



# Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 12, 2004

## Attendance

### Board Members:

Michael Jordan, L.M.T., Chair  
David Frostad, L.M.T.  
Cathy Law

Stephanie Manriquez, L.M.T.  
Lisa Oxman, L.M.T.  
Brad Welker, D.C.

Members Law, and Welker attended by telephone. Kern was excused from the meeting. Patty Glenn, future Executive Director, attended by telephone

**Staff:** Bev Holzman, Executive Director  
Michelle Sherman, Office Manager

### Public:

Coleen Stevenson  
Sharon Brim  
Jolie Griffin/OSM  
Elizabeth Mattson  
Laurie Mckenzie/LCC

Bree Stegner  
Jenn Hodges  
Elizabeth Taylor/OSM  
Tammy Wise  
Jeff Nye

Frances Van Hooser  
Abby Mace  
Bonnie Grant  
Nicholas Chrones/LCC

- 1) Call to order– 9:00 AM  
Jordan called the public meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
- 2) Approve Agenda  
Holzman asked to make the following change to the agenda:  
Delete item 8) e) – the applicant does not want to continue with the process.  
Add item 8) g) – Jordan invited to attend AMTA-OR AGM meeting on February 21, 2004 to address OAR 334-010-0025.

Frostad arrived at 9:05 a.m.

**Manriquez moved** to approve the agenda as amended. **The motion carried.**

- 3) Public Forum - An opportunity for the public to address the Board and ask questions  
Nick Chrones: How will the Board approve CEs that are learned out of the country? The CE providers will need to meet the same requirements as those in the United States.

Oxman arrived at 9:07 a.m.

- 4) Approve minutes of the October 9, 2003 and November 13, 2003 meeting minutes  
Holzman submitted the following change to the October 9, 2003 minutes, Brad Welker should be identified as a D.C. not an L.M.T.  
**Law moved** to approve the October 9, 2003 minutes as revised. **The motion carried.**  
**Oxman moved** to approve November 13, 2003 minutes as printed. **The motion carried.**

- 5) Report of Executive Director  
a) Financial Report  
Holzman confirmed the audit has been completed but she has not received the report. She confirmed this

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is a public document.

b) Correspondence Report

6) Committee Reports

a) No reports

7) Old Business

a) Adopt Permanent Rule Changes

Based upon a question from Manriquez, Holzman stated the goal is to review requests from CE providers within seven to ten days.

Oxman said, in light of the situation where an LMT had a diabetic patient with complications, she had reservations about deleting CPR as a requirement for renewal. Jordan stated he had concerns also that this was being deleted.

**Frostad moved** to adopt all of the proposed rules as currently written. Oxman opposed. **The motion carried.**

b) Consider re-scheduling November 11, 2004 board meeting – that is Veteran’s Day  
That meeting date is re-scheduled to November 18, 2004.

8) New Business

a) For discussion: Change of Board Chair

Jordan stated currently there are no guidelines for a Chair’s term of office-the Board can elect a new Chair at any time.

Oxman thought there was a “non-verbal” agreement that two years would be the time limit and feels it would be important to have a standard policy in writing. Oxman thought in a work session the board might discuss term limits for a chair.

The Board members decided to hold this item for a work session. The next work session will be April 8, 2004 in the afternoon; the session is to last no later than 4:00 PM.

b) Join other Semi-Independent agencies in hiring a lobbyist

**Oxman moved** to apply \$1500 to hiring Fred VanNatta for items 1,2 and 3 as indicated in Holzman’s memo. **The motion carried.**

c) Discuss disciplinary action for those who do not display license numbers on their advertising material  
Manriquez recommended they be sent a letter and allow 90 days to comply before initiating disciplinary action. She also recommended that *The Boarderline* be provided to the massage students. Holzman stated *The Boarderline* is for the licensees and it would cost too much money to provide it to all of the massage students. Jordan recommended mailing one copy to each school; the school can then copy and distribute it to their students.

**Oxman moved** to send letters to those in non-compliance. In the letter the LMT will be allowed 90 days to come into compliance. Failure to comply could result in proposed disciplinary action of assessment of civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation. The letter shall provide some methods of verification of compliance. **The motion carried.**

Holzman asked if LMTs are required to state their licensure numbers on their answering machine messages. The Board stated No.

d) Indorsement applicant Heidi M

She asked the Board to waive the practical exam requirement for her. Several board members stated that with her experience she should be able to take and pass exam. **Manriquez moved** to deny her request and require her to take and pass the Oregon practical exam for licensure in this state. **The motion carried.**

e) Indorsement applicant Iouri S

He asked the Board to waive the NCE requirement for him and to allow him to take the Oregon practical exam based on his current education and experience.

