

LAWS AND LEGISLATION BRIEF

And KBLMT NEWS

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L&L Committee

Cyndi Thornburg Schnell, our faithful and long-standing Laws and Legislation Chair, has stepped down from her position. We wish her well and thank her profusely for her many years of service!

New Committee member KK Jauco will take over as chair, three members will share the duty of meeting attendance and new member Nakeyae Street will assume the responsibility of sending out reminders to all Kentucky therapists about license renewal.

The committee is still in need of another member to assist in keeping track of upcoming legislation and to coordinate with AMTA National Government Relations. As our President, Justin Magnuson, outlined in the Summer Meeting, there may be a need for polling our members and even taking action to influence legislation sometime in the near future. Our L&L Committee wants to be sure that we have the manpower and financial resources to devote to this effort, should it be needed. Please consider joining this committee and learning more about how to help our profession. Contact 1stvp@amtaky.org

Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy

The purpose of the Kentucky Board of Massage Therapy is to administer and enforce the statutory authority and to monitor the needs of the consuming public. The board examines and licenses all eligible candidates for entry into the profession as a massage therapist. It recommends appropriate changes in the law to assure fairness and equality. The board conducts formal hearings when necessary and prosecutes by due process any violators of KRS 309.350 to 309.364.

Members of the KBLMT taught an ethics class at the AMTA-KY Summer Meeting at beautiful General Butler State Park. The class highlighted several changes to the laws and regulations relating to licensure as a massage therapist and tested our knowledge! Thank you to the KBLMT for always being up to the challenge of helping Kentucky therapists! For a current copy of Laws and Regulations Relating to Licensure as a Massage Therapist, click on this link <http://bmt.ky.gov/Laws%20and%20Regulations/Laws%20and%20Regulations%20Booklet.pdf>

Board member Thomas Hansen's term has expired and Sandy Gadd has been seated. There is still an open seat on the board for a citizen member.

The online option for license renewal is temporarily unavailable. The program continues to be plagued with glitches and the KBLMT does not want to implement the new program until it is bug free. Please continue to print the forms located at this link and submit to the office with a check or money order made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. <http://bmt.ky.gov/Pages/applications.aspx>

At their last meeting, the KBLMT researched modalities of bodywork to determine which, if any, were exempted from regulation under their purview. Board Chair Denise Logston has promised an article outlining these findings for an upcoming newsletter.

A representative of AMTA-KY attends every KBLMT meeting and reports back to the BOD and to members any important information, however, anyone may attend these meetings. There is a written process, including a timeline, outlined on the website if you wish to speak at a board meeting. See the website for up to date information concerning date, time or place of meeting but as of now this is the schedule for upcoming KBLMT meetings:

November 24, 2014

January 2, 2015

February 2, 2015

March 2, 2015

Legislative Research Committee - LRC makes legislative info iPhone-friendly

If you are interested in keeping up the Kentucky Legislature, the LRC has made it easier. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) has unveiled an iPhone-friendly way for people to have ready access to information about lawmakers, legislation moving through the General Assembly and legislative news. With one touch on their home screen, iPhone users can pull up key features of the Kentucky Legislature Home Page that have been formatted specifically for their phones.

To begin using the new feature with an iPhone, go online to www.lrc.ky.gov/bsite/index.html. Click on the Safari share icon IOS7 Share Icon at the bottom of your iPhone's home screen and choose "Add to home screen." The LRC seal that will appear on your home screen will allow you to instantly connect to a wealth of legislative information, including the General Assembly's daily calendar.

Users of the LRC's iPhone feature can use it to connect to all the resources available on the Kentucky Legislature Home Page. The Web site is updated daily to indicate each bill's status in the legislative process and how each lawmaker voted on legislation. Bill summaries, amendments and resolutions and also available on the site.