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Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting & Education Event
April 10-12, 2015

[Optional Link](#)

National Convention
August 19-22, 2015
Pittsburg, PA
[Optional Link](#)

Letter from the President

By Julie Finn, LMT, NCTMB

Just as the trees are changing colors the Michigan Chapter is going through changes. With licensure our membership has increased and the chapter board is looking into offering CEs that can help our membership with maintaining their licensure along with board certification. If you have suggestions please email us at michiganamta@gmail.com

Recently the Michigan Chapter Delegates and I attended the AMTA National Convention in Denver, Colorado. It provided a gorgeous location. My hat goes off to the Colorado Chapter for providing awesome hospitality!

The National Board of Directors meeting provided an update on what has been going on with the association. Our national membership has grown to over 60,000 members, there were 11 motions presented to the board, many of which were just housekeeping of policies and bylaw wording. Susan Rosen, the Chair of the AMTA AMA-CPT Workgroup and Chris Studebaker, Director of Government and Industry Relations, provided an in depth presentation on the work they are doing relating to CPT codes for massage therapy.

Jocelyn Pysarchuk, Knowledge Transfer Director, gave an update on the Consumer Awareness Program. AMTA is focusing on advertising on WEBMD, Health.com, and Dr.OZ.com. AMTA has also partnered with Mayo Clinic to create a [Consumer Awareness Video](#), and has signed a [National Letter of Agreement](#) with the American

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Red Cross to provide massage therapy services for Red Cross Volunteers.

The Massage Emergency Response Team (MERT) will be changed to the Community Service Massage Team and will have two divisions: Emergency Division and Outreach Division. New training will be rolled out soon! Stay Tuned to our [Facebook](#) page and [website!](#)
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Licensure Reminder

New and Renewal Application Information

Remember that the deadline to obtain a massage therapist license is fast approaching. In order to practice as a massage therapist in Michigan after November 29, 2014 you MUST hold a Michigan license. If you do not hold a license by this date you will be practicing illegally.

To receive a massage therapist license by application (grandfathering) you must meet [one of the five methods](#) as determined by the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy. [Applications for licensure](#) must be received by November 29, 2014.

If you are renewing, you would have received your [renewal/relicensure application](#) via surface mail. Complete it and submit with required payment. Because the CE requirements are not yet in place you are not required to submit that information at this time.

For more information on state licensure, visit the [Michigan Board of Massage Therapy](#) or call 517-373-1820.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

National Convention Update



Delegate Reports

The 2014 National Convention was held September 17th thru the 20th in Denver, Colorado. Read the Delegate reports here:

[House of Delegates Report](#) by Carrie Buechler, 1st Vice President

[Building a Stronger Chapter](#) by Cindy Dort, 2nd Vice President

[Dr. Oz and the Benefits of Massage](#) by Laura Machida, Secretary

[First time Experience at National Convention](#) by Susan Gamalski, Treasurer

[An Experience of a Lifetime](#) by Karen Johnson, Delegate

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Member Spotlight

Getting to Know Dolly Wallace

My name is Dolly Wallace and I am a licensed massage therapist with a practice in Muskegon. Greater Muskegon County has a population of approximately 172,000. I practice in a small suburb called Roosevelt Park at Wallace Chiropractic Center. I have practiced in my husband's chiropractic office for 26 years. We work very well together and have a thriving practice.

Read more about Dolly and her Volunteer Activities [here](#).

Benefits of Volunteering: We Need You!

Stronger Chapters come from Active Members

Looking to grow your practice and increase your clientele? Hoping to improve your expand your career and improve your health? Whether you have an hour a month or an hour a year, think about volunteering for your Chapter! It can be a one-time activity or ongoing: it's all up to you!

[Read more here.](#)

2014 AMTA National Elections

Your Vote Counts!

Be among the professional members that shape our association. Vote for our national leaders. AMTA is the premier professional organization and needs top leadership to be a strong voice and guide us to the future. Your vote is needed to ensure that AMTA remains on top and continues to be well represented.

[Read more here.](#)

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