



Spring
2020

In Touch - Arizona Chapter Newsletter

National AMTA

AMTA-AZ

Annual Meeting April 4th, 2020

Elections and Chapter Updates

We will be having our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 4th from 12:15 pm-1:45 pm.

The board positions up for election this year are: President, Secretary, and Board Member.

The delegate elected at this meeting will be attending the Assembly of Delegates meetings at the 2020 National Convention in Phoenix and the 2021 National Convention in Tampa, FL.

Details on requirements for applying for these positions are below.



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Upcoming Events

Shoulder Impingement Assessment and Rehabilitation 6 hours

**Saturday, April 4, 8:30-11:30 am &
2:00-5:00 pm**

This workshop will address repetitive motion, myofascial pain and dysfunction, and muscles involved with shoulder pain, more specifically, Shoulder Girdle Impingement Syndrome.

[Register Here](#)

AMTA-Arizona Chapter Annual Meeting

**Saturday, April 4th
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**

Join us, learn about your Chapter, take part in the Chapter elections, and

President's Letter

Connie Griffith, President

I hope to see you at the Annual Membership meeting and workshop in Tucson in April. Cynthia Ribiero will be presenting two workshops over the 2 days and the Annual meeting will be held at lunch on Saturday.



The National Convention is returning to Phoenix August 27-29. Information will be on the website as soon as possible so that we all can make plans to get plenty of CE's. We are also planning a get together for Arizona Chapter members. When those plans are finalized, we will sent out an announcement.

AMTA-Arizona Chapter Call for Candidates

network with other massage therapists.

The Role of the SI Joint in Low Back Pain
6 hours

Sunday, April 5, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Lunch included

The SI joint has long been the subject of many studies and debate in the medical field. A very stable joint and the base of the spine, the SI joint is a crucial component to low back pain. In this workshop, we will discuss the importance of not only the joint itself, but the many strong structures surrounding the joint that lend to its stability.

[Register Here](#)

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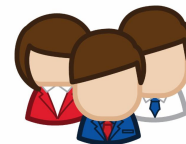
Secretary

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2020 Elections

Held at the Annual Meeting
April 4, 2020 12-1:30 pm
Embassy Suites, Tucson



Apply by March 30, 2020

AMTA-Arizona Chapter wants YOU to be part of the team!

Consider running or encouraging another AMTA Member to run for one of AMTA-Arizona Chapter's open volunteer positions!

To apply:

[Click to download and complete the Candidate Application.](#)

Email completed form to:

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Open Positions & Position Descriptions

Please click on the position title to view the entire description

Board Member 2-year term (2020-2022) Eligibility:

* Professional Member in good standing for at least 1 year

President 2-year term (2020-2022) Eligibility:

* Professional Member in good standing for at least 1 year and at least one of the following:

- Completed one term year as a chapter board member within the last three years AND/OR

- Completed one term year as a chapter committee chair or member, within the last two years AND/OR

- Completed one term year as a national board member, national standing committee chair or national standing committee member within the last two years.

Delegate 2-year term (2020-2022) Eligibility:

* Professional Member in good standing for at least 1 year

Candidates will be asked to confirm they are/have:

- Professional Member (includes Graduate Member) in good standing & have fulfilled other eligibility requirements
- [Signed the Chapter Volunteer \(and/or Delegate\) Code of Conduct](#)
- Access to computer, phone & internet
- Able to commit for the entire term of office
- Willing and able to commit the time required
- Able to travel for volunteer activities if required
- Read the position description for the position for which they are applying

[Download and complete the application](#)

Election and installation of newly-elected volunteers will take place at

AMTA-Arizona Chapter Annual Meeting

April 4, 2020 12 pm - 1:30 pm

Embassy Suites, Tucson

Law and Legislation Update

by Tee Wills and Garnet Adair

State Board of Massage Therapy
meeting on 1/31/2020



The State Board of Massage Therapy meeting in Phoenix began with a presentation by three representatives from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB). The presenters were: Deborah Persinger, FSMTB Executive Director; Tom Ryan, FSMTB Director and; Laura Haynes, FSMTB Director of Government Relations. This presentation lasted 90 minutes. The topic of the presentation was on the FSMTB National Human Trafficking Report and how the industry of massage is being used as a

gateway to human trafficking. Each person in attendance (about 40 there to observe the meeting) received a copy of this multi-paged report.

In attendance for the presentation as well as the State Board meeting was the Chair of the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC); Christine Hooper, AMTA National Government Relations Program Manager, and Laura Embleton, ABMP Government Program Director.

Also in attendance were two newspaper journalists, one from the Arizona Capital Times and the other from the Arizona Republic. Please note the following comment which became available after the meeting by one of the journalists.

Eight of the ten people on the agenda for today's Board meeting were Chinese women and from the information presented to the Board, it was apparent (to those in attendance to observe the meeting) that these women were involved in the industry of human trafficking.

After the Board meeting our lobbyist, Greg Harris, was able to meet with Tee and me to give us an update regarding two new Legislative Bills that involve massage therapy; SB1274 and HB2740.

SB1274 is about changing the count of professional and public members on numerous regulating Boards. Currently the majority of Board members are professionals in their industry and the minority of Board members are public members. This Bill (if passed) will flip the count so that the majority of Board members will represent the public and the minority will represent their profession.

HB 2740 is about consolidating the following individual Boards into one Board; Cosmetology, Barber and Massage Therapy. It would be the State Board of Cosmetology and Wellness.

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