



Chapter Advancement Initiative Training 2019

On Thursday, September 26, 2019,

AMTA SD Chapter Volunteers Patricia Bleeker, Jennine Dolphus, Norma Kocanda, Dawn Menning, Amber Rasmussen, Valerie Rowen, Heather Vetter and Arden Yee attended an all-day Chapter Advancement Initiative Training in Sioux Falls, SD in conjunction with the amta SD Fall conference.



Pictured are AMTA National trainers

This educational, informational and inspiring training was sponsored by the AMTA National Organization as an experience to assist the AMTA SD Chapter Board Members and Chair people (aka Chapter Volunteers) in doing the best job possible in our volunteer roles, while delivering the best services that we can to the chapter members.

This educational event updated us on national policy and by-laws, as well as assisting us to define and refine the roles and responsibilities of our chapter, as well as our individual roles and responsibilities as chapter volunteers within the chapter and national structures. We gained insights as to where our chapter members think we are doing well and where we need to improve. We took all these findings and created a plan of action or a "playbook" which we will use to continue to forge ahead and be the best chapter we can be.

We had a full day of fun, adventure, revelation and learning together with the guidance and expertise of our fearless facilitators, Chris Voltarel and Andrew Smith of the Chapter Advancement Team, AMTA National Volunteer Development and Chapter Programs. We are eager to have Chris and Andrew back to SD in 2020 for an Updated Chapter Advancement Initiative Training Day.

I had the opportunity to receive chapter training prior to the fall conference. Andrew and Chris came in from the AMTA National Office

to take a deep dive into our roles and responsibilities as an AMTA Chapter Board Member and/or Volunteer. We aligned our Chapter Efforts with our Chapter Priorities and come to find out our Board is making wonderful strides forward with how we are expanding and developing into our ever-changing world. This was such a great eye opener and learning experience!!

~ Amber Rasmussen

"During the month of September, as A&N chair, I attended my first training (as a chapter volunteer) in Sioux Falls, SD. The presenters (from AMTA National), were knowledgeable and the materials were presented in a clear and concise manner. The training was very informative (and helped me) to understand how the chapter roles interact with national roles. Also, it was beneficial to receive training regarding navigating the AMTA Hub."

~ Norma Kocanda

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FUN AT FALL CONFERENCE

With educator Doug Nelson



CHAPTER COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CORNER



We send our heartfelt condolences to the following fellow members :

Lynda Lanners with the passing of her husband.

Arden Yee on the passing of his father in law.

Rhonda Rittenour on the passing of her husband.

If you would like to submit anything to the community corner, please email am-tasd.benv@gmail.com.

As always we hope to find all our members in good health and great spirits this time of year and wish you the best this holiday season!

2019 WINTER NEWSLETTER - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Autumn teaches us that change can be beautiful: ~ Heather A. Stillufsen

This beautiful quote seems to ring true with me, at least in the past several years of my life. I absolutely love fall! Maybe it is because it is the season of the anniversary of my birth, or maybe it is due to the many changes that fall presents? Or maybe it is the change of seasons, the brief transition we experience in the Cycle of Life that brings to us the regeneration of spring? It is probably a beautiful combination of it all. There is one common theme I have realized, and that is CHANGE.

I am currently in the "autumn" of my career as your chapter president, as my term as AMTA SD Chapter President will expire at the AMTA SD Annual Meeting April 24, 2020. I have very much enjoyed representing the massage professionals, the AMTA SD Members and the AMTA SD Chapter since April of 2016. Together we have progressed into the future. Together WE have made changes, adopted new ideas and new ways of doing things, even though this may be uncomfortable for some, this is a very exciting time for the future of the AMTA SD Chapter! As we continue to grow in members, we also grow in diversity of new ideas, new volunteers and new directions of growth! This is done with the greatest and highest good of the AMTA SD Chapter member and the chapter body in mind. As the president of the governing board of the AMTA of South Dakota, I can confidently say that your chapter volunteers have based their decision making based on the best interest of doing the most good, for the most members, always. I feel that the quote, by Walt Disney, states

our intentions and approach, as a volunteer board, the best...

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we are curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths" ~ Walt Disney

I hope that you will join us in the curiosity and adventure of continuing to grow individually, as a chapter member, as well as together as a chapter, while moving confidently forward into the next season with the next generation of AMTA SD members in our state, region and nation. What an exciting time for us all!

