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Our mission is to support members in developing the art, science, and practice of massage therapy in a caring professional and ethical manner in order to promote the health and welfare of humanity.



President's Message:

Welcome to Fall, our favorite time of year in New Mexico. I hope you get time to enjoy all that our wonderful state has to offer. There is nothing like visiting Pittsburgh in August for the AMTA National Convention (hot & humid!) to remind me of our fantastic weather here. Every time I attend the opening session at a convention, I feel so honored to be there - love the energy of all those massage therapists from around the country. I am so proud of our chapter – winning . . . (cont'd on pg.2)

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Upcoming Events

October 24: Rio Rancho: Breast Cancer Walk

October 25-31: National Massage Therapy Awareness Week

November 10: NM Massage Board Meeting/Location TBD

November 11: Roswell Coffee Meet-up

November 20: ABQ NE Coffee Meet-up

December 9: Roswell Coffee Meet-up

December 14: ABQ Downtown Meet-up

January 23 & 24, 2016: KOB Health Fair

February 20, 2016: ABQ: Academy of Family Physicians Refresher

March 19-20, 2016: Santa Fe: AMTA-NM Annual Conference at The Lodge in Santa Fe. Bonus Day: March 21.

President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

. . . 5 awards at the National Convention! It's a testament to the conscientious, caring professionals that want to elevate our field and support our members. Also, thanks to our delegates for representing our state and taking part in important discussions related to our profession and the future of AMTA. (Please read a recap article by lead delegate Dee Dee Anders in this issue.)

Some of the themes at this year's National Convention were oncology massage, working with physicians, sports massage and research. To see recap videos and read the educational session handouts (free knowledge!), click here: <https://www.amtamassage.org/education/AMTA-2015-National-Convention.html>

AMTA is committed to helping massage therapists grow and gain opportunities in integrative settings. That's one of the main reasons AMTA exists - to help you in your practice. As a chapter, we are trying to put out more job opportunities on our Facebook page (don't forget to follow us at AMTA New Mexico Chapter). I wish each and every one of you could experience a National convention. It's such a supportive, inspiring environment.

The next best thing is to attend our NM Annual conference where we come together and support each other. Next year's conference, "Target Your Skills" will take place March 19 & 20 with a bonus education day of March 21. We hope you'll join us at The Lodge in Santa Fe, a lovely setting filled with NM charm. We've kept the cost the same as last year and added more CEUs! Early Bird member rate will be \$99 for 12 CEUs with the option for an additional 8 CEUs. (See Dee Dee's article on pg. 11 for

more details.) The committee is working hard to bring you quality education, a fun social event, and lots of giveaways. Check your email for registration info in the next month or so.

Our Annual Meeting & Elections will be held at the Conference on March 20, 2016. We need you for chapter board positions. Consider running. It's a great opportunity to learn, grow, and support the profession. Your current Board is here to mentor you. Please contact us if you are interested or have a question.

In the meantime, I hope you'll join us at one of our upcoming events or at a coffee meet-up. Check out our new website page "Tools of the Trade" at <http://nm.amtamassage.org/regulation-licensing> for a listing of helpful resources. Don't forget to reach out to your colleagues for love and support. It really makes a difference. -- Amy C. Zampella, President

Our New Website Has Launched!

Please visit our new website at <http://nm.amtamassage.org>

A big thanks to our webmaster Joanna Dunn for all her time and effort to bring you this new site.



Chapter “Cleans Up” at Nat’l Awards Ceremony

We were elated to be presented with 5 national awards at the AMTA 2015 Convention in Pittsburgh. Chapter representatives accepted the following awards on August 20th: Newsletter, Website, Government Relations, Community Service, and 4-Hands of Excellence Award.

Thank you to Christine Thompson, newsletter editor, JoAnna Dunn, 1st VP/communications committee chair/webmaster, and Donald Schiff, 2nd VP/government relations chair for playing a huge part in the individual awards. Gratitude goes to the entire AMTA-NM board of directors for 2014/2015 & 2015/2016 and our chapter volunteers for putting so much energy into making our chapter events & programs great. Every chapter volunteer has contributed to the community service and 4-hands of excellence awards - we really appreciate you all.



