	Dec-06	Aug-07
Sep of odd	\$37.00	9	34	Dec-06	Sep-07
Oct of odd	\$42.00	10	35	Dec-06	Oct-07
Nov of odd	\$46.00	11	36	Dec-06	Nov-07
Dec of odd	\$50.00	12	37	Dec-06	Dec-07
Jan of even	\$54.00	14	39	Dec-06	Jan-08
Feb of even	\$58.00	15	40	Dec-06	Feb-08
Mar of even	\$62.00	16	41	Dec-06	Mar-08
Apr of even	\$67.00	17	42	Dec-06	Apr-08
May of even	\$71.00	18	43	Dec-06	May-08
Jun of even	\$75.00	19	44	Dec-06	Jun-08
Jul of even	\$79.00	20	45	Dec-06	Jul-08
Aug of even	\$83.00	21	46	Dec-06	Aug-08
Sep of even	\$87.00	22	47	Dec-06	Sep-08
Oct of even	\$92.00	23	48	Dec-06	Oct-08
Nov of even	\$96.00	24	49	Dec-06	Nov-08
Dec of even	\$100.00	25	50	Dec-06	Dec-08

Amount Due	Current Exp Date	New Exp Date
\$2.00	Dec-06	Jan-07
\$4.00	Dec-06	Feb-07
\$6.00	Dec-06	Mar-07
\$8.00	Dec-06	Apr-07
\$10.00	Dec-06	May-07
\$13.00	Dec-06	Jun-07
\$15.00	Dec-06	Jul-07
\$17.00	Dec-06	Aug-07
\$19.00	Dec-06	Sep-07
\$21.00	Dec-06	Oct-07
\$23.00	Dec-06	Nov-07
\$25.00	Dec-06	Dec-07
\$27.00	Dec-06	Jan-08
\$29.00	Dec-06	Feb-08
\$31.00	Dec-06	Mar-08
\$33.00	Dec-06	Apr-08
\$35.00	Dec-06	May-08
\$38.00	Dec-06	Jun-08
\$40.00	Dec-06	Jul-08
\$42.00	Dec-06	Aug-08
\$44.00	Dec-06	Sep-08
\$46.00	Dec-06	Oct-08
\$48.00	Dec-06	Nov-08
\$50.00	Dec-06	Dec-08

* **“CE to cover the extension”** - These CE hours will not be submitted during the “conversion renewal” but are required and included in the “CE due at the following renewal” column. You will be required to show proof of completion at that time.
 ** Individuals currently Inactive who wish to return to Active status need to contact the board office at 503-365-8657.



An open Letter of Invitation to submit Examiners Statement of Interest....

We are now looking for examiners for 2006.

The basics:

- **You MUST be a certified examiner to act as a Proctor for the State Practical Exam.** All contract examiners must provide proof of Examiner Certification. The OBMT offers training sessions to interested individuals on the dates listed on the statement of interest form from 9:00 AM to 12:00PM **or** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. There is a \$5.00 fee for the training and you will receive contact CE for attending the training session. You must contact Diana Nott @ 503-365-8657 x 1 in advance or mark your preference on the Statement of Interest to reserve your space in the training.
- **You must complete Examiner Certification prior to your first scheduled day of proctoring.**
- You must be an Oregon LMT, licensed for a minimum of one year with no disciplinary action on file.
- **You may not be affiliated with a massage school or program.**
- The contract rate is \$110.00 per day (one day = 6 exams), in addition the Board of Massage will issue one contact CE for each full day of proctoring. Tracking proctoring CE is the responsibility of the licensee.
- Interested parties must be willing to proctor a minimum of 12 days per calendar year.
- Interested parties must hold a current examiner contract with the Board of Massage Therapists prior to proctoring exams. Contract information will be addressed at the completion of the Examiner Certification training. Please do not contact the office ahead of time.
- You must be willing and able to meet all contractual requirements.
- The deadline for submitting a statement of interest to proctor for this next period is November 20, 2005. Eligible bids will be considered on a first come first served basis.
- Exams will be video taped and audio taped for contractual compliance and quality assurance.

If you are interested in proctoring the OBMT practical in 2006 you must complete and submit the following statement of interest. Statements of Interest received after November 20th will only be considered on an as needed basis.

OBMT Examiner Statement of Interest

Please check ALL of the days you are available to proctor (the more options you provide to the scheduler, the better). You must be willing to proctor a **minimum of 12** days per year. If you desire a specific number of days, please state that number here. _____

Please PRINT clearly:

Name: _____ LMT number: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Please circle all of the days you are available to proctor exams.

January	February	March	April	May	June
Tu 3	W 1	W 1	Tu 11	M 1	M 12
W 4	Th 2	M 6	W 12	Tu 2	Tu 13
Th 5	M 6	Tu 7	M 17	W 3	W 14
Tu 17	Tu 7	M 13	Tu 18	M 15	M 19
W 18	W 8	Tu 14	W 19	Tu 16	Tu 20
Th 19	M 13	W 15	M 24	W 17	W 21
Tu 24	Tu 14	M 20	Tu 25	M 22	M 26
W 25	W 15	Tu 21	W 26	Tu 23	Tu 27
Th 26	Tu 21	W 22		W 24	W 28
Tu 31	W 22	M 27		T 30	
	M 27	Tu 28		W 31	
	Tu 28	W 29			
July	August	September	October	November	December
M 10	Tu 1	Tu 5	M 2	W 1	M 4
Tu 11	W 2	W 6	Tu 3	M 6	Tu 5
W 12	M 14	M 18	W 4	Tu 7	W 6
M 17	Tu 15	Tu 19	Tu 17	W 8	M 11
Tu 18	W 16	W 20	W 18	M 13	Tu 12
W 19	M 21	M 25	M 23	Tu 14	W 13
M 24	Tu 22	Tu 26	Tu 24	W 15	
Tu 25	W 23	W 27	W 25	M 27	
W 26	M 28		M 30	Tu 28	
M 31	Tu 29		T 31	W 29	
	W 30				

