



FSMTB 2021 Election Results

The 16th annual meeting of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) was conducted online October 8, 2021 with 38 member boards and agencies represented. The membership entertained amendments to the Bylaws and a resolution proposed by the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists. Elections were held for three positions on the FSMTB Board of Directors and three positions on the 2022 Nominating Committee.

The following members were elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors:

Craig Knowles, chair of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy;
Victoria Drago, of the Florida Board of Massage Therapy; and
Foad Araiinejad, chair of the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy.

The following members were elected to serve a one-year term on the 2022 Nominating Committee:

Carla Hedtke, Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board;
Kimberly Hodge, Tennessee Massage Licensure Board; and
Megan Maxey, Washington State Board of Massage

Officers were elected at the Board of Directors meeting following the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. Craig Knowles, Georgia Board of Massage Therapy, was elected to serve as president; Charlene Russell, Mississippi, was elected to serve as vice president; and Sandy Anderson, Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy was elected to serve as treasurer.

Sincere thanks are extended to Dianne Layden, former public member of the North Carolina Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy, who completed a three-year term of service on the FSMTB Board of Directors.

FSMTB Board of Directors

President – Craig Knowles – Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
Vice President – Charlene Russell – Mississippi
Treasurer – Sandy Anderson – Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy
Director – Robin Alexander – Texas
Director – Foad Araiinejad – Alabama Board of Massage Therapy
Director – David Cox – Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners
Director – Victoria Drago – Florida Board of Massage Therapy
Ex Officio – Dr. Debra Persinger – FSMTB Executive Director

About FSMTB

Established in 2005, the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) is an autonomous, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization comprised of state regulatory boards and agencies that regulate the massage therapy profession. All revenue collected by the organization is used to enhance FSMTB programs, maintain the quality of the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx), and provide support to FSMTB Member Boards in fulfilling their responsibility of protecting the public. For more information, please visit www.fsmtb.org.