

**Suwannee Valley Chapter FSMTA**  
**Haven Hospice Care/Conference Center**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**January 11, 2011**

***Call to Order and Welcome***

President Killebrew called to order and welcomed all visitors and members present @ 6:40 PM. All present were asked to self-introduce. Several of the present were new FSMTA members or recent graduates.

Quorum established with 18 members present.

**Chapter Officer Reports:.**

**President:** reminder to all present to bring a covered dish or make a monetary contribution to help defray Chapter expense of purchasing foodstuffs and nonedible supplies for monthly meetings. Announcement was made that current secretary was resigning and the process of filling this position would be covered under the "New Business" portion of the meeting.

**1st Vice Pres, 2nd Vice Pres, Immediate Past Pres.,** no reports.

**Secretary:** There are no minutes to approve from December=annual holiday party.

**Treasurer:** Annual "state of the budget" and presentation of new budget for 2011. Following discussion, motion made and 2nd made to vote on budget presented. Addition made to budget to issue monthly remuneration of \$50 to webmaster. Present membership voted unanimously in favor of new budget acceptance. Review of budget available as needed by membership.

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws** deferred comments to be made during "New Business".

**Chair Massage Team:** no activity during last 30 days - no report

**Education** lineup for the next four months information will be posted on the website.

**Legislative** activities escalating statewide due to two issues. A south-Fla. school has convinced a Miami Representative to push for a bill to be made law that allows non-licensed new graduates to perform and receive payment for massage under a special "Permission" letter for 6 months. Apparently this is

driven by the school's wish to continue receipt of federal funding for school. Copies of bill will be available online in February. All licensed therapists need to urge individual legislators NOT to support this bill to protect the quality of massage delivered to the citizens of Florida. Second item human trafficking issue requires vigilant watchfulness and reporting to ULA by ALL licensed therapists continuously.

**Membership** All "new graduate" visitors were encouraged to join FSMTA for the many benefits it provides. All old members were reminded that until March 30 a membership drive is in force. One \$15 voucher to an old member for EACH new member joining FSMTA. The old member's name must appear as a "sponsor" on the top of the new member's application form. Vouchers are usable to defray old members annual dues, purchases at the State Store, or to defray annual convention registration fee.

**Massage School Liaisons** were not present. President reminded membership the ongoing dedication of Liaisons had produced steady increase of new members from the school.

**Public Relations** *no report*

**Sports Massage Team** *no report*

**Webmaster** *no report*

**Old Business** none

**New Business** Chapter Secretary has resigned. The By-Laws Chair presented a review of methods to reelect a replacement midterm. Nominations from the floor were requested. None were offered. Need for continuity of service in this position was emphasized by President. Joe Nell Bennett offered to fill the post. The question of acceptability was put to the floor. With all present in accord, Joe Nell Bennett resigned as 1st Vice President. Carla Van Arnum nominated Joe Nell for the Secretary post. and Elizabeth Hanselman seconded. Unanimous vote in favor of Joe Nell serving as Secretary for the remainder of 2011. Per clarification by our By-Laws Chair, our 2nd Vice President, Noranda Carey moved up to the 1st Vice President post and all appropriate documentation will be completed and filed asap. The Second Vice President is not being filled at this time. A redistribution of committee duties by officers will be discussed at the next Chapter Executive Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55. The remainder of the evening was spent in skills exchanges among the membership on massage tables and chairs.

Minutes recorded and presented by: Joe Nell Bennett