(From Left to Right): Rick Wiles, Cat Tally, Amy Zampella, Carolyn Riggs, Donald Schiff, BreAnne Garcia-McClellan, & Dee Dee Anders

National Massage Therapy Awareness Week is October 25-31, 2015

Don't miss your opportunity to market your practice during Massage Therapy Awareness Week (MTAW). There are some great ideas from AMTA here.

<https://www.amtamassage.org/cap/nmtaw.html> For tips on promotion using social media click here. <https://www.amtamassage.org/cap/nmtaw/Using-Social-Media-to-Promote-NMTAW-and-Your-Practice.html>





Rick Wiles presented with the Chapter Meritorious Award

Congratulations to Rick Wiles, our recent past President, on being presented the 2015 Chapter Meritorious Award! Rick has given countless hours to chapter programs and events over the past 10 years. He was in attendance at every chapter event (more than 7 each year) during his 4 years as Chapter President, volunteering to perform chair massage as well as representing the chapter as its leader. He was instrumental in obtaining our Chapter trailer (our moving billboard) and has driven thousands of miles promoting AMTA around the state. He was one of the key players in revamping the Community Service Massage Team (formerly ERT) program and manual for National. He still attends NM Massage Board meetings in the capitol to keep abreast of any regulatory changes.

Rick has taught many continuing education classes at our Chapter Annual conferences over the years freely giving of his time and knowledge. He is always positive and promotes AMTA tirelessly. His motive is purely for the good of the profession and our members. Rick is a champion of the massage therapy profession, often touting the benefits to everyone. He is always willing to lend a hand and does it with a smile. Rick loves teaching and is a great mentor to many of our members in his local area and state-wide.



A warm hello from Christine Thompson, your NM-AMTA Chapter Newsletter Editor! Don't miss BreAnne's essay about her CVOP Experience. There's also information about next year's NM Chapter Annual Conference.

As always I am open to suggestions and ideas for the newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me at cassidor.chris@gmail.com



“Working with Physicians”: A Synopsis of the 2015 Nat’l Convention Lecture

by Amy Zampella

The lecture was presented by Amy Crawford-Faucher, M.D., a family medicine physician at the UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and med student teacher at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Lanie Kasdan Francis, M.D., a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and associate medical director of integrative oncology at UPMC Cancer Center.

The purpose of the course was to learn about opportunities to collaborate with physicians on patient care and how massage therapists can establish relationships.

The following are some of the highlights:

What are the barriers to patients receiving massage?

- Insurance coverage
- Most doctors do not know much about massage therapy

Why collaborate with physicians now?

- Chronic opiate use is not a long-term solution
- There are small but perceptible advances in insurance coverage for integrative therapies
- Payments are moving to reimbursement *outcomes*, not services

Where are the opportunities for LMTs to work with patients?

- Pain centers
- Rheumatology
- Ob/Gyn
- Psychiatry
- Physical Therapy
- Rehabilitation

What are the challenges we face?

- Many physicians have no idea what we do
- Physicians do not know how to find a good therapist; they tend to delegate that to their patients
- Insurance coverage is variable

The Good News: Physicians are generally open to massage for their patients

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“Working with Physicians” (cont’d from page 5)

Strategies for LMTs?

- Establish credibility
- Educate the Doctors
- Facilitate cost discussions
- Build communication

First Step:

Make the connection and be ready for the questions: Are you qualified? Does massage really work and how? What is the cost? How often will my patient need to receive massage?

Develop presentations to educate the Doctor and Staff:

- Include coffee or lunch
- Bring research/modalities
- Cost/insurance reimbursement info
- Offer to educate patients
- Connect with residency training programs
- Ask your client to bring you in to meet their doctor
- Share massage success stories
- Maintain a positive attitude/never criticize a doctor’s work or methods

Cost Discussions:

- Consider a discount for the Doctor’s patients
- Ease the insurance process by making the phone calls

Build communication:

- Send a consult letter to the Doctor after you have seen the patient
- Example: “I saw Mr. Smith on January 1, 2016, for massage therapy to address his lumbar pain...and here are my findings.”
- Doctors expect letters from other health care providers, why not from us?