There are many ways in which you can support your local amta SD Chapter grow. One of the best ways is to become a chapter volunteer and grow along with us! If you are curious and not sure whether or not becoming an elected or appointed volunteer is not your thing, you are always welcome to volunteer your time at chapter events, such as conferences, the Annual Meeting, etc. or you can simply attend a chapter board meeting.

Amta SD Chapter Board Meetings are open to all AMTA SD Members to attend. It is in these meetings that we discuss decisions that affect the members, such as providing the best education opportunities we can and strategizing ideas and concepts for events, deliverables and outcomes that benefit the members to our best ability, such as continuing education and annual membership meetings. We also discuss changes in amta National policy and by-laws that affect the members and the way the chapter operates. You will be able to see first-hand that as a group of volunteers, we are always striving to do the best we can, while providing the best opportunities for the best member experience that we can for the growth, education and betterment of the amta SD Chapter and its members. We are an inclusive group and we are open to dis-

cussions, new faces and new ideas. We invite you, as well as encourage you to join us for a chapter board meeting and see what we do. Maybe you'll decide that you would like to join us in the continuing journey as an amta SD Chapter Volunteer?

We are looking for dedicated professional amta SD members to join the amta SD Chapter Volunteer Team. If you are interested, check out the article by Norma Kocanda, Awards & Nominations chair, We would love to have you as part of the team!

In closing I would like to share another thought regarding the subject of change. The following quote is like the relationship that I have developed with the idea and the actuality of change. I hope that it will inspire you as it does me.

"The only way to make sense of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." – Alan Watts

Respectfully yours,



Dawn Menning

AMTA SD Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT WINTER 2019

Membership Chair Update:

I am so excited to announce that we have once again been asked back to participate in a student trade day on November 19th with the South Dakota School of Massage Therapy in Sioux Falls. This will be our 3rd visit with the school. For those of you who are not aware of what these visits entail let me tell you! amta SD members travel to the school to meet with the current students. Members and students trade 1-hour massages then have about 30 minutes for questions, answers, and information on the benefits of our chapter. We are grateful to have established a positive relationship with this school and hope to continue two visits per year. My goal for 2020 is to add another South Dakota massage school to our list! If you are interested in participating in future visits, please reach out to me via phone or email. – Heather, amta SD Membership Chair

Membership Anniversaries:

New Members:

Ashley Colbert – Sturgis
 Christina Hammer – Sioux Falls
 Alex Hauffe – Brookings
 Laura Hill – Rapid City
 Heather Froderman – Sioux Falls
 Renee Hogan – Deadwod
 Mary Johnson – Bristol
 Kimberly Kluth – Mitchell
 Elicia Kortus – Sioux Falls
 Shannon Parham – Rapid City
 Heather Ramsay – Hot Springs
 Chelsea Butler – Sioux Falls
 Jessica Bronemann – Pierre
 Sherry Bosco – Madison
 Jennifer Jackson – Mitchell
 Cynthia Bellantino – Spearfish
 Marta Diaz – North Sioux City
 Melissa Allinson – Rapid City
 Brenda Smith – Sioux Falls
 Carrie Semich – Rapid City
 Jenny Tjeerdsman – Sioux Falls
 Michael Turgeon – Rapid City
 Carolann Runcik – Rapid City
 Madolyn Willging – Sioux Falls

5 Years:

Norma Kocanda – Summerset
 Briana Kroeger – Mitchell
 Kelli Olson – Pierre
 Dianne Solberg – Chamberlain
 Kristen Timmermans - Aberdeen
 Emily VanGenderen – Harrison

10 Years:

Julie Elliott – Mina
 Stacy Sprengeler – Aberdeen

15 Years:

Deanna Wiarda – Brandon
 Debra Young – Dupree

25 Years:

Patricia Bleeker – Mitchell
 Janeen Walker – Sturgis



“THE SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER SHALL HOLD ONLINE ELECTIONS IN AC- CORDANCE WITH AMTA BYLAWS AND POLICY.”

On Friday, September 27, 2019 at the AMTA SD Chapter Membership Meeting in Sioux Falls, in conjunction with the AMTA SD Fall Conference, members met to discuss and vote on a standing rule regarding the way our chapter holds elections. The topic at hand was moving from in-person elections to online elections for the AMTA SD Chapter. After thought provoking discussion, the voting members in attendance, exercised their rights and voted for adopting our very first standing rule. This exciting change will happen with the 2020 AMTA SD Elections this spring!

