



## 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Virtual

October 8, 2021

### **Friday, October 8, 2021**

#### **Opening Session**

The 2021 FSMTB Annual Meeting was called to order at 11 AM CT by David Cox (MD), President of the Board of Directors.

#### **Membership Delegation Roll Call**

Dr. Debra Persinger – FSMTB Executive Director announced the roll call.

#### **Delegate Name:**

Foad Araiinejad  
Absent  
Angela Reiter  
Absent  
Jeff Foreman  
Absent  
Cary Bland  
Christopher Brooks  
Jane Curry  
Absent  
Haley Lowrance  
Barbara Lis  
Tony Alden  
Brandy Madding  
Sallye Raymond  
Kirsten Bodnarchuk  
Paul Andrews  
Jodi Wiley  
Jeffrey Miller  
Gloria Lindsey  
Steve Carper  
Elisabeth Barnard  
Julie Smith  
Keith Miller  
Richard Wiles

#### **State/Territory:**

Alabama Board of Massage Therapy  
Alaska Board of Massage Therapists  
Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy  
Arkansas Department of Health  
California Massage Therapy Council  
Colorado Office of Massage Therapy Licensure  
District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy  
Florida Board of Massage Therapy  
Georgia Board of Massage Therapy  
Idaho Board of Massage Therapy  
Illinois Massage Licensing Board  
Indiana State Board of Massage Therapy  
Iowa Board of Massage Therapy  
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy  
Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy  
Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners  
Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy  
Michigan Board of Massage Therapy  
Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy  
Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage  
Nebraska Board of Massage Therapy  
Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy  
New Hampshire Advisory Board of Massage Therapists  
New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy  
New Mexico Massage Therapy Board



Linda Toomey  
Elizabeth Kirk  
Jennifer Staska  
David McCafferty  
Kelli Lene Yearwood (absent)  
John Combe  
Becca Kaufman  
Elizabeth Rios  
Absent  
Jan Shaw  
Christine Ellwein  
Kimberly Hodge  
Jerry Gonzales  
Maile Tau'a-Roberts  
Cathy Hanchey  
Chimere Figaire-Correa  
Linda Lyter  
Charisma Townsend

New York State Board for Massage Therapy  
North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy  
North Dakota Board of Massage Therapy  
Ohio State Medical Board  
Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering  
Oregon Board of Massage Therapists  
Pennsylvania State Board of Massage Therapy  
Puerto Rico Massage Therapy Board  
Rhode Island Massage Therapy Examining Board  
South Carolina Board of Massage/Bodywork Therapy  
South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy  
Tennessee Board of Massage Licensure  
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation  
Utah Board of Massage Therapy  
Virginia Board of Nursing  
Washington State Board of Massage  
West Virginia Massage Therapy Licensure Board  
Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Affiliated  
Credentialing Board

**Total from Registration: 38**

Not present: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Rhode Island

**Total Not Present from Registration: 5**

Cox declared a quorum established with 38 Delegates, 20 would be needed for a majority and 26 needed for a supermajority of 2/3 and stated "I hereby retain the right to re-establish the quorum as determined necessary." President Cox also made an announcement that some votes would be considered unanimously approved as long as there was no dissent from the Delegates.

The meeting's agenda was adopted with no dissent.

The rules of debate were adopted with no dissent.

President Cox stated that a new quorum had been established per the roll call. 33 delegates, which need 17 for a majority and 22 for a supermajority. Bylaws need a supermajority to pass.

Becca Kaufman (PA) – Chair of the Policy Committee thanked its members and explained how each bylaw amendment vote would happen. Each vote will be preceded by a statement from the Policy Committee and its recommendation.



### **Vote on Bylaws and Resolution**

**2021 – 1 – adopted with correction (28)**

**2021 – 2 – adopted (28)**

**2021 – 3 – adopted (30)**

**2021 – 4 – adopted with correction (26)**

**2021 – 5 – adopted (31)**

**2021 – 6 – adopted (26)**

**2021 – 7 – adopted (29)**

**2021 – 8 – adopted (31)**

**2021 – 9 – adopted (34)**

John Combe (OR) – requested clarification on the total tally of eligible voters. Cox stated that additional people had joined the meeting, 37 at this point.

Barbara Lis (IN)- requested clarification on the change in majority and supermajority to pass. Cox restated that there were 37 delegates voting, therefore 19 were needed for majority, 25 for supermajority.

**2021 – 8 – adopted (31)**

**2021 – 9 – adopted (34)**

**2021 – 10 – adopted (33)**

**2021 – 11 – adopted (31)**

**2021 – 12 – adopted (26)**

Kimberly Hodge (TN) asked how we are determining abstentions. Cox stated that by not voting either for or against an item it constitutes an abstention.

**2021 – 13 – adopted (31)**

### **Resolution 2021-1**

Becca Cauffman (PA) stated that the Policy Committee recommends adoption.

John Combe (OR) stated the OR BOMT rationale in submitting this resolution.

Paul Andrews (MA) asked if this will be on-demand or online? Cox stated that the training will be online.

John Combe (OR) Moved to adopt.

Barbara Lis (IN) – Thanked the OR board and agrees.

**Resolution 2021 – 1 – adopted (30)**

## **Elections**

### **Presentation of Slate of Candidates**

Cox presented the slate of candidates to the Delegate Assembly. Cox stated that there will be voting by declaration by acclamation, which barring any dissent automatically affirms the vote.

**Position 1:** Craig Knowles (GA) running unopposed, affirmed by acclamation.

**Position 2:** Victoria Drago (FL) running unopposed, affirmed by acclamation.

Cox stated that 19 votes were needed to confirm the winner, in the event that neither candidate gets a majority, another vote would be taken.

**Position 3:** Diane Layden (NC) running for open position, Foad Araiinejad (AL) running for open position.



**Election results:**

Craig Knowles (GA) and Victoria Drago (FL) both retained their seats on the Board.  
Foad Araiinejad (AL) was elected to the open board position.

**Nominations: 2022 Nominating Committee**

All three candidates were elected to the nominating committee with no dissent from the delegates.  
Carla Hedtke (WI), Kimberly Hodge (TN), Megan Maxey (WA)

Appreciation was given for the many volunteers.

The 2021 annual meeting of the FSMTB adjourned at 1:14PM CT by President Cox.