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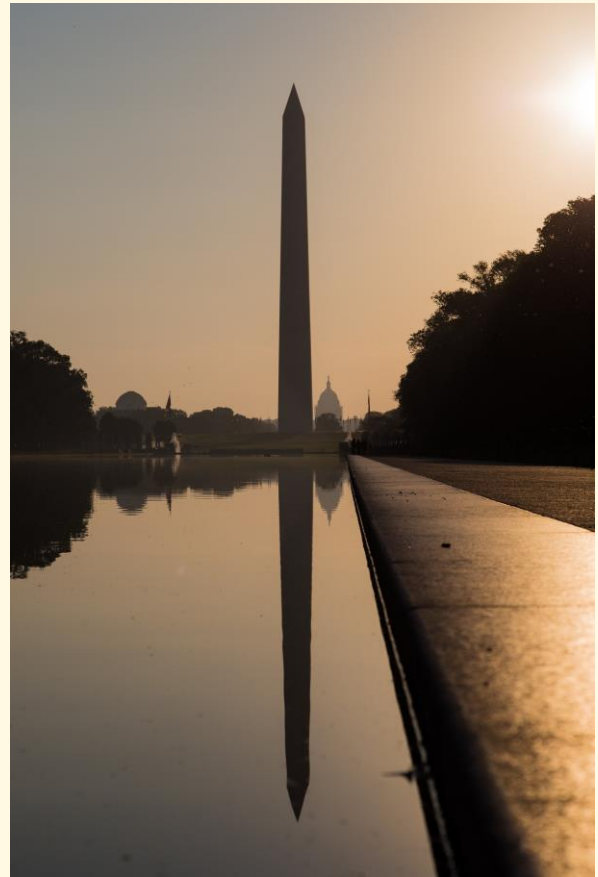
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As the temperatures begin to fall, the leaves do as well. This is also a time to reflect on what each of us are thankful for.

Tabitha Jordan, RMA
Editor



President's Message

Happy Fall Y'all!

As these words are being written, we are on the tail end of Hurricane Florence! I hope and pray that everyone has weathered the storm with minimal damage and loss. We are "Carolina Strong"!! Please continue to pray for and support any relief efforts around you. If somehow I can help, please let me know. I will do my best to help or steer you in the right direction. As we move on into fall, hopefully we can get some relief from all the heat and humidity that SC summers bring.

Summer was an exciting time!! First was our own educational meeting in Greensboro, NC with our neighboring state of NC. The Carolinas Clinical Connection was held in March and was a tremendous success! It was hosted by the NC chapter of AMT and many continuing education sessions were offered. Please make plans to join the educational meeting that are offered each year and come and network with us! You'll be glad you did!

Second was the national convention held this year in Washington DC! What an exciting time for me! This year was my first opportunity to go to national and I am so glad I did! The meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Just two blocks from the White House, minutes from the Washington Monument, The Lincoln Memorial, The Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, and many other historical sites, there was plenty to do and see during our stay. This event was held July 1-5, 2018 so we were there for 4th of July fireworks over the Potomac! They were magnificent! We attended a concert on the White House Lawn too! Wow! Being held in July also let us enjoy the beautiful landscapes of cherry blossom trees and many other stunning botanical beauties around the fair city!! The educational portion of the convention was just as impressive! For ones like me who were first timers, there were sessions held so we would know what to expect, what was expected of us, and all things the meeting had to offer. It was super helpful! There were general sessions as well as "discipline-specific" sessions, sessions on leadership and ways to improve your skills each day. Throughout the week there were many opportunities to meet the AMT staff and board members. By the end of the week we got involved in decision making for AMT. Our involvement allows us to help shape the future direction of AMT and participate in voting processes. South Carolina was represented well! In the pages ahead you will be able to see in our delegate reports what a grand opportunity being a part of the national convention has been so let me encourage you to get involved on the state level and set your sights on future fun!

Next year's national convention is set for July 1-5, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. It will be held at the Chicago Hilton Hotel and plans are already underway! Please consider marking your calendar and join us for all the networking opportunities, educational merits, and assets that participation offers. We'd love to see you there!

Please know that we are here to help! Our officers, board members, and councilors are available to answer questions and encourage you in your endeavors and getting involved is very rewarding so come join us!

Joyce Reed, MLT (AMT)

President SCSSAMT



Upcoming Events

National Meeting..... July 1 - 5, 2019

Fall 2018 Southern District Councillor's Message

AMT's 80th Educational Meeting and Educational Program was held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. There were 415 registered members, guests and students in attendance. The weather typical for July, *hot and humid*. What a special treat to be in our nation's capital on the 4th of July watching fireworks over the Potomac River with your AMT friends and family. It doesn't get any better than that!

AMT's 81st Educational Program and National Meeting will be in Chicago, Illinois at the Chicago Hilton Hotel 720 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 6060 July 1-5, 2019. Room rates will be \$ 129 + tax single or double occupancy. Plan your vacation around the AMT national meeting as there is so much to see and do in Chicago. AMT's 2020 meeting will be held in the Western District.

