

**Oregon Board of Massage Therapists
Scope of Practice Committee
August 5, 2011
Oregon School of Massage Portland, OR**

Attendance

Committee Members

**Nick Chrones - Committee Chair
Todd Pennington, LMT
Pratiti Fullerton, LMT
Tina Rea, LMT
Jon Grossart, LMT
Shelly Stephenson, LMT**

OBMT

**Kathy Calise - Board Chair
Kate Coffey - Executive Director
Melanie Morin, LMT - Board Liason
Christine West - Policy Analyst**

Guests

**Marty Dawson
Alexia Monroe
Jenna Scott**

Called meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

The minutes were approved from the July meeting, with the corrected spellings of names, adding ® to Bowenwork and adding **or International** to 334-010-0027(b).

Introduction of members – Calise, Fullerton, Vigeant, Pennington, Coffey, Grossart Stevenson, Morin, Rea, and Chrones.

Public Input – **Marty Dawson** is misspelled in the minutes. Will Trager be included in the rule, within the examples.

DEVELOPMENT OF EXEMPTION RULE –

Add:

334-010-0027(1)(ii) ® to **Bowenwork**

334-010-0027(1) **practitioners who:**

Remove: 334-010-0027(1)(a) ~~practitioners who~~

334-010-0027(1)(b) ~~practitioners shall~~

Change:

334-010-0027(1)(b)(iii)-(c)

334-010-0027(2) It is the exempt practitioner's responsibility to insure they meet the criteria for being exempt and ~~to remain~~ **only practice** within their exempt scope of practice. Practitioners may be sanctioned by the Board if **they:**

334-010-0027(2)(a) ~~a practitioner~~ **Refers**

334-010-0027(2)(c) ~~Is practicing~~ **Practice**

Reword:

334-010-0027(3) **The State Board of Massage Therapists has the authority to verify a practitioners claimed exemption from licensure of ORS 687 under subsection (1)(j) of section 687.031.**

334-010-0027(4) **Practitioners, Disciplines and/or Organizations seeking to be named in the exemption rule 334-010-0027(1)(a)(i-iii) shall contact the Board of Massage Therapists to request a review.**

Vigeant feels the entire process is going to create a large workload for the OBMT staff and going to cause several issues with scope creep within the bodywork community, **Chrones** seconded.

ABMT letter discussion:

Our intent of having practitioners certified by a National or International organization is to protect the public. Then the practitioner is either a LMT or certified by the exempted National or International organization. A LMT may still practice the exempted practices if they are training in the modality.

Grossart moved to send the revised Exempt Practice Rule to the Rules Committee, all are in favor.

Public Comment - Marty Dawson - why did the other modalities get listed in rule, when we submitted the same required paperwork as the others. **Chrones** - It was our directive to look at the three modalities, we have to remain within the direction from the Board.

Rea - would like the Board and/or Rules committee to create a review process of the exempted practices. **Fullerton** - agrees with the ABMT that we shouldn't be creating extra processes for exempt practitioners. Would encourage the Board and OBMT to stay within the law and not certify exempt modalities, unless there is a complaint. **Grossart** - would like the Board to task us with creating a license that names technique on the license.

Moved to forward Google doc's discussions to the Board, **Grossart** will change the documents to pdf within Google docs. They will be printed at the board office for retention purposes.

Public Comment -

Marty Dawson - Thanked the committee.

Jenna Scott - Thanked the committee, for all of their work. Appreciates all of the input and wordsmithing the committee has done.

Alexia Monroe - Appreciates the committees work and believes this will support the understanding of bodywork in the public. Since becoming an LMT the public's awareness of bodywork has grown ten fold. Completely supports creating clearer definitions for the exemptions, can tell that this is a work in progress. Suggests Trager be the template for the process.

Our next meeting will be a training meeting, to understand how rules and laws are created.

Next meeting on September 9, 2011 at Oregon School of Massage at 1:00.

Adjourned at 2:45 pm.