

**AMTA-WI Chapter Meeting
August 23, 2008
Wisconsin Dells, WI – Chula Vista Resort**

Meeting called to order at 12:42pm by Amy Remillard.

Board Members and Committee Chairs present: Amy Remillard (President), Kay Peterson (1st VP/Newsletter Editor), Ellen Wittwer (2nd VP/Awards), Sara Smiley-Robbins (3rd VP/Membership), AnnMarie Kolb (Secretary), Shane Granzow (Treasurer), Betsy Krizenesky (Immediate Past President/ Law & Legislation Chair), Amy Appel, Jennifer Morgan and Mary McCluskey (Education Committee), Lynn Kutz (Display Unit).

Determine a Quorum: the minimum number of professional members that must be present for business to be transacted. The AMTA-WI Chapter defines this as 50% of the professional members present when the meeting is called to order. Total 47 professionals present; 50% is 24 members.

Board/Committee Reports

Approval of minutes. **MOTION:** Sandy Tamel moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2008 meeting. Jean Nygren seconded. All approved.

Guest Speaker: AMTA-WI Chapter Legislative Consultant, Attorney Tony Driessen, from Quarels & Brady, reported on our progress on the upcoming massage licensing bill proposal. The coalition has gone through the laws from 48 other states to come up with our proposal. He *urges* us to connect with our legislators between now and the November 4 elections with offers to help. Betsy Krizenesky provided everyone with blaze orange handouts of state legislator contact information and simple election activities we can help our legislators with.

President: Amy Remillard introduced herself to the members attending the meeting. She then reported that Shane Granzow, Sara Smiley-Robbins and herself attended Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program sponsored by AMTA National in July in Evanston , IL.

Amy reported that the AMTA National Convention in Phoenix, AZ is September 17 – 20, 2008. Betsy Krizenesky will be going in her place and is organizing a dinner for the delegates and any other Wisconsin attendees.

Amy also reported that the AMTA National Massage Therapy Awareness Week is October 19 – 25, 2008. She encouraged the AMTA-WI members to offer something in their area to promote massage therapy.

1st VP/ Newsletter: Kay Peterson introduced herself to the membership, then reported there were extra newsletters mailed for the July issue to all Massage Therapists outside of

the AMTA who are WCMTs, this additional printing and mailing cost is charged to the L&L committee due to the L&L work being the reason for the increased mailing.

The deadline for the October issue is August 31, please send your submissions to Kay Peterson, she will forward them to Mike Rude.

2nd VP/Awards: Ellen Wittwer introduced herself. She then handed out Chapter awards. Those who have been members for more than 25 years received a recycled shopping bag with the AMTA-WI Logo on it. She presented the Chapter and National awards. Mike Rude received the Newsletter Award. Lynn Kutz received the WI-Chapter Meritorious Award and Betsy Krizenesky received the Government Relations Activist award. Lynn Kutz and the 25-year members will be recognized at the National Convention in September. Ellen handed out some AMTA-WI pins to the delegates, to hand out at the Convention. She also presented the “Design a Pin” Contest. Ellen also handed out some fun awards to random members.

3rd VP/Membership: Sara Smiley-Robbins reported that we have 1,716 total members as of August 1, 2008. There are 1,518 Professional members, 12 Schools, 184 Student members and 2 Supporting members.

Treasurer: Shane Granzow reported on our calendar year profit and loss sheet. We currently have \$77,366.11 in checking, our L & L CD has \$94,604.44, the Raymond James Account has \$17,361.58 and the 10 day CD has \$12,704.44.

Immediate Past President/Law & Legislation: Betsy Krizenesky introduced herself and thanked Tony Driessen for coming from Milwaukee for our meeting. Betsy reported that the July newsletter will have the official draft of the proposed bill. You will find it on our website www.amtawi.org as well.

Betsy Krizenesky reported that as of March 1, 2009 all Wisconsin Certified Massage Therapists must have a current AED card in order to renew their state licenses. Detailed information will be in the October newsletter and on the website.

Committee Chairs:

Jennifer Morgan, Mary McCluskey and Amy Appel introduced themselves to the membership. They reported that they have been working on presenters for the February 21 – 23, 2009 Education Conference at the Country Springs in Waukesha, WI.

Discussion and Votes on the House of Delegates Recommendations

Amy Remillard introduced the 2008 Delegates to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, September 17-20, 2008: Carol Birkett, PJ Mattson, Ann Sinisi and Lynee Schmidt were present. Shane Granzow will not be attending, due to an emergency surgery, Erin Witthun was introduced as the alternate who will take his place.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

MOTION: Dick Klaesing moved to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Tamel seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm by Amy Remillard.

After the meeting was adjourned door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted by AnnMarie Kolb, Secretary.