Special Note: “Working with Physicians” guide is available here:

<http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/resources/general/working-with-physicians-a-massage-therapist-s-guide/> You can also see “3 Effective Physician Introduction Letters” here <http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/resources/general/3-effective-physician-introduction-letters/>

Also download AMTA’s “The Value and Efficacy of Massage Therapy in Integrated Health Care and Member Guide” at

https://www.amtamassage.org/career_guidance/detail/220?typeld=2

LMTs and physicians are looking for improved client/patient health.
We can work together!

Don Schiff's AMTA National Convention 2015 Report

I had a fantastic time at the AMTA Convention in Pittsburgh this year. I attended two superb CEU classes, one on treating the psoas major muscle with Joe Muscalino, and one on treating the ligaments of the neck with Ben Benjamin. Both classes were fast-paced, anatomically specific, and packed with useful techniques I am already using in my practice. Both have made me a more effective, efficient therapist. That's a great payoff for 8 hours of class time!

I also had lunch with James Specker, AMTA's new Director of Government and Industry Relations. We discussed the ways we can coordinate our efforts to get health insurance reimbursement for massage therapists. It's going to take time and work, but I am convinced that we can and will achieve our goal. Moreover, our national organization is supporting us. We are not alone. Plans are being made for a meeting of chapter Government Relations chairs during next year's convention. I can hardly wait!

As important as the classes and meetings were to me, the highlight of the convention was the annual poker game supporting the Massage Therapy Foundation. Our good friend Dan Barrow won the event 3 times in the last 5 years. Even though I didn't come close to winning against the tough card sharks at the table, I had a great time schmoozing with new friends who are among the most influential people in our organization. Many thanks to all who made this such a fun trip for me!

--Donald F. Schiff, AMTA-NM 2VP and GR Chair

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Your Chapter is Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Join us on Saturday October 24, 2015 at Cottonwood Mall, Rio Rancho, for the 2015 American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk. We will be providing Chair Massage to Breast Cancer Survivors in the Survivors Tent. Come out and help us make these brave warriors feel like VIPs and educate them about all the wonderful benefits of massage.

Event Time: 6:30 am – 12:30 pm (includes set-up and break down)

You can sign up for the whole event or just a single shift.

To sign up visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4CA8A72BAAFA7-making>
Questions? Please email BreAnne Garcia McClellan amtanm.3vp@gmail.com or call (505) 600-1246.

Contributions to the chapter at this event will go towards the Dan Barrow Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Commission on Candidacy Announced for 2016/2017 Elections

We are happy to announce that Susan Myers, a longtime member and past board member, will be serving as the Commissioner on Candidacy for the upcoming elections. Susan is open to receive applications for positions from now until March 15, 2016.

The Commission on Candidacy consists of one (1) or more AMTA-NM members and elects its own chair. The Commission receives the applications for board positions and reviews them to determine that they qualify for the positions. The Commission then creates a report with a slate of candidates and presents it at the Annual Meeting on March 20, 2016. Nominations may be taken from the floor at the time of the Commission report only if no eligible candidates have submitted applications by March 15, 2016 (within 5 days prior to the annual meeting date).

If you are interested in serving on the 2016/2017 NM Board of Directors, please submit your intent and a resumé to the Commissioner on Candidacy, Susan Myers at smyerslmt@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2016.

If you have questions, contact our current President, Amy Zampella, at 505-255-2203.

Wish To Be A Part of Something Special?

Join the AMTA-NM BOD in the Upcoming 2016/2017 BOD Elections

Are you passionate about your massage career? Do you have great ideas for elevating the profession? Run for a Board position!

There are several volunteer positions up for election this year. It is so rewarding to serve on the board of the AMTA. There are opportunities for learning, networking, community service, and personal growth. You do not need any special experience - just a positive attitude and willingness to serve your local AMTA members. Some of the requirements include attending face-to-face board meetings, conference call board meetings, assisting in organizing chapter events, recruiting volunteers, and committee work (related to education, communications, government relations, membership, etc.)

