



CAMTC SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR WAS ELECTED AS THE NEW CHAIR OF THE CAMTC BOARD



At the November 6, 2019 Board Meeting, CAMTC's Board of Directors elected **Jeffrey Forman, PhD**, as Chair. He was appointed to CAMTC's Board by the Chancellor's Office for the California

Community College system, and he is a CAMTC Certified Massage Therapist. Dr. Forman is a retired professor and massage program coordinator from De Anza College, where he developed the first Community College massage therapy degree and programs in California. He continues his massage career as a speaker, author, consultant, researcher, and continuing education provider. The AMTA California Chapter named him its 2017 Educator of the Year. He previously served as Vice Chair of CAMTC's Board, and he has served as Chair of CAMTC's Schools Advisory Committee since its inception in 2017.

The Board also elected **Ron Bates, PhD**, as Vice Chair; he was appointed to the Board by the League of California Cities. **Michael Marylander**, appointed by the Board to represent a Massage Business Entity, was re-elected as Treasurer. **Allison Budlong** was

re-elected as Secretary. Ms. Budlong was appointed to the Board by the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools. Having two school representatives as part of the Executive Committee demonstrates the Board's recognition of the importance and their commitment to schools.

Additional CAMTC Board Members:

Michael Callagy - Appointed by the California State Association of Counties

Mark Dixon - Appointed by the CAMTC Board of Directors to fill a statutorily-mandated seat

Shana Faber - Appointed by the CAMTC Board of Directors to fill a statutorily-mandated seat

Heather Forshey, MS, REHS - Appointed by the San Mateo County Health System

John Lambert - Appointed by the American Massage Therapy Association, California Chapter

Bernadette Murray - Appointed by the Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals

Stephany Powell, PhD - Appointed by Journey Out

Chief Sean Thuilliez - Appointed by the California Police Chiefs Association



AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS



The Board voted to make several amendments to the Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools (“Procedures”). Most of the changes align the language of the Procedures with the language of AB 775, which goes into effect on January 1, 2020. Likewise, the revised Procedures will go into effect on January 1, 2020. You can find a red-line copy of all changes in the November 6th Board Packet under the Meeting section at www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2019.

Below is a summary of changes:

- **1.E.** - Requires approved schools applying for re-approval to submit an application at least six months in advance. (Note: CAMTC accepts applications for re-approval up to twelve months in advance.)
- **2.B.** - Aligns the Procedures with the Fee Schedule previously adopted by the Board for schools whose approval expires on or after January 1, 2020.
- **2.C.** - Requires all massage programs not

approved by CAMTC to notify students of this fact and to obtain a signed confirmation of receipt of this information from the students.

- **2.E.** - Updates the application processing language for new applications to align with AB 775.
- **2.E.c.** - Clarifies provisional approval.
- **5.E.b.** - For the sake of new programs and individuals who may have attended multiple schools, clarifies that to be considered a massage therapy program, a minimum of 250 of the 500 hours required for CAMTC Certification shall be in the supervised instruction of hands-on massage. (Note: currently approved programs have already been deemed to have met this threshold in order to be approved.)
- **7.a.** - Updates the procedures for imposing discipline, suspending, denying, or revoking CAMTC school approval to align with AB 775.

WHERE TO FIND SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



Find Applications for School Re-Approval and Change of Staff on our website at:

<https://www.camtc.org/schools/school-owners-administrators>

Applications for Massage School Approval of new schools or other change applications can be requested; please email Joe Bob Smith at jbsmith@camtc.org.

As a reminder, schools must inform CAMTC of all changes affecting their massage program including, but not limited to, changes to ownership, officers, school name, school address, BPPE approval, curriculum, instructors, and administrators.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH



2019

DECEMBER

A prospective student with 495 hours of previous education came to us needing 5 more hours. Our school does not have any 5-hour courses. Can the student just take 5 hours of a longer course?

A. As a requirement for certification, California Business and Professions Code section 4604(a)(2) states: “The applicant has successfully completed the curricula in massage and related subjects totaling a minimum of 500 hours, or the credit unit equivalent, **that incorporates appropriate school assessment of student knowledge and skills.**” Whether a student attends 500 hours or 2 hours at an approved school, the school must substantiate that the

student has achieved, and the school has assessed, the appropriate knowledge and skills. A student should not automatically receive education credit for hours for simply being present. Approved schools are required to ensure that students have received the knowledge and skills contained in the educational objectives of each school’s curriculum before giving students credit for those hours and submitting those hours to CAMTC.



ATTEND A MEETING

The next CAMTC Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, 2020 in the Los Angeles area. All meetings are open to the public. Schedules are subject to change.

You can find all current meeting information, as well as minutes and audio for past meetings at:

www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2019

WE’RE HERE TO HELP

For School Questions or Comments, Joe Bob Smith, CAMTC Director of Educational Standards Division, can be reached at:

jbsmith@camtc.org



MONTHLY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE CALL



The Monthly Schools Call usually occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2pm. However, **the next call is January 8th 2020.**

Note that the January 2020 call will be on the 2nd Wednesday - January 8th - at 2pm due to the New Year's Day holiday.

Simply call the phone number 877-366-0711 and then when prompted, enter the passcode below followed by the # sign: 82373574 #.

Calls are open to the public, but participation is prioritized for school owners and administrators. Please have your school-related questions ready for the call or email in advance to jbsmith@camtc.org.

AMTA 2020 SCHOOLS SUMMIT SEE YOU AT THE LARGEST MESSAGE SCHOOL EVENT

We look forward to attending the AMTA 2020 Schools Summit on February 13th & 14th in Los Angeles (Hollywood). CAMTC is the Education Sponsor for this event and will be an exhibitor in the primary meeting room. We hope to see many of our CAMTC Approved Schools there! Interested in applying to have a CAMTC Approved School Program?

Stop by our table or make an appointment with Joe Bob Smith, CAMTC Director of

Educational Standards Division to get answers in person:

- Help schools through the approval process
- Update schools about new policies
- Ask about schools and student certification

Of course, you can always email Joe Bob anytime at jbsmith@camtc.org for a quick response.

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found here: www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/publications/ and scroll down.

California Massage Therapy Council's mission is to protect the public by certifying massage professionals in California that meet the requirements in the law and approving massage programs that meet the minimum standards for training and curriculum.

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