

**Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy
Minutes of the December 7, 2009
Board Meeting**

Main Street Mall, Conference Room C
Little Rock, AR

Board Members in Attendance:

Naomi Hall, President
Faye Weeks
Lisa Douglas
Audra Findley
Mary Kay Wurm
Gregg Benefiel
Susie Williams, Absent

Attorney General Counsel: Chris Hart

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board President, Naomi Hall. Richard Selakovich, Budget Analyst for DFA was introduced.

Appeals

Gregg Benefiel - Cont. Education Application Action: Approved based on experience
Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Lisa Douglas

Stephen Carter - Denial of licensure Action: Approval upon Mr. Carter taking 18 approved CE hours and pay \$150 in fees by April 2010. This was to also be submitted with completed renewal application. Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Faye Weeks

Aloma Couch - Denial of licensure based on background check. Action: Approval pending the board receiving a copy of the clear background check. Motion made by: Naomi Hall 2nd Audra Findley

Charlotte Zitzelberger - Denial of licensure based on background check
Action: Approved Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Agenda

Susie Byrd - Report on Federation of State Massage Therapy Annual Convention and application to teach CE courses.

After S. Byrd gave her report, Mary Kay Wurm made the motion that at the next convention we were represented by someone who was currently serving on our board.

2nd Gregg Benefiel

All of the following 6 hour classes were approved for Susie Byrd

Anatomy of Movement Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Special Strokes For Special Folks Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Sports Massage 101 Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

PNF Stretching 101 Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Law and Rules & Regulations of Arkansas Motion made by: Faye Weeks

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Smarter Not Harder Deep Tissue Work Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

Stephanie Bruff - CE Hours Cross Country taken outside of AR Action: Approved

Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Mary Kay Wurm *** Faye Weeks opposed

Ann Ishie - CE Hours Cross Country taken in AR Action: Denied Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

Donna Thurston - CE Hours Cross Country taken in AR Action: Denied Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Audra Findley

Gene Wimberely - CE hours Cross Country taken outside AR Action: Approved Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Lisa Douglas

Evelyn Adams - New Applicant / out of state Action: Accept pending clear federal background check Motion Made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Lisa Douglas

** Executive Director Marilyn Graham introduced by Naomi Hall and Audra Findley

Motion made by Gregg Benefiel to approve Marilyn Graham as the Executive Director 2nd Faye Weeks

Linda Aldridge - CE Hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Alice Pruitt - upgrade to MTI Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Faye Weeks

Jose L. Aviles - New applicant / background check needs approval Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

Stuart Michael Barden - inspection for new school Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Faye Weeks ** Lisa Douglas will inspect the school within 30 days location / Jonesboro

Chandana Becker - CE hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Angela Bishop - Background check needs approval Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Linda Pullen Brewer - CE Hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

Robert Brown - CE approval waiting on information Action: Approved Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Lisa Douglas

Susan Chambers - CE Hours Action: Approved 16hours Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Faye Weeks

Holly Davis - New application / out of state education Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Michael DeLoach / Anthony Roffine Action: None This was tabled until a complaint committee is in place

Robin Devine - CE hours Action: approved Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Janine Ellis-Keith - Upgrade to MMT Action: approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Faye Weeks

Leanne Darby Worth - Requesting license reinstated Action: Denied Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Ray Yumang - Cross Country CE Action: Approved taken in OK Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Tova Thompson - CE Hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Thomas Winne - CE Hours Action: Approved Pending transcript Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Lisa Douglas

**Chris Hart from AG'S office spoke on Rules and Regulations pertaining to CE Classes and some on the Freedom of Information Act

Mary Eppler - CE hours Action: Accepted Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Jill Fitzpatrick - New applicant Action: Denied Motion Made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Jeffrey Fletcher - Upgrade application Action: Denied Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd by Gregg Benefiel

** The class was taken AFTER the packet was postmarked. Donna McGriff was the instructor for the course in question. Audra Findley asked McGriff about this. Donna McGriff Acknowledged she had verified hours and completion of class before it was actually taken. She also stated that she would have made sure the board knew if he did not attend the class.

