

VTAA Monthly Board Meeting • Friday, July 12th, 12:30 pm

In Attendance:

President C. 'Captain' Lumenello

Vice-President Montana Burns

Treasurer Mitya Schoppe

Director Greg Soll

Director Deirdre Kelley

(Not in attendance: Director Scott Moylan)

Upcoming VTAA events

- July 20th in Burlington, Arthur Makaris is teaching 1 hour Qi Gong class
- August 3rd in Brattleboro, C. Lumenello is teaching 1 hour Qi Gong class
- October 26th Annual Meeting in Upper Valley (White River Junction / Lebanon area), Brendan Kelly is teaching the afternoon CEU class (on Long-COVID protocols)

Webmaster update

- VTAA will continue to need an online payment processing service. The choices are PayPal and Stripe. Transitioning to Stripe would involve a little more data transfer. Mitya brought up that we have had 3-4 fishing attempts through PayPal. (Paypal requests for money from unknown persons.) Beth will inquire about this issue but says it is the nature of online commerce.
- The roll out of the new website is optimistically going to be in August. Beth has been advocating for a July release. MacDragon has done an initial roll out of other states and there have been bugs. So though the roll out feels delayed, it may be beneficial as bugs will be resolved by then and VTAA roll out will have the full attention of MacDragon.
- Beth clarified the Annual Fee in addition to website upgrade costs. MacDragon continues to maintain the old website. The Annual fee will not change but transfer to the new website when it is released. This fee covers ongoing security, back end support and updates, and emergency service.
- Beth shared a screen to show the new website and pointed out the membership system will change to Woo Commerce. The Find a Practitioner page will remain the same. VTAA benefits from membership with ASA through group rates on plug ins and access to acupuncture specific text from other states. There will be a new option to select auto renew of annual fee. Events can be RSVP'd on website which will help drive traffic to the site.
- Beth forwards messages from email about any relevant business and all RSVPs to Montana.
- Beth noted only one missing BOD bio – Captain will reach out to Scott M. for that.

Summer Social Prep

- Catering is confirmed for both summer social events. Room is confirmed for Dartmouth Hitchcock for Annual Meeting. Speakers are confirmed for all events.
- Burlington prep: Greg will reach out to Montana to ask for current RSVP numbers and see if she needs any assistance from him or another attendee. Mitya will be present the day of. Capitan is trying to resolve a scheduling conflict, but also hopes to attend.

- Brattleboro prep: Captain sent out invitation for Brattleboro today. Captain and Deirdre will discuss attendance numbers and select food for Brattleboro event (likely Super Fresh Café)

Miscellaneous Quick Updates

- MINUTES: May 2024 minutes were unanimously approved. Captain will email these to Beth.
- TREASURER: QuickBooks is up and running. Mitya is looking into interest bearing accounts. She will email the Board with recommendations in the next week.
- ADDRESS: Mitya went to the local post office with documentation. She was told it would be approved but received the same letter as before asking for documentation. Greg will go to the post office and inquire if there is a person of authority he could speak to about approval of forwarding. Note that Greg has to drive 40 minutes to pick up the mail on a monthly basis.
- FLOODING: Captain will reach out to membership with an email about any impact of recent flooding.

Scheduled meetings for 2024

August 16th, 12:30 pm
September 13th, 12:30 pm
October 11th, 12:30 pm
(Annual meeting October 26)
November 8th, 12:30 pm
December - no meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm
Signed, Mitya Schoppe