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Effort to Repeal Massage Regulation

House Bill 1126-An Act to repeal the massage therapy licensing requirements and regulatory board, was introduced in the Legislature by Rep. Charles Hoffman of Eureka. An entity calling themselves South Dakota Massage Therapy Association retained a lobbyist to secure passage of this bill. If passed, massage licensure would cease to exist.

The AMTA-SD Chapter viewed this bill as a threat to our profession and the safety of all clients and opposed HB 1126. The Governor's office testified in favor of repeal.

AMTA members and other concerned therapists came to Pierre to voice opposition. Many others, including consumers from around the state, made email and phone contacts to urge a NO vote on this bill.

By the time the House considered the bill on Feb 5th, repeal was not favored. An amendment was offered by Rep. Hoffman to change the law from licensing to registering and reduce the educational requirement to 250 hours from a school or apprenticeship. The House rejected this amendment. Rep. Scott Munsterman, Brookings, offered an alternate amendment to the current statute. It would change the language that says the Board *may* issue a license to qualifying applicants to the board *shall* issue said license. That amendment passed and the bill, in its new form, will move to the Senate to be heard around mid February.

At this point, repeal of the current massage licensing law is essentially off the table.

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Website Info

Check out your SD Chapter website:
<http://www.amtasd.org>

Check out your National Association website:
<http://www.amtamassage.org>

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Editor's Note:

Refer to SDAMTA web site for additional officers and chairpersons.

Nominations Needed

Your Chapter is welcoming any nominations for this year's Annual Meeting elections.

Positions coming up are:

- ★ **Secretary**
- ★ **1st & 3rd Vice President**

Also taking nominations for:

- ★ **Distinguished Service Award**
- ★ **Certificate of Appreciation**
- ★ **Meritorious Award**

If you have nominations, please contact a Board Member or Sheldon Haas.

Board Position Job Descriptions

Position Title: Chapter Vice President (1st, 2nd or 3rd)

Purpose

The Chapter Vice President will assist the Chapter President in achieving Chapter goals and effecting policies and/or decisions made by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Eligibility

In addition to being a Professional member in good standing and signing the Chapter Volunteer Code of Conduct, she/he must meet one or more of the following requirements:

- Completed one term year as a Chapter Board member within the last three years.
- Completed one term year as a Chapter committee chair or member, within the last two years.
- Completed one term year as a National Standing Committee Chair or National Board member within the last two years

Position Title: Chapter Secretary

Purpose

The Chapter Secretary is the official keeper of the Chapter records and is responsible for maintaining and updating Chapter records during her/his term of office.

Eligibility

In addition to being a Professional member in good standing and signing the Chapter Volunteer Code of Conduct, she/he must meet the following requirement:

- Completed one year of AMTA membership.



AMTA SD Chapter Member Spotlight



NAME: Nicole Hooth

CITY: Milbank

FAMILY: Husband, Corey; 4 Children: Shea 13, Tori 11, Sebastian 5 ½, Tristan 2.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING MASSAGE?

8 ½ years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN AMTA MEMBER?

8 ½ years

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED/STARTED IN MASSAGE THERAPY?

Being able to help people feel better.

YOUR FAVORITE TECHNIQUE:

Use of hot stones.

YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE AS A THERAPIST:

Needing to slow down and try not to talk so much during the session.

YOUR BEST MEMORY OF BEING A MASSAGE THERAPIST:

Attending the SD AMTA conferences.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL NEW PEOPLE IN OUR FIELD?

Embrace new ideas and techniques.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Walking, spending time with my family.

ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE (Something nobody knows about you or would be surprised to know about you)?

I have a red 1967 Firebird convertible I like to cruise in.



Welcome New Members!

Toni Moriston..... Harrisburg
Virginia Nagelhout..... Wessington
Brandi Olson..... Lake Preston
Chad Alfson..... Sioux Falls
Lydia Berhane..... Sioux Falls
Candice Endelman..... Lennox
Gail Dell.....from IL to Custer
Mindy Peterson.....from IA to Sioux Falls

Online CEU Reporting

Submitting CEU hours to AMTA is easier than ever with online reporting. Dig out that membership card and log into www.amtamassage.org. You may log your CEUs as soon as you complete a conference or course and the web site will keep track for you. No more filling out the back of the renewal form!

You may also take online continuing education courses through the AMTA web site as well as find education opportunities.

Advertising Rates

Advertise in our newsletter and help your business grow!

	Member	Non-Member
Full Page	\$150	\$200
Half Page	\$75	\$100
Quarter Page	\$50	\$65
Business Card	\$20	\$30

Contact Grace Lonning at massagetherapy@nvc.net for more information



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Spring Convention April 26–27, 2013

AmericInn, Fort Pierre, South Dakota

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Registration Rates by April 15th:

AMTA Member (Member ID # _____)	\$130
Student in Massage School	\$50
Non-Members	\$160
At the Door	Add \$25

Registrations received by April 1st receive a \$10 discount.....

