

**ND Board of Massage Therapy
November 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes
NDBMT Office, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Ste. 2, Bismarck, ND**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Heidi Strain, at 9:30 AM.

Present

Chair – Heidi Strain; Gail Hovden; Rebecca Forde; Jennifer Staska.
Others: Sandra DePountis, Legal Counsel.

Absent

Vacant consumer position.

Minutes

It was **moved and seconded** to approve the minutes for October 26, 2018.
(Forde/Staska/carried) [Roll call: Forde (y), Hovden (y), Staska (y), Strain (y)]
[vacant position]

Treasurer's Report

Money Market Account (BNC Bank):
Closing balance = \$80,278.27

Checking Account (BNC Bank):
Closing balance = \$37,997.86

Total outstanding October expenses = \$2,110.93

It was **moved and seconded** to approve the treasurer's report and pay the October reimbursements for members. (Strain/Forde/carried) [Roll call: Forde (y), Hovden (y), Staska (y), Strain (y)] [vacant position]

2019 Proposed Legislation

It was **moved and seconded** to approve the proposed draft with the addition of language to require equivalent college credits to be massage therapy related in Section 3. (Forde/Staska/carried) [Roll call: Forde (y), Hovden (y), Staska (y), Strain (y)] [vacant position]

Staska will give testimony at hearings.

Board office will post legislation on web site and send an e-mail to all licensees regarding the legislation.

Application for Licensure

Shouxia Wang- Staska will attempt to contact the Florida Board of Higher Education regarding the school.

The Board office will contact Wang and direct her to contact her school and request it to submit an explanation as to why the hours are different on her transcript and diploma. The application will not move forward until the hour discrepancy is cleared up.

NSF Check

Bridget Messenger – The Board office will contact her to let her know the Board will look at taking disciplinary action if she does not submit the \$262.83 fee by the December 2018 Board meeting.

FSMTB Conference Medical Marijuana Discussion

Staska reported on the various topics discussed. The Board will take a stance by adding language to the law.

2019 Meeting Dates

January 18, 2019	9:30 AM	NDBMT Office, Bismarck, ND
February 15, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
March 15, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
April 26, 2019	9:30 AM	NDBMT Office, Bismarck, ND
May 17, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
June 21, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
July 12, 2019	9:30 AM	NDBMT Office, Bismarck, ND
August 23, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
September 13, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
October 18, 2019	9:30 AM	NDBMT Office, Bismarck, ND
November 15, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call
December 20, 2019	9:30 AM	Conference call

Other

Board Appointments – Forde will continue trying to reach Julie Kuennen at the Governor’s office to see what the status is of Forde’s position and the vacant consumer position.

BCI Training – Forde and Hovden still need to complete this online training.

General Inquiries of the Board – The Board cannot offer legal advice or advisory opinions to licensees or the public. Any inquiries which require legal advice will be given a response to this affect; the Board may refer people to the various massage associations or other agencies if it feels it is appropriate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

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Chair	Date
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Vice Chair	Date