

**AMTA-WI Chapter Meeting  
September 13, 2009  
LaCrosse, WI – LaCrosse Center**

Meeting called to order at 12:17pm by Amy Remillard.

Board Members and Committee Chairs present: Amy Remillard (President), Kay Peterson (1st VP/Newsletter Editor), Ellen Wittwer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Awards), Erin Witthun (3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Outreach Chair), Ann Marie Kolb (Secretary), Betsy Krizenesky (Immediate Past President/ Law & Legislation Chair), Amy Appel and Mya Rowe, (Education Committee), Lynn Kutz (Display Unit Chair), .

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** Jean Nygren moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2009. Karen Streif moved to second. All approved.

**Roll Call of Board of Directors**

**Officer Reports**

**President:** Amy Remillard reported that AMTA National sent membership.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP/Newsletter:** Kay Peterson reported that the newsletter is going to the printer this week. She asked for volunteers to write articles about classes from this conference. Laura Haberstroh volunteered to write an article on the Thai Massage Class. Sam Licht volunteered to write an article on the Observation class.

Kay also reported on the winner of the Education Scholarship. She encouraged more members to submit articles for upcoming conferences.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Awards:** Ellen Wittwer reported that the Board is trying to be more accessible at the Education Conferences. We are wearing our tie dyed shirts today!

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Outreach:** Erin Witthun introduced herself to the chapter. She explained what her Committee will be looking for and doing in the future. She reported that she organized her first event at the Wausau at the Relay for Life.

**Secretary:** AnnMarie Kolb reported that we are trying to organize the February Elections by getting nominations now.

**Immediate Past President/Law & Legislation:** Betsy Krizenesky reported on the status of our massage licensing bill. She encouraged all of us to contact our Legislators by phone, email, fax or mail. She reported that many legislators don't know how to vote on bills because they don't hear from Constituents. Betsy is looking for volunteers to come to the Capitol to meet with legislators on Tuesday, October 27 for National Massage Awareness week.

**Education Committee:** Amy Appel reported that the next AMTA-WI Education Conference will be on February 22 -24, 2010 in Madison, WI. Doug Nelson and Claire Marie Miller will be doing 3 day classes. Kathy Ginn will be presenting an ethics course and a business course. First Aid and CPR classes will also be offered. The registration form will be in the next Connecting Hands.

**Display Board Chair:** Lynn Kutz reported that the display unit is available to borrow. She reported that the unit is old and we are looking at new options to replace it. She also encouraged the membership to join the Yahoo! Group to connect with other therapists, find roommates at Conferences and post photos.

**Newsletter:** Mike Rude reported that we would like to find a massage therapist who designs websites, or massage savvy person who can do the site with us.

**House of Delegates:** The following House of Delegates will be at the AMTA National Convention September 23 – 26, 2009 in Orlando, FL: Mike Rude, Robin Brauner, Ken Ring and AnnMarie Kolb. Mike Rude and Robin Brauner presented the 2 recommendations that will be voted on at the House of Delegate meeting on September 24, 2009. Membership voted that the Delegates vote yes on the recommendation to hire a representative to visit schools. Membership voted that the Delegates vote yes on the second recommendation.

**Awards:** Ellen Wittwer gave out the Chapter Meritorious Award to Amy Appel. She also gave out the Humanitarian Award to Amy Remillard. Both of these members were nominated for the same award at the National level. Ellen mentioned that these ladies were nominated by the Chapter members, not the Board of Directors. Ellen also handed out chapter member awards for 25 – 30 years in the organization. The only member in attendance was Jean Nygren.

**MOTION:** Ken Ring moved to adjourn the meeting. Mya Rowe seconded. All approved.

Amy Remillard adjourned the meeting at 1:19pm.

Door Prizes were awarded by the Education Committee.

Respectfully submitted by AnnMarie Kolb, Secretary