

Our Spring Conference and Annual Meeting were scheduled to begin this morning. We miss you. We missed welcoming you to our event, learning together, working with our hands and sharing meals, laughing together and meeting new friends.

All of that is stopped for now. We've been sharing updates on our pages about the impact of COVID-19 and we've heard from so many of you about the frustration of not knowing when we'll work again and how our workplaces will look. As of today, there are suggestions from many yet still no guidelines appropriate for those of us living and working in Michigan. There are thousands out of work which makes filing for unemployment still an issue for many of you.

The mission of AMTA is to serve members while advancing the art, science and practice of massage therapy. As a member-driven organization, we are a community, and a family. The volunteers in our chapter continue to provide updates and not speculation. Despite the uncertainty, we will get through this together. No matter what we hear, we do have hope that we'll be together. The diversity of our members and our skills makes us richer.

In the next month we'll send out an email once we have the date of our Virtual Annual Meeting set. The dress code will be anything you want, and although we won't be actually sharing a lunch, we encourage you to have a selection of goodies and your favorite beverage nearby. You'll need to create your own swag bags from the collection of massage goodies you have stored up.

And when the time is right, we'll see you in person. You chose a profession that lets you bring touch, warmth and kindness to others. Remember that you are your best client and you deserve those things, too.

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