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2007 BRINGS NEW LEADERSHIP AT NCBTMB Five New Members Join Board

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (Feb. 23, 2007) - Five new board members have been elected and appointed to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

Three new directors have been elected by NCBTMB certificants:

Michele Baker, RCMT, NCTMB, is owner/operator of To Your Health! Therapeutic Massage Associates, an exclusive, referrals-only outcall service. Her practice offers Swedish massage, pregnancy massage, reflexology treatments, deep tissue, neuromuscular therapy, aromatherapy, Reiki, and ear candling. She is currently working on a reference manual of massage cures and healthcare treatments for common ailments.

For three years, she taught therapeutic massage at a local college and mentored dozens of therapists.

Baker received a bachelor's degree from University of Arkansas and graduated at the top of her class from Mississippi School of Therapeutic Massage.

David Banks, RN, is a faculty member at the University of Maryland, where he teaches psychology and behavioral and social science. He has published collaborative articles in American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Black Psychology, and Transfusion.

Banks has over 20 years of experience providing evaluation research, technical assistance, and training services to not-for-profit, for-profit, and government health and human service organizations. He serves as NCBTMB's public member.

He earned a PhD from University of Maryland, an MPH from University of North Carolina, an MSSW from University of Texas, a BSN from Georgetown University, and a BA from LeMoyne College.

Karen Stork, RN, NCMPT, NCTMB, CLT, is owner and principal therapist of RN Therapeutics® LLC, a private practice providing medical and therapeutic massage. She

specializes in chronic pain management for injuries and postural dysfunction and also works as a nurse-massage therapist for Ephrata Community Hospital's Center for Women's Health.

As an RN, Stork specialized in critical care and perioperative nursing for ten years.

She is a Nationally Certified Medical Massage Therapist, a Certified Infant Massage Instructor, and a Certified Lymphedema Therapist. She received a nursing degree from Reading Area Community College and a diploma from East-West School of Massage.

Two new directors were recently appointed by the board:

Sue Kozisek, MS, NCTMB, is the owner of Massage Therapy Associates and has served as a Long-Term Adjunct Faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan University since 1989. She is also the President/Director of the Myotherapy Institute, Inc., a college of massage therapy.

Kozisek was appointed to the Nebraska Board of Directors of Massage Therapy in 1998 and previously served on the NCBTMB Board from 1998-2001.

She earned a master's degree in adult education and a BS in education. In addition, Kozisek received a diploma in massage therapy from Midwest Institute of Health Sciences in Iowa.

Cosper Scafidi, NCTMB, has a private practice as a Rolfer and has studied numerous bodywork modalities and techniques. He is founder of Whole Health Associates, a multidisciplinary practice.

Scafidi has served as Chair of the Rolf[®] Institute Board of Directors and was Regional Clinical Director for American Whole Health. He has also served on committees for the NCBTMB.

He has an MBA with an emphasis on marketing and organizational development, a BA in counseling psychology and has studied Executive Coaching at Naropa University. In addition, Scafidi attended Florida School of Massage to become an LMT and has been a Certified Rolfer since 1980.

ABOUT NCBTMB

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently utilized or recognized in statute or rule by 30 states plus the District of Columbia. There are currently more than 82,000 professionals with

NCBTMB certification. NCBTMB has been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) since 1993.

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