Spring 2020 we will be voting for President, Voting Board Member and Financial Administrator. The process will begin with interested members submitting a candidate application and photo to the Online Elections Coordinator, who will collect all applications, etc... and send them in to a third-party balloting company who will send out the ballots to all *323 members. This company will then collect and tally the ballots and let us know who the winners are. The newly elected volunteers will then be “sworn in” at the AMTA SD Annual Membership Meeting in April, as we have in the past. Some of you may be wondering who this company is? While the name of the company escapes me, this company is same company and voting process that we are already utilizing when we vote for the AMTA National Board of Directors. It is an easy process and it will enable almost all of our members more accessibility to vote.

The first thing that the chapter needs to attain: a member who is interested in volunteering for the Online Elections Coordinator position. (see job description attached). If you are interested in learning more, please contact chapter president, Dawn Menning at amtasd.pres@gmail.com. Once we have our coordinator appointed, we will begin to accept candidate applications. Keep on the look out for more information on elections and the chapter annual meeting on our Chapter Website and Facebook Page and Group as well as in the spring edition of the newsletter,

AMTA Position Description

Online election coordinator

Purpose

Online election coordinator works with the online election vendor, chapter board and candidates to oversee the candidacy and online election process in accordance with the procedural documents pertaining to online ballot elections.

Eligibility

Must be a Professional Member in good standing.

Must sign the appropriate AMTA Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Agrees to uphold and abide by National AMTA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policy, Code of Conduct, Rules of Engagement, and Position Description.

Cannot be a member of the chapter board of directors.

Cannot be a candidate for elected office (chapter board, delegate or alternate).

Authority

Online election coordinator is given authority through chapter board election (appointment) to the position.

Accountability

Online election coordinator is accountable to the chapter board through regular reporting of their activities.

Term of Office

Term shall begin upon election by chapter board and conclude after online elections are complete and election winners are announced.

Responsibilities

1. Plan, facilitate and conduct a fair online elections process
2. Conduct candidate search for all open positions
3. Contact and work with online election vendor
4. Work with chapter board to customize candidate applications/online template
5. Create communications – reminders, call for candidates, election timeframes
6. Publish nomination/election timeline and call for candidates (website, social media, newsletter)
7. Collect applications and verify candidate eligibility
8. Post bios on election site
9. Send approved applications to online vendor
10. Obtain election results from vendor
11. Contact candidates with results (optional)
12. Announce winners at chapter annual meeting (optional, may be announced by chapter president)
13. Prepare communication to post results (website, social media, newsletter)

Time Commitment

The time commitment is approximately 90 days and averages 3-5 hours per week during the time preparing for and completing the online election process.

Vacancy and Succession

In the event of a vacancy, the chapter board shall elect (appoint) a new online election coordinator.

Removal from Office

Online election coordinator may be removed from office for failure to:

1. Fulfill his/her duties and responsibilities (dereliction of duties)
 2. Abide by the National AMTA Bylaws, Policy, Position Description, Chapter Volunteer Code of Conduct, Chapter Standing Rules, Financial Policies and Procedures.
 3. Keep AMTA membership dues current.

Removal shall occur upon recommendation from a chapter board member with a two-thirds vote of the entire chapter board.

AMTA SD Chapter Calendar of Events 2020

Deadline for awards nominations March 1, 2020

April 22-23, 2020 - amta SD Fall Conference

Craniosacral Level 1 - Wahneta Dimmer -

Huron Event Center - Huron, SD

April 23, 2020 - amta SD Chapter Board Meeting

- HEC - Huron 6pm

April 24-25, 2020 - amta SD Fall Conference -

Craniosacral Level 2 - Wahneta Dimmer

- HEC - Huron, SD

April 24, 2020 - amta SD Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet

- HEC - Huron, SD

June 2020 -

National and Chapter Leadership Training and Sessions - TBA

June 27, 2020

- amta SD Chapter Volunteers Team Building Event - Rapid City, SD

August 27-29, 2020 -

77th amta National Convention - Phoenix, AZ

October 1, 2020 - amta SD Chapter Board Meeting

Hampton Inn- Rapid City, SD

October 2-3, 2020 - amta SD Fall Conference -

Thai Table Massage - Jeanne Coleman

Hampton Inn, Rapid City, SD