On Sunday, March 20, 2016, we'll be electing:

President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Delegate and Alternate Delegates (2)

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Board Positions/descriptions: *(cont'd from page 8)*

Click on each title for the official job description.

President - 2 yr. term

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The chapter President serves as a leader, planner, mentor, mediator, and facilitator. The chapter President works most closely with chapter Board members and committee chairs, chapter staff or consultants, and National AMTA staff. Love to travel and see new cities? The President travels to 2 AMTA National Board meetings and the Annual Convention each year. *The chapter President must have completed one year as a board member in the last 3 years, or completed one year as a committee chair within the last 2 years.*

2nd Vice President - 2 yr. term

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The position of Vice President serves on the NM board of directors and assists the President in achieving the chapter's goals. The Vice President plays an integral part in determining the direction of the organization and promoting AMTA state-wide. *The Vice President must have been an AMTA member for at least 2 years or served as a chapter committee chair.*

Secretary - 2 yr. term

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The chapter Secretary is the official record keeper and *must have been an AMTA member for at least 1 year.* The Secretary also serves on the NM Board of Directors and has a role in planning, goal setting and promoting the organization. The Secretary takes BOD meeting minutes, files documents on our website documents page, and manages the chapter's voicemail.

Delegate - 2 yr. term

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Alternate Delegates (2) - 1 yr. terms

<https://www.amtamassage.org/intranet/uploads/Alternate%20HOD%201012-v1.pdf>

As a Delegate, you will be required to attend the AMTA National Convention in Milwaukee on October 26-29, 2016, and in Pasadena in 2017. Compensation for travel is available. One Alternate Delegate will attend the convention. The majority of the Delegate's work takes place in the months leading up to convention: review of proposed position statements and recommendations.

Please contact the Board Members if you'd like to ask them about their positions as "Board Members" <http://nm.amtamassage.org/board-of-directors>

Reasons to Serve on the AMTA-NM Chapter Board of Directors

- Personal and professional development - opportunities to network with and learn from your colleagues, gain leadership skills, boost your confidence and self esteem.
- Serving on the board of directors is a wonderful way to support a cause you care about - your massage therapy profession. You can contribute to the common good of massage therapists around the state.
- Make new friends. Lifelong relationships come out of working closely with your colleagues.
- Grow your network. Grow your business. As some of our existing board members say, "Volunteering has helped my personal massage therapy practice!" There are opportunities to talk to the public at large, network with other healthcare providers, and meet potential clients.
- Travel around the state and even the country! There is compensation for your travel if necessary and officers/leadership training for Board members. Positions (except 2nd alternate delegate) receive some compensation for attending the National Convention this coming year (2016) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Why not try the Las Cruces Renaissance Arts Faire...



The Massage Therapy Foundation is celebrating their 25th anniversary and is sponsoring the Renaissance Faire in Las Cruces, Nov. 6 - 8, 2015.

If you would like to volunteer a few hours doing chair massages please call Rick Wiles at 575-308-3579 or email at afwc@hotmail.com



Let's meet for coffee.

Don't forget you can Network with and Learn from your Colleagues at a Coffee Meet-up...Look for one in your area or start one yourself! Check for dates, locations, and times on the Calendar page of our website!

“Target Your Skills”

2016 AMTA-NM Annual Conference in Santa Fe, March 19 & 20, 2015

We are excited to welcome Doug Nelson of Precision Neuromuscular Therapy as our headlining educator for the 2016 Annual Conference.



