

Since 1989, I have attended every AMTA National Convention. I look forward to the Convention every year for several reasons; the most important reason would be that I have made friends from all over the world and in all walks of life. Together, we share experiences, strength, and hope within our profession of Massage Therapy. The training sessions and discussions are not only helpful in my professional life, but it also helps me in my day-to-day routine. During the sessions, we learn different communication skills, how to handle difficult situations and conduct productive meetings, and how to work with our government to protect our profession.

At the Convention, you have an opportunity to meet remarkable keynote speakers and the finest LMT instructors for continuing education with a variety of modalities to add to your treatments. In 2015, I had the privilege of meeting, an astounding speaker and motivator, Scott Hamilton. This year the Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and we will meet Robin Roberts. If you have never attended the Delegates Session you are really missing out on the importance of position statements and how they can affect our profession. There are a lot of options of sessions during the Convention that it can also be quite overwhelming. There are many opportunities to socialize, see tourist attractions, and participate in the Dinner Dance on Saturday night. In spite the fact that, we are a licensed state, there are continuing issues occurring in several countries. We are in the process of changing some terminology in our laws. Our President, Laurie Pratt, and our Chairwoman, Judy Lafave, have been in constant contact with our lobbyist and legislative attorney defusing the issues in those countries. As the liaison of Governments Relations for our Chapter, I deeply encourage everyone to get involved. Please go to our website for updates and

happenings. We need you; our Chapter and State needs you! Make your reservations today for 2016 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Check out our GA Chapter Website for happenings in Georgia.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2nd VP. Vivian Davis LMT