Award recipients from the Southern District received their awards at the awards banquet in Washington, DC as follows: CuvIELLO Commitment to Excellence Award Dr. Georgia McCauley, MT – North Carolina; Pride of the Profession – Solomon Goldenberg, RMA – Florida; Becky Award – Christopher Seay, MT Tennessee; O. C. “Skip” Skinner Armed Services Award Charlene Lynch, RMA – North Carolina; GEM Award Dr. Paul C. Brown, D. Min, MT – Alabama, David McCullough, MT – North Carolina (posthumous); Exceptional Merit - Nettie L. Norphleet, MS, RMA – Alabama; Pillar Award - Judy Fortune, RMA – Kentucky, Harry Narine, MT, RPT – CASMET; Distinguished Achievement - Sherry M. Blevins, RMA – Tennessee, Khalil L. Lucky, RPT – CASMET; Silver Service – Martha Duncan, MT – Tennessee; Friend of AMT Award Colan “Jay” Macomber – Florida; Legacy Tribute – Jackie Cooper (CASMET); Publication Awards - Journal 2nd Place – *Alabama Alatech* – Nettie Norphleet, Editor; Newsletter 2nd Place – Florida -*Florida News for Allied Health Professionals* – Kathleene Hardy, Editor, 3rd Place – North Carolina – *The Tarheel Tech* Tommie Williams, MT, Editor; Honor Roll State Societies - Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Norman Frankel Outstanding Student Awards - Medical Assistant Student Katherine Williamson, Miller Motte College, Cary, NC; Student Technical Writing Award 1st Place 1st Place: Jennifer Preuss Osborne, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC “Does Knowledge Equal Power with HBCU Students?”. Congratulations to each of you. You have worked tirelessly for your state society and AMT and are so deserving of your award. I am proud of all your accomplishments.

Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors. Harry Narine, MT, RPT - CASMET, Martha Hinkel, MT - Rocky Mountain and Francine Orin, RMA-Central Plains were elected to their first term. Your AMT Officers are President: Jeannette Hobson, RMA, RPT, CMAS, AHI; Vice President: Christopher Seay, MT Secretary: Deborah Westervelt, RMA, COLT and Treasurer: Ken Hawker, MT.

Medical Assistants Recognition Week (MARW) is October 15-19, 2018. Registered Medical Assistants (RMA) will be celebrating the theme “Medical Assistants: At the Heart of Healthcare” Download the 2018 logo and promo kit from the AMT website and help get the word out in your state.

Check out the newly released AMTrax video – Quick Guide to AMTrax for CCP, now available for viewing on YouTube. It is about nine minutes in length and is a step-by-step instructional video on how to log your continuing education on AMTrax.

CASMET will hold their Biennial General Meeting & Scientific Symposium October 14-18, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel Trinidad. The Magnolia Educational Treasures (MET) will be held October 19-20, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Gulfport Airport in Gulfport, Mississippi.

AMT continues to work on strategic planning for the organizations sound future. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to email me at k9kid@bellsouth.net or phone me at (h) 615-833-3427 or (c) 615-424-0550.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye A. Tschop, MT (AMT)
Southern District Councillor

2018 National Delegate Reports

What an exciting time!!! My first national convention was such a wonderful experience for me! One of the best things I found most helpful were the classes that the “newbies” were required to take. It made me aware of all that would go on, what was expected of me as a delegate, and all of the opportunities that were before me. All of the information made me better informed about the days ahead. I found both sessions very helpful and got to meet the national president the board members, and the AMT on an “up close and personal level. It is always nice to be able to put a face to a name or to a voice on the other end of a phone line or to a signature on the emails sent. Everyone was very helpful, the convention was highly organized, and things went just as they had said they would. Please don't let the fact that you've never been before keep you away. If you do, you're missing out! It was simply a grand experience, and I want to do it again next year! I hope to meet you there!

~Joyce Reed, MLT, President~

As, I reflect back to the National Conference, I believe this was one of the best ones I have been to over the past 6 years. The location was amazing, and the overall experiences were far the best. Little did we know, there were some famous people in town! We got to hear Jimmy Buffett, as he performed at the Capitol on the 4th. The fireworks was amazing. I would have never went to Washington, DC over the 4th of July if wasn't for the conference. I will admit though, I was bummed about not being home with my family for the 4th.

The classes offered were some of the best as well. I am looking forward to spending the 4th in Chicago. I wonder if Chicago will out do Washington, DC. I hope to see some fellow RMAs at the National Conference in 2019.

~Tabitha Jordan, RMA, Editor~

It was my pleasure and privilege to serve as one of your nine delegates to the 2018 Annual Educational and Business meeting held July 2-5 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. President Jeff Lavender welcomed everyone. After the keynote address, there were thirty-two educational sessions and two 3 hour workshops offered, certainly enough to get the required CE credits.

The wine and cheese reception on Monday night was a great time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. It is also the time when state baskets are awarded to lucky ticket holders that did not include any South Carolinians this year. July 4th provided a great adventure to travel to The Warf for a magnificent fireworks display.

There were 225 delegates present plus many visitors. During the business meeting Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected. President Jeannie Hobson, Vice President Chris Seay, Secretary Deborah Westervelt, and Treasurer, Kenneth Hawker.

The AMTIE meeting was also held. It was announced that \$3,440 was raised through the raffle and auction. Thanks to everyone who so generously contributed items or purchased items.

The 2019 meeting will be held in Chicago.

~Joyce Lybrand, MT, Board Member~

Quote to think About

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

~Robert Frost~

Mark Your Calendar – July 1-5, 2019

AMT in Chicago

81st Educational Program and National Meeting

The Chicago Hilton Hotel is ideally situated in the heart of the “Windy City” on Michigan Avenue in the South Loop, where incredible experiences are around every corner including Grant Park, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Museum of Science & Industry, Field Museum, and the famous Art Institute of Chicago.




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