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Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

WE ARE ON THE MOVE...



The Board is excited to announce its move to a new location. On July 1, 2003 the office will move to the Center Street Plaza, 748 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301. The Plaza is on the corner of Center and Hawthorne; easy access from the freeway. [Take the Market Street exit, go west to Hawthorne, turn left on Hawthorne, and proceed to 748 Hawthorne.]

To prepare for the move the **office will be closed from June 26 to July 8, 2003**. The staff will not be available for telephone calls or walk-in clients. We haven't learned yet if our phone number will change. If necessary, we will use call forwarding to our new phone number.

The new office space will provide individual exam rooms. This will allow the Board to give the exam on a regular basis. Our initial plan is two days a week. The exam will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning August 5, 2003. We hope you share our excitement about the new space and the ability to give the exam on a regular basis. Please be sure to visit us at our new place once we get "situated".

2003 BOARD MEETINGS

A brief public meeting will follow Executive Session meetings; this will allow the Board to vote on items from executive session.

Meeting agendas and dates are subject to change. If you have an agenda item you wish to present to the Board, it must be in the office no later than three weeks before the scheduled public meeting.

Meetings are to begin at 9:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted. The *tentative* meeting schedule for 2003 is as follows:

June 12, 2003 - Public Mtg.
July 10, 2003 - Executive Session Mtg.
August 14, 2003 - Public Mtg.
September 11, 2003 - Executive Session Mtg.
October 9, 2003 - Public Mtg.
November 13, 2003 - Executive Session Mtg.

Ask the Board...

-- No questions submitted --

If you have a question you would like to see answered here, please fax or e-mail it to Bev Holzman. The fax number is 503-385-4465 and my e-mail is bev.holzman@state.or.us

COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS

The bill regarding competency evaluations will not be considered by the legislators during this legislative session. Thanks to all of those who stepped forward to express their opinions about the proposed bill.

NEW FEES

The following new fees have been adopted and are in effect:

Credit Card Payment - \$2.50
Re-issue of license - \$5.00
License Verification - \$5.00

HIPPA WEBSITES

<http://www.hipaa.org>
or
<http://www.hhs.gov>

👍 REMEMBER 👍

All licensed massage therapists must notify the Board of any residence, business or mailing **ADDRESS CHANGES** within 30 days of the change. [OAR 334-010-0025(7)] Please provide updated phone numbers also. Address changes must be submitted in writing. This can be done on the web page www.oregonmassage.org, by e-mail, fax or regular mail. Please let us know if you have changes in your phone number(s) also.

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Words of Encouragement from a March 2003 Examinee...

Dear Examiners,

Having received word a few days ago that I passed (!) the exam, I just wanted to take a moment to tell you how much I appreciate the very professional, impartial, yet obviously warm and compassionate energy you all conveyed on that fateful morning. Obviously, I was just a *bit* nervous (hard to admit, given that I actually *teach* relaxation skills for a living!!)...but my long hours of study and short hours of sleep caught up with me, and I was lucky to remember my own name, let alone all the other over-prepared info I tried to spit out that morning.

You guys must have had some good laughs watching us all trip over our tongues and try not to expose crucial body parts. It only took me a week or so to stop replaying that hour and going, "I can't believe I forgot to.....!!!" ...or whatever. . (You know you're nervous when it takes you a full 10 seconds to figure out which one is their left leg!!)

In years past, I've been part of an examiners team for firefighter candidates, and had to watch scores of them sweat their way through a similar testing process. Sometimes I just wanted to hug the poor guys who were shaking like leaves!

And on that note, "Client-Examiner", I want to thank you especially, having been my body on the table, for putting up with all that less-than-centered energy flowing from my hands to you. I did my best not to transfer nervous vibes, but... And also thanks for putting up with being diaper draped almost the entire time I worked with you! Sure hope all the other candidates didn't draw as many glut-related muscles as I did!

Anyway, I'm glad that chapter is behind me now, and I just wanted you all to know I got exactly what I'd visualized....three really wonderful, caring examiners, who I could tell were just good folks who'd make a very challenging situation as comfortable as possible.

I also thought the board should know they chose well. I wish you all the best.

With warm regards,
Nancy

The Board's Purpose...

Oftentimes, there appears to be confusion and misunderstanding regarding the purpose of the Board and whom the Board serves. Boards are charged with responsibility for protecting the public through the licensing and regulating of certain professions practiced in this state. [ORS 670.275] Very simply put, the Board serves the public, not the licensees. Licensees are served by joining professional societies, such as AMTA or OMTA.

The Board is prohibited from giving legal advice of any kind. Although it is frustrating, the Board cannot address issues relating to billing practices, insurance problems, worker's comp claims and so forth. If you have questions or concerns that require legal advice, it is recommended that you contact your own attorney.

Having said that, please understand that the Board does appreciate and listens to input from the LMT community. Member of the public are invited to address the Board during the regularly scheduled public board meetings. If you have an issue you wish the Board to respond to, you may submit it in writing at least three weeks prior to a meeting OR attend the meeting and ask to address the Board.

In closing, if you would like to do more than provide input I encourage you to consider becoming a board member. Although we don't have any openings right now, you could be called upon when an opening is available. For more information on becoming a board member, contact the Governor's Office at 503-378-3122 or visit the website at www.governor.oregon.gov.

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING*
A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form

Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

(Agency and Division)

OAR Chapter 334

(Administrative Rules Chapter Number)

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June 11, 2003 1:00 PM Best Western-Pacific Hwy, 4646 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97305, 503-390-3200

Hearing Date

Time

Location

Michael Jordan

Hearings Officer

Are auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities available upon advance request?

Yes

RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT:	
AMEND:	334-001-0012
REPEAL:	

SB1127, ORS 183, ORS 687.121

Statutory Authority: ORS

RULE SUMMARY

334-001-0012

Budget

The Oregon Board of Massage Therapists hereby adopts, and fully incorporates herein, the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists' 2003-2005 Biennium budget of \$696,183.

Stat. Auth.: SB 1127, ORS 183 & ORS 687.121

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June 11, 2003

Last Date for Public Comment

Michelle Sherman April 15, 2003

Authorized Signer

Date

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