Holly Gilbert - New applicant Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Ida Hatcher - Wanted her experience to count as education and to be granted AR license. Action: tabled until she sends more information in. Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Elizabeth Henderson - CE course Action: Approved Gregg Benefiel 2nd Faye Weeks

Penny Hickey - Application Action: Approved pending \$150 fees Motion made by:
Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Kris Hudson - CE hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd
Gregg Benefiel

Noah Karrasch - CE application Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd
Lisa Douglas

Ciara E. Kaul - New Applicant Action: Denied unsure of Hydrotherapy and Hygiene
hours taken. Motion made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Lisa Douglas

Cynthia Martin - CE hours Cross Country Action: Denied Motion Made by: Lisa Douglas
2nd Gregg Benefiel

Tracy Maze - CE for renewal Action: Approved Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd
Faye Weeks

Cherie McKnight - license reinstated Action: Approved with the stipulation that \$150 in
fees is received. Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Joe Orantes - New Applicant - background check Action: Denied Motion made by: Lisa
Douglas 2nd Audra Findley

Linda Parks - CE Applications for 11 classes

Basic Principles in Adult Education for Massage Program Instructors Module 1 36hrs

Basic Principles in Adult Education for Massage Program Instructors Module 2 36 hrs

Basic Principles in Adult Education for Massage Program Instructors Module 3 36 hrs

Action: Approved Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Integrating Anatomy & Massage: Face, Head & Neck 12 hrs

Integrating Anatomy & Massage: Shoulder Girdle, Torso & Arms 12 hrs

Integrating Anatomy & Massage: Pelvic Girdle, Hips & Legs 12 hrs

Action: Approved Motion Made By: Faye Weeks 2nd Audra Findley

Medical Terminology 12 hrs

Action: Approved Motion Made by: Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Chemistry of Essential Oils 6 hrs

Action: Approved Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Selecting Essential Oils 6hrs, Selecting Essential Oils for Massage 6 hrs, Ancient Oils of
the Bible, Adding hydrotherapy to Massage in the Dry Room 6 hrs

Action: All were approved Motion was made by Faye Weeks 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Jonathan Pettus - New Applicant background check approval Action: Approved
Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Julie Pruitt - CE hours action: Approved 12 hours Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel
2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Creighton Reed - CE hours approved for renewal Action: Approved Motion made by:
Gregg Benefiel 2nd Lisa Douglas

Doran Rhoads - CE hours Action: Denied Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Audra
Findley

Santos Pee - CE hours Action: Denied Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Audra
Findley

Susan Sage - CE hours Action: Approval pending transcript Motion made by: Mary Kay
Wurm 2nd Audra Findley

Cheryl Siniakin - CE hours Action: approval 31 hrs Motion Made by: Audra Findley 2nd
Gregg Benefiel

Linda-lee Southerland - Additional information requested on CE for application renewal
Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd Faye Weeks

Linda Treitler, Jane Means, Laurie Blair, Susan Chambers, Valerie Wonsower, Rehea
Youde - All took a Cross Country CE class together 6 hrs out of state
Action: All approved Motion made by: Faye Weeks 2nd Mary Kay Wurm

Tom Watson - CE hours Action: Denied not in our scope of practice motion made by:
Audra Findley 2nd Lisa Douglas

Melissa K. Weber - CE Hours Action: Approved Motion made by: Audra Findley 2nd
Gregg Benefiel

Bradley Welch - New applicant out of state Action: approved Motion made by: Gregg
Benefiel 2nd Audra Findley

Lynne Darby Worth - Requesting license reinstated Action: Denied Motion made by:
Mary Kay Wurm 2nd Gregg Benefiel

Chris Hart talked on Rules and Regs. Open discussion.

DFA talked about affidavits. Melanie Halsep brought up the topic of inactive status being a possible solution for some.

Action: If you are unable to take the required 18 CE hours, you may have the option of going to an inactive status. You will also be asked to send your license in when going to inactive. You are not allowed to practice until license is reinstated. Before reinstatement of your license, all CE hours and fees must be paid.

Motion made by: Gregg Benefiel 2nd Audra Findley

Next meeting for Rules and Regulations was set for 1-22-10 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned and closed by Naomi Hall.