**Manriquez moved** to deny indorsement. Discussion followed. Prior to re-applying for the Oregon practical exam, Iouri must take and pass NCE exam, and take 100 hours of massage science courses. Manriquez recommended he apply for the NCE exam by portfolio review. **The motion carried.**

g) Add item 8) g) – Jordan was invited to attend AMTA-OR meeting on February 21, 2004 to address OAR 334-010-0025; the requirement for license numbers on advertising. Oxman asked what are the AMTA’s questions/concerns? She recommended that the Board invite the AMTA to one of our meetings and request to have their concerns placed on the agenda for discussion

**Frostad moved** to approve Jordan to attend the meeting as the Board's representative; Jordan is to present a written report the next meeting. **The motion carried.**

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9) Public Comments

Jennifer Hodges: Why is the Board requesting license numbers on advertisements? Jordan stated so the public can confirm if someone is licensed – public protection. Manriquez added that it is beneficial to the LMTs because a person is more likely to request services from someone they know is licensed.

Bree Stegner: Does a spa that places an ad with 30 massage therapists need to list the license numbers for those therapists? If the spas list an LMT's name they must put the number in the ad also.

Oxman shared that she visited with Clinical Social Workers and obtained some of their pamphlets for the board members to review. These pamphlets provide a lot of information and frequently asked questions. Holzman will get copies for all board members. The Board will discuss what kind of information to put in such type of pamphlet at a work session.

Elizabeth Taylor/OSM: They get phone calls from the public about inappropriateness – a brochure with information might be another way to educate students. Frostad stated that if the school receives complaints about inappropriate behavior by an LMT, the complainant should be directed to contact the Board.

Bonnie Grant/LCC student: The complaint process is not clear to her. Holzman and Frostad confirmed the complaint process was presented in a past *Boarderline*.

Jeff Nye: He presented information he wanted the Board to review. Jordan said, if time allowed, the board would review the information in the afternoon.

Nick Chrones/LCC: RE: LMT numbers - What about advertising in the black and white phone pages? If you put "LMT" after your name, you must include your license number.

RE: Chrones works for a chiropractor – the chiropractor printed an ad but did not include Chrones's license number. The chiropractor stated he didn't have to provide that number. The Board stated that if the ad is displayed, Chrones could be subject to disciplinary action for not providing his license number.

RE: If the Board does distribute one copy of *the Boarderline* to the schools for duplication please send a black/white copy.

Bree Stegner: Have random inspections started? Not yet. Will be done by investigator. What is process if there are violations? Manriquez: as with any other case – the appropriate legal actions will be put into place.

Lori McKenzie: Why random inspections? To protect the public and insure the adherence to health and safety codes.

Bree Stegner: - Why is the Board doing random inspections instead of announced inspections – is it so the Board can generate revenue? The Board spends money to do inspections – it is not something that generates money. Random inspections insure compliance all the time.

Sharon Brim: A lot of other health agencies do not require the posting of license numbers. OBMT does not regulate these boards. Manriquez stated there is a large problem of LMTs practicing w/out a license and Oxman confirmed that a lot of board complaints involve unlicensed people. Requiring the posting of license numbers should be seen as a positive thing for licensed LMTs who are licensed.

Elizabeth Mattson: if 90% of the cases are non-licensure issues – why doesn't the Board go to the phone books? Frostad stated the Board does but can only discipline individuals, the Board has no authority over businesses. Law stated that she is one of the Board's public members and as such finds it helpful to have confirmation that a person is licensed by display of a license number.

Patty Glenn: when she was a massage student in Washington, the requirement for LMTs to provide license numbers made a positive impact on the LMTs and the profession.

Bonnie Grant: “Hot Oil Massage” has been removed from the Eugene Weekly paper, if OBMT had anything to do with that – thanks.

10) Announcements  
None

11) Adjourn  
**Frostad moved** to adjourn at 11:05. **The motion carried.**

Jordan called for a fifteen-minute break and stated Executive Session would begin at 11:20

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