

## **AMTA 2015 Position Statement Proposals and Recommendations**

**\*\*Your Comments Are Needed\*\***

***"The ear of a leader must ring the voices of the people."***

***- Woodrow T. Wilson - American 28th President***

### **YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!!**

The function of a Delegate is to represent members on the AMTA National Floor of the House of Delegates Meeting (HOD). Each year members are encouraged to formally propose position statements and recommendations. The Delegates will have the opportunity at the House of Delegates to represent the support and concerns of you, our members and work with other state delegates to vote in favor or against a proposed position statement.

The AMTA Position Statement Proposals and Recommendations for 2015 have been sent to our AMTA-KY Delegates and are now available online for your review at [amtamassage.org](http://amtamassage.org). All members are encouraged to read and submit their comments on these proposals via email or at our

Summer Business Meeting being held on Saturday, July 26, 2015 at General Butler State Park in Carrolton, Kentucky .

After your comments are heard, the members will vote. Then in August 2015, Delegates Collette Wilson and Cathryn Forester will cast your vote at the House of Delegates meeting, held during the AMTA National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. The Position Statements approved by the House of Delegates at the HOD meeting will immediately become official views of the association. Recommendations approved by the House of Delegates will then be referred to the National Board of Directors to be considered as official components of the AMTA National By-laws and/or Policies.

**Considerations: Questions you should consider while making your decision on the vote.**

- Is research flawed, invalid or insufficient to support the statement?**
- Do you agree or disagree with the position statement?**
- Is the proposed statement appropriate for AMTA to make?**

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### **POSITION STATEMENT PROPOSAL ON PORTABILITY**

Position Statement; It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that regulations, in statute and/or rules, should provide options for portability of credentials, which can be used to help meet the licensing, certification, or registration requirements of massage therapists across the United States.

### **POSITION STATEMENT PROPOSAL ON THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE FOR BURN SCARS**

Position Statement; It is the position of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) that massage therapy may assist in the rehabilitation of burn scars.

## **2015 AMTA Recommendations**

Annually, AMTA members have the opportunity to develop recommendations on AMTA National By-laws or policy. This input is just one of the many ways AMTA's initiatives are informed directly by its members.

### **Indiana Recommendation; Human Trafficking**

Recommend to National Board of Directors that a work group or operational committee be established to research and recommend a plan that the American Massage Therapy Association can use to develop support material and create a guide for working with Homeland Security, the Human Trafficking Taskforce and other organizations working on human trafficking.

### **Wisconsin Recommendation; Online CE's**

To advance the art, science and practice of massage therapy, recommend the AMTA offer complimentary online CE to its members.

**Wisconsin Recommendation; Media Kit**

Recommends that the Board commission the creation of a model journalist/media education kit for chapters to sent to authors and publishers in response to negative representation of massage therapy in the media

If you are unable to attend the AMTA-KY Summer Meeting and have any comments and/or questions, you may contact [Collette Wilson, Delegate](#) or [Cathryn Forester, Delegate](#)

We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Meeting!