



2024 FSMTB Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
October 3-5, 2024

Thursday, October 3

3:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration – Grand Gallery
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Delegate Orientation – Grand Ballroom <i>Caroline Guerin, LMT, Presiding Officer of the Texas Massage Therapy Advisory Board and FSMTB Vice President</i>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Summit Rooftop Welcome Reception – Summit Rooftop at Conrad

Friday, October 4

7:30 am	Registration – Grand Gallery
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Grand Gallery
8:00 – 8:30 am	Delegate Voting Training – Grand Ballroom
8:35 – 8:45 am	Call to Order and Roll Call Grand Ballroom <i>Craig Knowles, LMT, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB President</i>
8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome to Washington, DC <i>Johanna Brooks, LMT and District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy</i>
9:00 – 10:15 am	Opening Keynote: Inspire Integrity: Chase an Authentic Life <i>Corey Ciocchetti, Bill Daniels Professor of Business Ethics and Legal Studies at the University of Denver</i> Professor Ciocchetti's message encourages audiences to chase the truly important things in life.
10:15 – 10:45 am	Networking Break and Book Signing
10:45 – 11:05 am	President's Report <i>Craig Knowles, LMT, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB President</i>



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11:05 – 11:10 am	Presentation of Candidates for Election <i>Charlene Russell, LMT and Chair of the FSMTB Nominating Committee</i>
11:10 – 11:25 am	Presentation of Resolutions and Proposed Bylaw Amendments <i>Paul Andrews, LMT, Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy, and Chair of the FSMTB Policy Committee</i>
11:25 – 12:30 pm	Member Forum Delegates will share highlights and challenges from the past year.
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Board Meeting DOs and DON'Ts <i>Dale Atkinson, Esq., The Atkinson Firm and FSMTB General Counsel</i> <i>Ajay Gohil, Esq., Legal Counsel for the District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy,</i> <i>Lori Lindley, Esq., Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oregon Department of Justice (retired)</i> <i>Gloria Lindsey, Executive Director of the Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage.</i> Join this panel discussion about how to navigate challenging situations in board meetings. Audience participation is encouraged.
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Networking Break
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Changing Landscape of Regulation <i>Ashley Hernandez, FSMTB Manager - Government Relations</i> <i>Enrique Morales, FSMTB Service Support Specialist</i> This session explores the latest trends reshaping the regulation of massage therapy.
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Day 1 Wrap Up and Day 2 Preview <i>Craig Knowles, LMT, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB President</i>
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Refresh for Dinner
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Dinner hosted by FSMTB at <i>RPM Italian</i>
6:45 pm	Meet at Conrad hotel entrance for DC at Dusk Monuments Tour
7:00 – 9:00 pm	DC at Dusk Monuments Tour (<i>pre-registration required</i>)



Saturday, October 5

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 8:35 am	Call To Order and Roll Call <i>Craig Knowles, LMT, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB President</i>
8:35 – 10:15 am	Committee Reports <u><i>Treasurer's Report</i></u> <i>Elisabeth Barnard, LMT, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB Treasurer</i> <u><i>Education Task Force Report</i></u> <i>Caroline Guerin, LMT, Presiding Officer of the Texas Massage Therapy Advisory Board, and FSMTB Vice President</i> Elections The Delegate Assembly will vote to elect members to the Board of Directors and to the 2025 Nominating Committee Debate and Voting on Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments <i>Craig Knowles, LMT, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy, and FSMTB President</i>
10:15 – 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 – 12:00 pm	You're Not the Boss of Your Brain: Implicit Bias, Why It Matters and How to Interrupt It <i>Cal Cates, Executive Director at Healwell</i> <i>Kerry Jordan, Operations Director at Healwell</i> This session explores the neurobiology behind implicit bias, how to spot bias, and some ideas about how to interrupt it.
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45pm	Tools to Combat Human Trafficking <i>Adrienne Price, Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy and Chair of the FSMTB Establishment Task Force</i> <i>Dotti Groover Skipper, Founder/CEO of the HeartDance Foundation</i>

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	<p><u><i>FSMTB Establishment Task Force Representatives</i></u> <i>Sandra Anderson, LMT and Former Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy</i> <i>Karen Armstrong, Manager of Clinical Massage and Integrative Medicine, Corewell Health</i> <i>Elisabeth Barnard, LMT, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy</i> <i>Rick McElroy, Director of Law and Code Enforcement Relations at the California Massage Therapy Council</i> <i>Charlene Russell, LMT, CEO and Educator for Mindbody Connections</i> <i>Jeff Van Laanen, Compliance and Licensing Manager at the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists</i></p> <p>Join the Establishment Task Force representatives for the unveiling of the Massage Establishment Toolkit and a discussion on tactics you can use to combat human trafficking infiltrating the massage therapy profession.</p>
1:45 – 2:45pm	<p>Innovations in Assessment <i>Ryan O’Leary, PhD, Chief Commercial Officer at PDRI by Pearson VUE</i></p> <p>Explore the future of high stakes assessment and its role in the licensure process.</p>
2:45 – 3:15pm	Networking Break
3:15 – 4:30pm	<p>Legal Trends and Top Cases <i>Ajay Gohil, Esq., Legal Counsel, District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy</i> <i>Lori Lindley, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, State of Oregon Department of Justice (retired)</i> <i>Dale Atkinson, Esq., The Atkinson Firm and FSMTB General Counsel</i></p> <p>A panel of attorneys will present a variety of legal topics and recent court cases relevant to massage therapy regulators.</p>
4:30 – 4:45pm	Closing Remarks and Adjournment
5:00pm	FSMTB Board of Directors Meeting – Canvas