

NLMTA AGM Meeting
Saturday, Nov 2021, VIA ZOOM

Call to Order: 11:02am

Introductions. Approval of 2020 AGM minutes. Debbie Legge approved. Rhonda Isaacs seconded. Passed.

Presidents report by Ashley- Updates on streamlining communications, trying to reduce Pat's workload. Albert Norman is our new webhost support person. We have started using MailChimp for mass member communications.

New Directors self nominated and voted for: Deidre Baker and Michelle Geldart! YAY!

All volunteers can be expected to be contacted by years end about their respective subcommittees.

Financial Report by Pat Mennie: 430 active members,

Insurance has gone up in fees- **get these from Pat**

Fillable renewal form and all reports will be available on the website for next year.

Attendance taken via ZOOM chatbox

Committee Annual Reports:

Website/Facebook by Ashley- mostly covered in the Presidents report. Reminder that there is an official and the unofficial FB page- be sure you are on the official one.

Research by Lisa- Partnership with MUN and Workplace NL. Dr Cullen is collaborating on an upcoming research opportunities. Future goals include MCP coverage and National Insurance coverage. NLSupport offering a research grant that we are hoping to apply for.

Continuing Education by Denise- No in-person courses due to COVID. Lots of online options, especially for mental health with John Dinn.

Premier Athletic offered courses in concussion, assessment and treatments which were successful, and illustrated the need for future trainees.

CMTCA by Sara Sexton- approvals have been carried on, lots of new surveyors hired, lots of applications for accreditation. THIA (insurance alliance) have approached to ensure that there is a streamline of education, to licensure, to eventual HST exemption.

Our NL schools have expressed interest in becoming accredited, there are ongoing talks but our College could mandate it to move forward.

CMTA by SarahLynn and Denise- New chair elected, financial statements have all been prepared. New fee structure- have gone up to \$5 per member nationally, this is much more fair than the previous brackets. This makes our renewed membership more affordable.

HST action committee- Our reps are not on this committee, but will update as needed. Most recent input was that the newest Minister of Finance will be approached in the coming year.

CRMTA.ca is the BC-run national resource center. Especially sexual harrasment and assault experiences.

Proposed changes to the Massage Therapy Act

- recent litigation between the Pharmacists Ass'n and a member lead to the Prov Gov to assess the requirement to have mandatory membership-- we requested to NOT change our current Act, that we would like to remain mandatory to all licensed members.
- Our members seem to want to remain as we are now- 200+ out of 450ish members.
- Minister Haggie wanted feedback. We feel we provide valuable support and service such as Liability insurance, CMTA membership, CMTCA stakeholding.
- Sara Sexton has reached out to the other 10 healthcare groups and most want to maintain their current legislation as they are.
- We will continue to input our concerns and supports, and will continue to pass on questions.
- Member Matt Moore has had discussions with PTs/Chiros in other provinces that don't require association membership, and they seem to want it for themselves. Even other MTs want to legislate this into their own legislation.
- Accountability and transparency are VIP and there won't be an incident where the NLMTA ceases to exist.

Caitlyn gave presentation on Harms, Harrassment and Assault- now available on NLMTA website, and can maybe be posted on FB?

RMT Awards- 30 years, 25 years, 20 years, 15 years, 10 years recipients all read out.

Prize draw- Early Bird: Susan O'Quinn. Other winners: Colleen Dunn, Ashley Parsons, Trudy Parmiter cunnngham, Frank Butler, Katherine Howse, Connie Matchim, Denise MacDonald, Brenda Madden, Beverley Brown, Debbie Legge.