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District Councillor's Message



*Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI, RPT (AMT),  
Eastern District Councillor*

**Greetings everyone!**

Heartfelt prayers for our AMT members, family, and friends; may they rest in peace. Special prayers toward a healthful recovery for our AMT members, family, and friends who may be presently battling with a health condition. During the 2018 AMT Educational Program and National Meeting and Events at the Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC on Capitol Hill, the state societies and the members were recognized for state and national level participation.

The Eastern District State Society and member award recipients were:

**2017 Honor Roll State Societies:**

Maine/New Hampshire & Pennsylvania

**Pillar Awards:**

Robin A. Miliner, MT- Maryland

**Fifty-Year Pin Recipients:**

Patricia Anne Berlin, MT- Pennsylvania  
Joseph Diciccio, MT- Rhode Island  
Richard Huysie, MT- New Jersey  
Teresa V. Klamar, MT- Pennsylvania  
Douglas MacDonald, MT- Pennsylvania  
John Rudnick, MT- Pennsylvania  
Harry Eddy Vangelder, MT- New York

**Friend of AMT Award:**

James Van Rhee- Connecticut

**Phlebotomist of the Year:**

Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI, RPT- New York

**Order of the Golden Microscope:**

Kimberly Chevront, PhD, MT- West Virginia

Congratulations, keep up the great work!!!

At the 2018 AMT Annual Business Meeting the total delegate attendance after roll call were 225, whereby it would require 151 votes to adopt an amendment and 113 votes to elect.

Congratulations to the new elected board members!

The results of the Board Member National Elections for the two positions MT/MLT/CMLA/COLT were:  
Marty Hinkel, MT- WY  
Harry Narine, MT- Trinidad and Tobago

In addition, for the one position RMA/CMAS/RPT/RDA was:  
Francine Oran, RMA- NE

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Congratulations to the students from the Swedish Institute College of Health Sciences of New York City, who represented the Eastern District at the 2018 AMT Medical Assistant Student Challenge Bowl.

We had over 400 in attendance at Washington, DC. This was the second largest turn out at the AMT National

Convention. Mark your calendar, the next AMT convention will be in Chicago, IL the "windy city" July 1- 5, 2019 at the Chicago Hilton Hotel on Michigan Avenue.

All members are welcomed to attend the state society meetings, participate, and be involved. Take the opportunity to network with your peers. Dates and place for the meetings and events are posted on the state society website and advertised on the state society newsletters. If you have not attended an AMT National Convention, 2019 should be the year that you make the effort, and see what you have been missing.

I hope everyone had a beautiful summer. Let us welcome the fall beautiful bouquets of colorful foliage, followed by the holidays. At this time, each society is planning and preparing for the coming state society meetings, layout the materials for the newsletter or journal, and the state society officers and board members are reviewing checklist of duties to complete.

Log onto the AMT website under "stay certified" to view the video on the instructions of how to record your CEU using the AMTrax. Frequently, view the AMT website for updates from the AMT Board strategic future planning for the organization. See you at the state meetings! Enjoy the holidays! See you at Chicago!! Remember to be, share, and shine!!!



With best regards,  
**Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI, RPT (AMT)**  
**Eastern District Councillor**

## Editor's Message

Please share your articles/news with us!

Robin Miliner, MT President & Editor,  
DC, DE and MD SS of AMT

## President's Message



State Society Members,

Greetings! I sure hope to find all of you in good spirits and ready for a busy holiday season. Yes, it is here already! Do ensure you spend time with your families and friends. Do not forget selfie time 😊

Our AMT's 80<sup>th</sup> National meeting in Washington, DC at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, July 1 to 5, 2018, was a great success!

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Be you read our District Councillor's message, she surely has words of wisdom for all of us.

Reminder to our new members, keep tabs on YOUR CE's and ensure you are meeting your discipline requirements. Please visit the AMT website to enter and maintain YOUR account. This is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

**Do not forget, we have a dedicated email address account just for our state society correspondences:**

[AMTDCDEMD@gmail.com](mailto:AMTDCDEMD@gmail.com)

**You can use it to communicate and or still email me directly. Share the gmail address with others who may have comments or questions for our state society or AMT.**

THANKS for your support!

