

**AMTA-WI Chapter Meeting
February 22, 2009
Waukesha, WI – Country Springs Inn**

Meeting called to order at 12:35pm by Amy Remillard.

Board Members and Committee Chairs present: Amy Remillard (President), Kay Peterson (1st VP/Newsletter Editor), Ellen Wittwer (2nd VP/Awards), Ann Marie Kolb (Secretary), Betsy Krizenesky (Immediate Past President/ Law & Legislation Chair), Amy Appel, (Education Chair), Lynn Kutz (Display Unit Chair), Dorothy Sack (Scholarship Chair).

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 58 professionals present; 50% is 30 members.

Approval of minutes. **MOTION:** Karen White moved to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2008 meeting. Dick Klaesing seconded. All approved.

Board/Committee Reports

President: Amy Remillard thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. She also thanked Amy Appel for all the work she did to get this Education Conference.

1st VP/ Newsletter: Kay Peterson reported the deadline for the April/Spring issue is February 28, 2009. Please send your submissions to Kay Peterson and Mike Rude. Several members volunteered to write reviews of the weekend's classes for the Spring issue.

2nd VP/Awards: Ellen Wittwer asked for nominations for the Meritorious Award and Humanitarian Award, slips of paper were given to the members to get names. She reported that she has received one design idea for the pin competition.

3rd VP/Membership: Ann Marie Kolb reported for Sara Smiley-Robbins that we have 1,764 total members as of February 2, 2009. There are 1,564 Professional members, 13 Schools, 184 Student members and 3 Supporting members.

Immediate Past President/Law & Legislation: Betsy Krizenesky handed out information on legislators and a sign up sheet to contact legislators. She reported that we will hear about our bill soon. We are looking for a lead author. Betsy asked everyone to call their state legislator and ask that they support the massage therapy and bodyworker proposal. Legislators NEED to hear from us, the constituents. At this time we just need people to call, down the road we will need to send letters.

Betsy Krizeneksky 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:

Amy Appel reported that we had a total of 156 people registered for the conference this weekend. She have been working on presenters for the September 12-13, 2009 Education Conference in LaCrosse, WI.

Lynn Kutz reported that the display unit is always available to use by all the members.

Dorothy Sack asked that Scholarship will be for the September conference in LaCrosse. Details on this year's topic for the essay will be printed in the April issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Elections were held for 1st and 3rd Vice President and Secretary. Lynn Kutz ran the elections. John McMahon, Peter Georgson and Dorothy Sack volunteered to count the ballots.

1st VP Nominations: Kay Peterson was nominated and accepted the nomination. Erin Witthun was nominated and accepted the nomination. Kay Peterson was elected to 1st VP for a 2 year term.

Ellen Wittwer gave Mike Rude his Newsletter Editor Award. Some door prizes were handed out.

3rd VP Nominations: Amy Appel was nominated and accepted the nomination. Erin Witthun was nominated and accepted the nomination. There was a tie. The Board of Directors decided to have a recount of Professional Members. We have 64 members with a 50% of 32 members needed to vote. Both nominees spoke to the group and we held a revote. Erin Witthun is our new 3rd Vice President.

Secretary Nominations: Due to a National AMTA by-law change, this position is a one year nomination and will be elected again next year. AnnMarie Kolb was nominated and accepted. AnnMarie Kolb is our secretary, winning uncontested.

2010 House of Delegate Nominations: This is for the convention in Minneapolis in September 2010. The following were nominated and accepted: Cynthia Licht, Karen White, Amy Appel, Mya Rowe, Alisha Mell, Ellen Wittwer, Emily Ilg, Barb Mitchell, and Erin Witthun. The following members will represent AMTA-WI at the 2010 National Convention: Cynthia Licht, Amy Appel, Mya Rowe, Barb Mitchell and Emily Ilg. Alternates: Alishia Mell, Karen White, Erin Witthun, Ellen Wittwer.

Approval of the Budget: Amy Remillard directed the members to look at page 35 in the Connecting Hands Newsletter for the proposed budget.

MOTION: Mike Rude moved to approve the proposed budget as printed in the Winter Connecting Hands Newsletter. Alan Weld seconded. All approved.

MOTION: Peter Georgson moved to adjourn the meeting. John McMahon seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm by Amy Remillard.

Respectfully submitted by AnnMarie Kolb, Secretary.