Save the dates March 19 & 20 and join AMTA members from across the state at The Lodge in Santa Fe. Doug will be presenting *The Shoulder* class (NCBTMB-approved 6 CEUs) during the conference on Saturday, March 19th and Sunday March 20th. Class sizes will be small – 40 people per class each day. Cynthia “Bear” Sahlfeld from the Santa Fe School of Massage will be teaching *Ethics: Boundaries & Communication* (NCBTMB-approved 4 CEUs). Past board member Felecia Harvey will be teaching a 2 CEU *Shoulder Anatomy refresher* course. Read course descriptions and watch preview videos of the PNMT classes at <http://nm.amtamassage.org/state-convention>

Early-Bird member registration, including 12 CEUs, is \$99. Registration will open after the New Year. Be sure to register early as the 2016 conference will be limited to 80 participants who will be split into 2 groups to allow for focused attention during the hands-on classes. A Bonus Education Day is offered on March 21st--Doug will present a *PNMT of The Hip* class (NCBTMB-approved 8 CEUs). Class size limited to 40. You do not need to attend *The Shoulder* to register separately for *The Hip* on Monday. Early bird member registration for Conference plus the Bonus day (20 CEUs) is \$190.

Each year we strive to improve upon the last conference by listening to member suggestions. Registration will include Saturday and Sunday classes (*The Shoulder, Ethics, and Anatomy Refresher*), breakfast vouchers at the hotel restaurant, and lunch on Sunday during AMTA-NM’s Business Meeting and Elections. This year’s reception, included with registration, will be held Saturday after classes end and will allow attendees to network, have a bite to eat, hear about open Board positions (see article on pages 8-9) and play Pin-the-Humerus-on-the-Skeleton. For additional pricing (Pre-Registration, Non-Member) please see the conference page above.

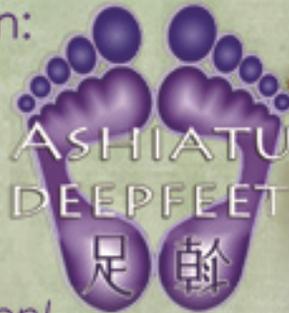
AMTA-NM has negotiated a rate of \$89 single/double at The Lodge at Santa Fe (LodgeAtSantaFe.com). When reserving your room, tell them you are with AMTA-NM to get the special rate which will be honored three nights prior and post conference if you wish to make a vacation out of the weekend. Look for a postcard in your mailbox in December announcing Open Registration. We hope to see you in Santa Fe!

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A nomination from the floor, a raise of the hand, and a Che-Che-Coolay: My 2015 CVOP Experience by BreAnne Garcia-McClellan

It all began with my nomination for 3rd Vice President from the floor of the Annual Meeting at the NM Chapter conference in March. A nomination I humbly accepted. I was voted in and began my adventure as a member of the Board. I had been serving as the Membership committee Chair, a position I continue to hold, but becoming a voting member had new responsibilities. At our first board meeting Amy Zampella explained what the CVOP or Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program was and asked who might be interested in going. (AMTA National pays to send one member of the leadership team from each state every year.) I raised my hand and crossed my fingers that I would be the one to go. A few weeks later during our vision planning for the Chapter I learned that I would be going. I was excited and a little nervous. You see I love what I do. I am passionate about it. I am a joiner; I love getting involved. That's why I jumped at the opportunity to become the Membership chair and a board member. However, I still view myself mostly as a Mom. This opportunity while exciting was going to take me way outside my comfort zone. Not to mention it was going to take me farther from home than I had ever been, to Pittsburgh, PA. But I knew that it was going to help me grow as a therapist, a businesswoman, a board member, and even as a mom. So I accepted the challenge, registered for CVOP, and for my first National Convention. Again I crossed my fingers and counted the days until Pittsburgh.

On a Sunday in the middle of August my husband and son dropped me off at the airport. I was nervous and unsure of myself. Had I packed enough clothes? Had I packed the right clothes? Do I have my toothbrush? I made it to Pittsburgh. I made it to my hotel. I was ready. I walked into the conference room on Day one with a confident smile masking the butterflies I felt. I picked a seat near the front of course; I could still hear my High School English teacher saying, "Always choose a seat in the first three rows; it shows you are interested and engaged." Slowly my table filled with the sweetest therapists from across the country and my butterflies disappeared. The program began and so did the learning. For the next two days I learned from the presenters, from my colleagues in the room, and from the National staff present. I learned that sometimes it is okay to own your negativity, to take the "Negafish" and speak your peace, but you don't have to live there. I was reminded about putting the members first, and why we do what we do. I thought long and hard about what makes a good leader and what I need to work on. I learned about effectively working in teams and the dynamics of teams. I met and worked with so many different people I got to put everything I was learning into practice. I took away best practices for the membership committee, ideas for the board and a better understanding of the organization as a whole. I made friends from as far away as Alaska and as close as Texas.

