

1 - Recommendation to the 2008 House of Delegates
Regarding Agendas be Distributed to Chapter Representatives
Submitted by AMTA Indiana Chapter

Whereas, Chapters of the American Massage Therapy Association, strive to be in step with national changes and align Chapters' standing rules, strategic plan, policies, Chapter Board of Directors action and Chapter activities with the Association for the betterment of the member experience, and

Whereas, Chapters correspond to the core values and operation of the Association, and

Whereas, with increased efficiency of the National Board of Directors at their meetings and less discussion taking place on agenda items during these meeting and more being done before meetings through email among the board members and select committee/workgroups, whether it be a face to face meeting or conference call board meeting, and

Whereas, attending National board meetings can be an opportunity to learn from our National Leaders as they work at their tasks, emulate their conduct and promote a mentoring experience to future national leaders, and

Whereas, Chapters have no opportunity to participate in these meetings, finding it difficult to follow what agenda items are regarding, or understand the actions of the National Board of Directors, and

Whereas, there is no guaranteed time or opportunity on the agenda for chapter representatives to address the assembled National Board of Directors in regards to Chapter concerns or issues during meetings to which they have been invited to attend at the expense of their Chapter, and

Whereas, the American Massage Therapy Association, being a membership driven organization of ethical professionals, with Chapters volunteers being the link to members, developing a feeling of loyalty and support to and for the Association, and

Whereas, Chapters send representatives to Board meetings, acting as ambassadors for thousands of members, and

Whereas, Chapter volunteers are required to sign a Statement of Commitment to the Code of Conduct as a volunteer for the American Massage Therapy Association, and agree to abide by the AMTA Chapter Volunteer's Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Practice and pledging to be faithful and honest to the association, and

Therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors that the delegated Chapter representatives will be provided a summary of agenda items and be granted an opportunity to openly address concerns and issues, in the discussion process, in whatever way the National Board of Directors deem reasonable, at every open meeting of the National Board of Directors.

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