

Agenda Item 10: Proposals

(i) Proposal for Teacher Trainer Criteria

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Following the approval of the Teacher Guidelines by the 2005 EGM, there was a need to update the Rules and Regulations regarding Teacher Trainers to come into line with this. (This includes essentially the part which specifies Teacher Trainers as having five years experience as a Shiatsu Teacher, two of whom supervise teacher trainees ('t's)). There was also an agreement for further guidelines of criteria for becoming a Teacher Trainer (TT) to be developed by the Education Sub Committee.

In autumn 2006, the Teacher Training Working Group was set up as a part of the Education Sub-Committee, and we have now developed further criteria for Shiatsu teachers (Ts) to become Shiatsu Teacher Trainers.

Introduction:

At present, the only criterion to become a Teacher Trainer (TT) is that a Shiatsu teacher (MRSS (T)) has to have been on the Shiatsu Society Teacher Register for five years. Considering that the route to teaching status may take three years or more (some schools insist that prospective teachers assist at all three years of practitioner training), it was felt that this could be an unrealistic time frame. Also, given present government pressure for more rigor in the field of adult training, the Shiatsu Society felt it incumbent to examine ways of ensuring standards in our teacher training.

Proposals:

1. To reduce the requirement for a T (teacher) to become a TT (teacher trainer) from 5 to 3 years.
2. To include criteria to be met before being entered onto the Teacher Trainer register.

Criteria:

- 1) An established educational qualification; e.g. PGCE , Cert Ed, BEd (or agreed equivalents).
- 2) OR a portfolio with evidence of :
 - a) Teaching experience, including teaching material (eg schemes of work, lesson plans, evaluation) from years one, two and three of the practitioner's course.
 - b) Teaching or tutoring at post-graduate level,
 - c) The study of material which examines contemporary theories/ practice of teacher training (e.g. 'Qualifying to Teach' Teacher Training Agency – available via web).
 - d) An outline of intended training program / mentoring process which includes categories of professional values and practice, knowledge and understanding and teaching.

Once on the Teacher Trainer Register, evidence of CPD (as gathered by the Shiatsu Society) of at least one workshop per year aimed at the professional development of teacher trainers/teachers will be required on top of the annual Shiatsu Society CPD for practitioners and Teachers.

A grandfathering system will be used so that all teachers currently on the register will be exempt from the above proposals, providing they express this by submission of the appropriate form to the Shiatsu Society by 1st January 2008.

Providing this Proposal is voted in, the new criteria will come into force on 1st December 2007.

Rules and Regulations changes:

3) Membership

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a) vii) Member of the Teacher Trainer Register of the Shiatsu Society

3) c)
change:
(v)
(3) Are undergoing Shiatsu teacher training under the supervision of 2 MRSS(T), or have been actively undergoing such training during the preceding 2 years. If this period is exceeded, they shall revert to MRSS.

to:
(v)
(3) Are undergoing Shiatsu teacher training under the supervision of 2 MRSS(T) Teacher Trainers, or have been actively undergoing such training during the preceding 2 years. If this period is exceeded, they shall revert to MRSS.

(vii)
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vii) Member of the Teacher Trainer's Register of the Shiatsu Society M.R.S.S. (T)

This category of membership shall be open to individuals who:

(1) are Members of the Register of Professional Practitioners of the Shiatsu Society (M.R.S.S.) and have been accepted as a Teacher after meeting the criteria laid down by the Society.

(2) Have met all the criteria specified for Teacher Trainers by the Society.

They shall:

- (3) Show evidence with their annual membership renewal of continued professional development, in accordance with Shiatsu Society requirements.
- (4) be entitled to use the designatory letters M.R.S.S. (T) after their name and to cite this in all correspondence, promotional materials of their own and the Society's and public communications.
- (5) be entitled to teach the full Core curriculum, with their teaching hours being included in the total requirement for training hours for students in fulfilling the criteria specified by the Society for a graduate member.
- (6) be entitled to teach Trainee Teachers on their way to becoming teachers recognised by the Shiatsu Society.
- (7) be included in the Register of Shiatsu Teacher Trainers which is provided to graduates and practitioners by the Society.
- (8) be entitled to be admitted to the Assessment and Ratification Panel of the Society.

4) Registers and Lists

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c) List of Teacher Trainers

The Society shall keep a list of Teacher Trainers. Only members who fulfil the criteria for that membership category as specified in 3)c) vii) shall be entered on this list and allowed to use the letters MRSS(T), {this group is a subset of Teachers and has no different designatory letters.}

Renumber c) to d)

5) c)
Change title to
Code of Practice for Teacher Trainers, Teachers and Trainee Teachers