At the end of it before we could graduate we all stood up and danced the Che-Che-Coolay. Now I was a CVOP Alumni. I had the sticker and the knowledge to prove it, and I had learned I was so much more than just a mom.

House of Delegates Update
AMTA Supports Licensure Portability
By Dee Dee Anders, Delegate

This year the AMTA House of Delegates met in Pittsburgh, PA to address three Recommendations and two Position Statements brought forth by members. Our elected Delegates are: Dee Dee Anders and Cat Tally; and Alternate Carolyn Riggs. All participated.

The Position Statement on Portability was submitted by the North Carolina Chapter and passed. *“It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that regulations, in statute and/or rules, should provide options for portability of credentials, which can be used to help meet the licensing, certification, or registration requirements of massage therapists across the United States.”*

After much debate the Position Statement on Massage Burn Scars did not pass.

The (anti-)Human Trafficking Recommendation submitted by the Indiana Chapter gave Delegates a chance to put Roberts Rules into action as the issue was hotly debated by both sides. The Recommendation resolves: *“The House of Delegates recommends to the Board of Directors that a work group or operations committee be established to research and recommend a plan that the American Massage Therapy Association can use to develop support material and create a guide for working with Homeland Security, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and other organizations working on Human Trafficking.”* Debate time was extended twice and a motion for caucus gave Alternate Delegates an opportunity to discuss with Delegates both sides of this important issue before the motion was brought back to the floor for more debate and a final vote. The Human Trafficking Recommendation passed and is moved to the Board of Directors for further Action.

Opinions were once again strong on both sides of the issue with debate extended and “friendly amendments” offered and declined, however at the final vote the Wisconsin Recommendation for Complementary Online Classes for AMTA Members did not pass.

The final Recommendation presented to the HOD was Wisconsin’s AMTA Media Education Kit proposal which recommends the *“National Board of Directors commission the creation of model journalist/media education kit for chapter use.”* This Recommendation passed and has been moved to the National Board of Directors.

New House of Delegates Operating Committee (HODOC) members were elected: Donna Webb (NY), Roxanne La’akea Young (HI), Laura Stevenson-Flom (CT), Debra Gallup (SC). Roxanne La’akea Young (HI) was replaced by Jennifer Findley (VT).

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House of Delegates Update *(cont'd from page 14)*

2014 Recommendations Update:

The first recommendation that passed in 2014 was brought forth by the SC Chapter was as follows: *“The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that: convention registration, travel expense, 2 nights lodging and 2 days per diem expenses for Delegates to travel to National Convention to attend the HOD meeting should be paid from the National Convention Budget.”* This motion was brought forward to the Board of Directors this past March and as such, the Finance Committee was charged with measuring the impact this would have on the overall AMTA National budget. The finance committee will report back to the Board by January 2016.

The second recommendation that was brought forward by the CA chapter and passed in 2014 was as follows: *“The House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that each Chapter may determine the amount of its Chapter Fee and how to request/acquire said Chapter Fee via mandatory assessment, opt-out contribution, opt-in contribution or as unnecessary.”* This motion was also brought forward to the Board this past March. This motion did not pass; however, the National Board already plans to review this business decision as part of its annual business review.

In June the National Board of Directors approved the following changes to the House of Delegates and House of Delegates Operating Committee:

1. The HODOC will now have a longer window of time for reviewing the proposed recommendations and making suggestions for the Chapter. In the past, the HODOC had only a 2 week window to review Recommendations & make suggestions for improvement.
2. The Chair of HODOC and the Chair of the Position Statement Review Commission (PSRC) are no longer required to sit on each other's committees.
3. The HODOC Chair will now be chosen no later than 6 weeks after the HOD meeting. Additionally, the eligibility requirements for the Chair position have been expanded. Anyone who has been a Chair of the HODOC in the last 5 years is now eligible to serve.

