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From the Michigan Chapter Board to our members

We are helpers and drawn to the healing arts by our nature. Faced with entirely new situations whether in our practices, homes or life in general, most of us tend to resist change. It can take a while to calm the fears. Your chapter board is composed entirely of volunteers and we share your concerns. All of us are LMTs and we have lost our primary source of income as well. Still, we continue with our volunteer activities to make sure you can get information you need now and for when we're all able to work again. Similar to what we face when a client wants fast results for a traumatic occurrence, the processes move slower than we like.

**Government and Licensing Renewal:**

Our GR rep is in regular contact with Lansing via our lobbyist. Any funding available is being explored and will be reported when we have facts to share. LMTs are not the only profession affected, but until the situation changes and we can return to work, our voices need to be heard. Some of us face license renewal this October; whether this will be impacted depends on how long we are not working. Policies cannot be modified quickly. We'll still stay focused and in contact.

**AMTA National**

We are in daily contact with AMTA National Offices as well. All 51 chapters are affected, as is every member. AMTA has bylaws and procedures in place to meet their requirements as a corporation. Be assured that those are being explored to see what can be done to make the process easier for all of us.

**Elections and Annual Meeting:**

Chapters are required to hold annual elections for various volunteer positions. There are specific dates and deadlines that must be met in a timely manner. In Michigan that process has begun and in the next week you'll see ballots in your inbox. Please take the two short minutes needed to respond so that we can continue working on your behalf.

An Annual Meeting is also required where we report the yearly progress and present the budget to members. That was to occur during our Spring Event, which was cancelled, and we are working with the National Office to find a way to present that information promptly.

**AMTA Dues:**

Many of you pay your membership dues on a monthly basis. We ask those members who are still able to pay to consider doing so. This will enable AMTA to continue working on behalf of all of us during this crisis, especially for those who are less fortunate. However, if you are unable to pay, effective immediately AMTA will not cancel memberships for non-payment through at least May 31, 2020. If that date is extended, we will let you know.

AMTA is a community and you are AMTA. We rally behind and support each other. Your Michigan chapter volunteers will continue to do our best to provide information and support during these rough times.

***When you can't do what you do, you do what you can.***