Examiner Certification Training →

You must successfully complete Examiner Certification training in order to proctor. Upcoming Certification Classes are listed on the right. Please select three options and identify your preference with 1st, 2nd and 3rd. **Note: there is a \$5.00 fee payable the day of training.**

Training offered:	9am to 12pm	1pm to 4pm
December 6		
December 7		
December 13		
December 14		
June 6		
June 7		



Are LMTs in Oregon Mandatory Reporters of Abuse?

The following is a compilation of information by Patty Glenn, OBMT Executive Director, and does not constitute an official opinion of the OBMT. Questions? Please contact DHS directly at 503-945-5944.

The answer is not that simple!

To error on the side of caution any “reasonably suspected abuse” should be reported. It is not the responsibility of LMTs to investigate and determine if the abuse is happening. DHS has trained professionals to do just that. The responsibility of the LMT lies in reporting suspected abuse. Are LMTs mandatory reporters? Some reference is made to “health care providers” in general and others list specific providers. The reference that may apply to LMTs is “other personnel involved in the examination, care or treatment of patients”, under that reference it would appear the answer could be yes. Bottom line: ***All citizens have a responsibility to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Members of the general public may report suspected abuse and neglect if they choose.***

The following is basic information taken directly from the Department of Human Services website at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS>

Mandatory reporting

Reporting abuse and neglect

All citizens have a responsibility to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Members of the general public may report suspected abuse and neglect if they choose.

Oregon state law, however, mandates that workers in certain professions must make reports if they have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect. These people are called mandatory reporters and they are a crucial link in the system to protect Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

By law, mandatory reporters must report suspected abuse or neglect of a child regardless of whether or not the knowledge of the abuse was gained in the reporter's official capacity. In other words, the mandatory reporting of abuse or neglect of children is a 24-hour obligation.

Mandatory reporters, while acting in an official capacity, who come in contact with an elderly or developmentally disabled adult they suspect have been abused or neglected, must report to DHS or law enforcement.

Who are mandatory reporters? Medical personnel: Physicians, psychiatrists, surgeons, residents, interns, dentists, dentist hygienists, medical examiners, pathologists, osteopaths, coroners, Christian Science practitioners, chiropractors, podiatrists, registered and licensed practical nurses, emergency medical technicians, substance abuse treatment personnel, hospital administrators and other personnel involved in the examination, care or treatment of patients.

School and child care personnel: Teachers, school personnel, educational advocates assigned to a child pursuant to the School Code, truant officers, directors and staff assistants of day care centers and nursery schools.

Law Enforcement: Truant officers, probation officers, law enforcement officers, and field personnel of the Department of Corrections.

Others: Social workers, social service administrators, substance abuse treatment personnel, crisis line or hotline personnel, foster parents, homemakers, recreational program or facility personnel, registered psychologists and assistants working under the direct supervision of a psychologist.

For additional information please contact: Department of Human Services, 500 Summer St. NE, Salem 97301. Phone: 503-945-5944, Fax: 503-378-2897, TTY: 503-945-6214



Changes on the Horizon

The Board members and office staff have been working on several changes and improvements to allow us to better serve the public and the LMT community.

To Staffing: We've added another friendly member to the office staff, Kathryn Watson. This addition will allow for changes in assignments and work flow in the office and will ultimately help us to provide better customer service. Please feel free to call the Board office and introduce yourself to Kat.

To the Board: Effective January 1, 2006 Jacqueline McCall, our newest Board member, will assume the seat of Chair. The OBMT staff wants to take a moment to thank Michael Jordan for his contributions over the past several years as Chair.

To the Office: If you stop by, please pardon our dust as we are in the midst of some minor office renovation. This will allow the office staff to be more accessible to one another and to be more prominent & accessible by our visitors. Because many of our candidates for the Practical Exam come to us feeling quite anxious, we have made a slight change in color and are working to make the environment more relaxing.

To the Practical Exam: The exam committee has been working diligently to get the new exam ready by January 1, 2006. Don't fret – the concepts of the exam will remain the same. The changes are being made to the format and flow in an effort to make the exam easier to understand and less stressful for the candidates while improving the overall quality and integrity of the process. Video taping is being added to the process for additional quality assurance. We've added more exam dates to the 2006 schedule to accommodate our increasing candidate population with the hope of reducing the time between graduation and licensure. Please check the web site at www.oregonmassage.org if you're interested in knowing more about the exam changes.

And to our Statutes and Rules: The new Rules Committee had their first meeting in August which was quite productive and exciting. They are charged with looking at the statutes and rules in their entirety and making recommendations for changes to the board. We are very excited about this undertaking and we invite you to submit any suggestions or comments to the Board office to be forward to the committee. You can find a copy of our Statutes and Rules on our website at www.oregonmassage.org

Lastly: If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to call, write or e-mail the office staff. We enjoy hearing from you!



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