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Board has Full Membership

We are pleased to announce that the Board now has seven members which is required by law. The Board has not operated with its full appointed membership since 1996. Now with seven members, the Board can fully function and expeditiously handle issues and properly enforce the law to the fullest extent.

The new Board members representing massage therapy are Ms. Tammie Friedrichs of Cullman, Alabama, and Ms. Donna Todd of Dothan, Alabama. The new Board members representing the public/consumer are Ms. Judy White of Cullman, Alabama, and Ms. Elizabeth Doucet of Montgomery, Alabama. These new members were sworn in their new offices on April 20, 2001, and quickly got to work. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to these individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to promote the massage therapy profession. We are certain that they will work very hard for you. We look forward to working with them in the future. We would also like to extend an invitation to all licensees to come and meet the new Board members at the next Board meeting. You will also have the opportunity to meet the staff and witness your Board in action!

New Massage Therapy Board Web Site

I am pleased to announce the new web site for the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy. The web site address is www.almtbd.state.al.us. You will be able to obtain a copy of the law, rules and regulations, consumer complaint form and licensure requirements. You will still need to contact the office for an application package for any of the licenses you may need. We will be adding a directory of licensees for city and counties to cross reference while issuing a business license to someone operating in that area. This web site is a starting point and will be growing as we grow. Do not hesitate to email me any comments that you may have about what you'd like to see on this site.

License Renewal Information

To renew your license you must submit the following to the Board:

- Completed Renewal Application
- \$100.00 License Renewal Fee
- Continuing Education Reporting Form

Commonly Asked Questions

When does my license expire?

Your license expires at the end of the month two years after your effective date. For instance, if your license became effective October 19, 1998, then your license will expire on October 30, 2000. Your wall certificate should have both the effective date and expiration date printed on it. You also can contact the Board office if you are unsure of your expiration date.

When will I receive my renewal application in the mail?

The renewal application and continuing education reporting form will be mailed 45 days prior to your expiration date to the address that we have on file.

How many hours of continuing education are required for renewal?

Sixteen (16) hours of continuing education is required for renewing your license.

What CEU courses are approved by the ALMTBD?

Category A or B courses that were sponsored by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork or the American Massage Therapy Association are automatically approved by the ALMTBD for CEU credit.

What if my license expires and I haven't mailed in my form? Can I still renew?

If your renewal application form is not postmarked by the expiration date of your license, you may still renew; however, a \$25.00 late fee is imposed.

Will the Board accept a check or do I need to get a money order?

The Board accepts certified checks or money orders. Personal checks and business checks are not accepted.

Have You Moved Recently?

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Home _____ Work _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mail/Fax to:

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Executive Director Notes

As you can see from the various articles in this publication, we have been extremely busy for the last year. I am very pleased that we have a full Board to operate off of now. There are five licensed Massage Therapist and two Consumer members on the Board. The Board met with its full membership for the first time on April 20, 2001. It would definitely be safe to say that the new members were definitely initiated fully on that day. We had both a Board meeting and held an Administrative Hearing that afternoon. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and look forward to a great working relationship with them for their term.

We have disciplined 7 individuals/licensees since the first of this year. We have been quite busy with investigations, consent orders and administrative hearings. Our next meeting is July 20, 2001 and we have one administrative hearing scheduled for that day. I am pleased to see the disciplinary action being taken to let the profession and the consumers know that we are not taking the law lightly at all.

There were efforts made this last legislative session to keep the school hours at 650 instead of increasing to 1,000 at the beginning of January 2002. However, it did not pass so the law has not been changed to reflect this 650 requirement for January 2002. Please be aware that this legislative effort was not initiated by the Board but was presented to the Board for their opinion. After discussion, the Board chose to take a neutral stance regarding the legislative change and would not support nor oppose the efforts of this change.

I would like to personally thank Ms. Dorothy Carter for her years of great and dedicated service as a member of this Board. Ms. Carter was a great asset to the Board and the profession in her capacity and will be greatly missed. I look forward to working with Ms. Carter in the future and wish her well in her endeavors.

We will be sending you a law, rules and regulations book in the next few weeks. However, this information is also available on our new web site at www.almtbd.state.al.us.

I would also like to inform you that Ms. Lynn Irvin is not longer employed here and has been replaced by Mr. Eric Sloan. Mr. Sloan will be assisting you when you call for information.

As you can tell we are diligently working to better regulate and support the massage therapy profession. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions or concerns you may have. You can also email me at ALMTBD@aol.com.

Sincerely,



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