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: AMTA–SD

Send registration and fee to: **Val Rowen: 327 – S Fort St.; Pierre, SD 57501**

No confirmation letter will be sent

- 14 CEU Hours
- No Shows are non-refundable
- Credit Cards & 2-party checks are not accepted
- Tables, linens and oils are needed

Room Rates & Reservations

AmericInn
312 Island Drive
Fort Pierre, SD

605-223-2358

Room Rates: **\$89.99** plus tax

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26th, 2013 (Central Time)

8:00am - 9:00 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00am - 1:00pm	Mary Ellen Derwis
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Mary Ellen Derwis

Saturday, April 27st, 2013

8:00am - 12:00pm	Mary Ellen Derwis
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch/ Business Meeting
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Mary Ellen Derwis

Spring Convention Course Overview

Course Description – 14 CEU's

Looking to take your practice to the next level ~ **Chi Nei Tsang** will get you there!

Participants will be able to perform basic abdominal detox massage and discuss its relationship to overall wellness with their clients. We will concentrate on:

- Anatomy and Physiology of proper breath and its importance in healthy living
- Specific techniques to elicit client awareness
- Medical Chi Kung practice for practitioner and client
- Basic navel detox techniques

Spring Convention Instructor Bio

Mary Ellen Derwis-Balaz, Lmt.,
Cht., Cnt3



Mary Ellen Derwis-Balaz Lmt., Cht., Cnt3 is a Reiki Master, Licensed Massotherapist in Ohio and Hawaii, certified Hypnotherapist, Level 3/Assistant Teacher with the Chi Nei Tsang Institute and Certified Practitioner with the Universal Healing Tao.

Her immersion in the healing arts spans 2+ decades. She has traveled coast to coast and Hawaii to study with teachers of many disciplines in order to develop a cohesive healing system that supports many different paths to self healing.

She offers courses in several massage modalities and is a national Ncbtmb certified instructor (451057-09).

These include but are not limited to:

- Chi Nei Tsang Fundamentals 3 formats
 - Clinical Practice to support Chi Nei Tsang Fundamentals 3 formats
 - Self Massage for the practitioner based in Taoist practice
- Mary Ellen offers stress management programs in the corporate setting and for the individual:
- Taoist practice in meditation and breath
 - On site massage sessions


Also please visit her web page at www.beinthetao.com

SD Board of Massage Therapy Hires New Executive

There has been a change in management of the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy. Joyce Vos of Sioux Falls no longer serves as Executive Secretary of the Board. Attorney Jennifer Stalley is now the contact person for the Board. As of October, 2012, at the direction of the SDBMT, Jennifer and her staff have been receiving new license applications, sending renewal notices, answering questions and processing complaints when required.

You can contact the Jennifer and her staff with any questions regarding your state license:

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Got Back? NMT Essentials for the Back

June 15-16, 2013 - Sioux Falls, SD

Discussions include acute and chronic injury and trauma, musculoskeletal anatomy of the back, factors that directly cause or influence back pain, spinal dysfunction and degenerative pathologies, conditions, such as scoliosis, disk pathologies, and low back/pelvic pain

Earn 12 CE contact hours while gaining skills and insights. Demo and trades include NMT protocols for upper and lower back as well as the pelvic and gluteal regions. Those already trained in NMT protocols can practice alternative client positioning.



Paula Bergs, CNMT Instructor

Instructor details at www.nmtcenter.com/bio

Early tuition: \$295
Register by 5/17 to avoid \$50 late fee.

National American University, Sponsor

Register online - www.NMTCenter.com

More info? Call Laura Woitte - (605) 336-4696

Register now to reserve your seat.



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Calendar of Events

AMTA-SD Spring Convention/Business Meeting

April 26-27, 2013
AmericInn
312 Island Drive
Fort Pierre, SD 57532

AMTA-SD Fall Convention
September 13-15, 2013
Ramkota Convention Center
Watertown, SD

AMTA-SD Spring Convention/Business Meeting

April 25-26, 2014
Pierre. SD area

Deadline for article submission for the summer newsletter is June 30, 2013. Please E-mail articles, news and any questions to:
massagetherapy@nvc.net

National Conventions

AMTA 2013 Schools Summit

February 7-8, 2013
Chicago, IL

Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program (CVOP)

July TBA, 2013
Evanston, Illinois

AMTA 2013 National Convention

September 25-28, 2013
Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

National Massage Therapy Awareness Week

October 20-26, 2013

AMTA 2014 National Convention

September 17-20, 2014
Colorado Convention Center
700 14th Street
Denver, CO 80202