About HOD: The House of Delegates (HOD) is a representative body of the AMTA membership that votes on proposed AMTA Position Statements. The Delegates keep the association strategically focused by presenting policy and bylaw changes for the Board of Directors' review. The HOD is structured to represent the opinions of our members and is comprised of elected representatives, Delegates, from each chapter for a term of two years, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. The number of Delegates from each chapter varies by chapter size – New Mexico has two Delegates. Delegate position and 2 Alternate Delegate positions will be open in 2016 (See pg. 9).

**New & Transfer Members & Milestone Anniversaries
February – May 2015**

New Members

Name	Join Date
Caroline Baker	February 2015
Amanda Beal	
Terri Cannizzio	
Lorene Cohen	
Rachel Erwin	
Ruby Garcia	
Racheal Green	
Yvonne Guardian	
Catherine Martinez	
Bonnie McNairn	
Lindsay Meade	
LaSha Miller	
Gabriela Reza	
Chelsea Russell	
Rosa Schultz	
Andrea Sedillo	
Jennifer Selph	
Joseph Serna	
Debi Statler	
Anna R. Trujillo	
Socorro Zubia	
Constance Dawson	March 2015
Kelly Dekker	
Dixie Parker	
Christopher Pease	
Carla Serna	
Shawna Tucker	
Kristin White	
Omar R. Blanco	April 2015
Beckie K. Nicoson	
Dawn Sommerville	
Karla Sotelo	
Misty Uzueta	
Mirakhel Windsong	
Jessie Zirwas	
Adonnis Lozano	May 2015
Amy Lujan	

Christopher Mills (May cont'd)	
Brandie Mitchell	
Lorraine Slade	
Arlene Storie	

Transfer Members

Name	Join Date
Deborah Ann Baca	April 2015
Austin Gabrielse	
Perry A. Hawn	
Sharon Ann Henderson	
Morgan Hewitt	
Yolanda Muszalski	
Aurora Garcia-Weir	May 2015

Milestone Anniversaries

5 Years

Name	Anniversary Date
Melyssa Boatenhamer	March 2015
Sabina Carlen	May 2015
Tara Castle	May 2015
Grant Good	March 2015
Amber L. Green	March 2015
Mary Kay Herrington	April 2015
Catherine C. Joy	May 2015
C.J. Robison	February 2015
Herron Joe Russey	April 2015
Valerie Walton	February 2015

10 Years

Name	Anniversary Date
Natsuko Nakano	March 2015
Elizabeth C. Mitchel	February 2015
Nancy Meyers	May 2015

15 Years

Name	Anniversary Date
Jane T. Melton	May 2015

25 Years

Name	Anniversary Date
Caron Caraway	March 2015
Cameron Clare	April 2015
Priscilla H. Portillo	May 2015
Daniel Reiher	April 2015
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2015 AMTA National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA



At the Nat'l Convention Dinner Dance. Pictured: Rick Wiles, Donald Schiff, Carolyn Riggs, Amy Zampella, Dee Dee Anders, BreAnne Garcia-McClellan



AMTA NM Board sports flashing chile pins at the Opening Session & Keynote w/Scott Hamilton



Chapter presents a donation to the Massage Therapy Foundation of \$1 per member. Pictured: Dave Otto, Foundation Liason, Dee Dee Anders, Amy Zampella, Cliff Korn, Vice President

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Carolyn Riggs practices in the "Unlocking the Foot" class taught by Lee Stang



President's Reception on the roof of the Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Pictured: Cat Tally, Amy Zampella, BreAnne Garcia-McClellan, Dee Dee Anders



Board Members Pose with Ben Benjamin after Neck Injury Assessment & Treatment class at Nat'l Convention pictured: Dee Dee Anders, Amy Zampella, Ben Benjamin, Carolyn Riggs, Donald Schiff



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