*Robin Miliner, MT  
President/Editor, DC, DE & MD SS of AMT*

## Getting Your First Job

Leslie Hasegawa, MT, AMT

You are only six months away from graduating from your lab school. You are into the last part of your rotation through departments It has been a long two- or four-year program and you may have to make a decision on where you want to live and where you work. You have been living at home these past few years commuting to school and rotations.

So, your first decision should be on where do you want to work and what department or shift you would prefer. Ow, some of this may have already been predetermined based upon the school and its affiliation with the hospitals.

As you know hospitals are affiliated, e.g., MedStar has Southern Maryland Hospital, Georgetown University Hospital and Washington Hospital Center. UMMS is affiliated with PGH & MC, LRH, BHC, Charles Regional Hospital, and Sibley Memorial Hospital in Hopkins has John Hopkins in Baltimore, Suburban Hospital in MD, and Sibley Memorial Hospital in NW DC. Then you have the Virginia consortium of facilities, Alexandria, Fairfax, MT Vernon, etc.

So, depending upon the school you enrolled in, the work experiences you have gotten may have been restricted to their affiliations with the medical centers. So, the easiest is to go to one of the facilities you had your rotations at. You're already familiar with the equipment and staff trainer and hopefully the manager.

Because these are the people who have a deciding actor on hiring you. So hopefully you've impressed them with your technical knowledge skills and your pleasant personality. So, your first step should be to set up a meeting with the lab manager about employment opportunities with their associations. You must be able to express your wishes for employment. A lot depends upon the availability of jobs and the work area or shift. They must be able to utilize your skills. Working the day shift for a new employee is pretty hard to get, so working the evening or night shift may be the only option to get in the door.

Another is your housing arrangements, If you are living at home I wouldn't make any changes to that at this point because if you are hired there is usually a 3 – 6 month evaluation period where you may be discharged without reason.

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### Bits & Pieces

After this time making an effort to pay a minimal rental fee to your parents and purchasing groceries maybe monthly. If you have a roommate you need to see where they are working and if you both can still afford the housing arrangement. You also need to ensure you have renter's insurance.

Transportation requirements. Is the bus schedule going to meet your needs or will you have to get taxi service to and from work, another expense? Or will you need to purchase a used car to meet your needs. Again, more expenses, do you have a down payment for the car, bank account for maintenance and upkeep, auto insurance, and gas.

Good luck in obtaining your first job, hopefully you've impressed your new boss with your technical knowledge, skills and personality.



Leslie Hasegawa (center), MT, AMT  
DC, DE & MD SS, Secretary

- A Special Thanks to Debra Graber, Staff & Faculty, The Community College of Baltimore County for Presenting & Speaking at our fall meeting!
- 81<sup>th</sup> Educational & National Meeting will be July 1-5, 2019, at the Chicago, Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL.
- Do not forget that hat, sunscreen and water; drink plenty of it!!! Yes, even during the winter.
- Winter Safety tips: go to [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) . Search Winter Safety
- Enjoy all of your Holiday's, Stay and Be Safe!
- CONGRATULATIONS to our recent members on passing your exams and especially for seeking out AMT as your certifying organization!
- To OUR State Society Registered Medical Assistants- "THANK YOU" for all you do!

## DC, DE & MD STATE SOCIETY

### Member Highlights

Welcome to Chanda Jennings, RMA & Decole Russell, RMA!!!



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Catonsville, MD

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- 81st Educational Program & Meeting 2019, will be in Chicago, IL at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605  
July 1 – 5 2019.

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**Member Highlights Delegate Report Clips**

Ketlard Boursiquot, RMA, AMT: “Rewarding lecture for me since my work setting is composed of a significant number of geriatric patients.”

Chris Pontious, RMA, COLT, RPT, AMT: “The Keynote Speaker, hit home for me as I took this back to work with me.”

Cecilia Monteiro, RMA, AMT: “The sessions were surprising and sharpen my skills.”

Mahkaping Feko, MT, AMT: “...a wealth of current and relevant professional information, skills and learning is shared by Laboratorians.”

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