

# AMTA Mascot

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## President's Message

**W**E MISSED THOSE of you who were unable to attend our last Annual Chapter Elections and Education workshop in Bountiful. We held officer elections and approved a 1997 budget. Chapter members present approved a motion to raise the State membership dues from \$10 to \$15 per year. This will be used to build our Law and Legislative fund as we continue to advance our profession in the State. The increase will go into effect in 1998. We also voted to support the Rocky Mountain Regional conference to be held in Boise, Idaho in 1998 with the condition that a Chapter subcommittee be formed to research and evaluate the possibility to a State conference that would replace the Regional conference and operate more cost effectively.

I am excited to see the willingness each of you has in supporting and taking responsibility to ensure your Chapter provides you with the tools to help you meet your professional and educational needs. The education committee put on a great workshop on Insurance Billing Procedures. Currently, there are four states that recognize massage therapy with a normal **health care provider** "status". Under the laws of these four states, providers of health care services are entitled to receive medical insurance benefits. We're making advances!

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## Menu of Moral Issues

FEATURE ARTICLE — Part Three in a multi-part series on "Ethics in Massage"

OUR LIVES ARE FILLED WITH MORAL issues; almost everything we do has a moral component. People frequently overlook the moral component in the issues they face, and they fail to see that simple economic transactions also have moral consequences that help or harm other people. Twelve of the most prominent moral issue that seem to be universal in every profession are summarized here. Read them carefully and contemplate each.

1. Taking things that do not belong to you. **Stealing.** Air is free and you can take all you want; but taking an employer's cash is stealing. What about walking off with supplies, or making long distance phone calls and not paying for them?

2. Saying things you know are not true.

**Lying.** Telling lies that mislead others and distort the truth is wrong. But, is it acceptable to tell "white lies", to overstate compliments, to give false praise, or to understate information on a job application? Are there times when tact is better than honesty? Is lying alright when you are protecting someone?

3. Giving or allowing false impressions. **Fraud & Deceit.** When is it wrong to

pretend you are someone you aren't or have credentials or expertise that you don't? Are you responsible for correcting others' false impressions, such as not accepting unearned praise or not letting others take the blame for your mistakes? Are you being deceitful when you dress for success or pretend to be successful so clients will have confidence in you?

4. Buying influence or engaging in conflict of interest.

**Bribes, Payoffs, & Kickbacks.**

Can you make an objective decision involving two or more parties if one party has given you anything of value, regardless of the party's motive? What are the differences between bribes, tips, and facilitating payments? What is the motive behind giving and when is it appropriate to accept a gift?

5. Hiding verses divulging information.

When do you have a responsibility to divulge information that another party has an interest in knowing, such as flaws in something you are selling, or advantages of competing products? When do you have a responsibility to protect information that is personal or

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# UTAH In The News!

## General Meetings

General chapter meetings are held quarterly in different parts of the state. Active participation at these meetings and concurrent seminars is strongly encouraged.

Our next general meeting will be **August 16** at the Mountain Spa in Midway, Utah.

## 1997 Chapter Election Results

Utah Chapter election results are in with new officers listed in bold.

President	Daine Curran
1st Vice Pres	<b>Ray Pippin</b>
2nd Vice Pres	Don Trotter
3rd Vice Pres	<b>Chris Rebstock</b>
Secretary	Melene Rose
Treasurer	<b>Carolyn Rowse</b>

Elected Delegates to the National House of Delegates in Salt Lake City for this fall's National Convention are:

**Roger Whiting**  
**Carolyn Rowse**

If one or more of the elected delegates can not attend the National Convention, there were three alternates picked. Those were:

Ray Pippin (1st alternate)  
Chris Rebstock (2nd alternate)  
Bonnie Anderson (3rd alternate)

It was announced that Diane Carroll will take over Mark Livingston's position as Sports Massage and On-Site Chair for our chapter. And finally, our State Meritorious Award Recipient to be awarded at November's National Convention is: **Billy Weaver**  
Congratulations Billy!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LOCAL EVENTS:

August 16

- Quarterly chapter meeting and educational seminar at Mountain Spa in Midway, Utah
- Healing From Within Workshop

### REGIONAL EVENTS:

1998 in Boise, Idaho

### NATIONAL EVENTS:

Nov 5-9

- AMTA National Convention Salt Lake City
- (People wanting to volunteer at hospitality desk, educational monitors, and assist presenters, please call 573 4521.)

## — President's Message

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I want to thank Madeline Brockish for the wonderful job she has done serving as 3rd VP and wish her well in her future plans and goals. I would also like to thank Mark Livingston for the fine job he has done acting as the Sports event & On-Site Committee Chair and welcome Diane Carroll as she steps into this position.

Thanks also go out to Sharon Boyd and the Election Recruitment Committee for their fine job with our 1997 elections.

— Diane Curran



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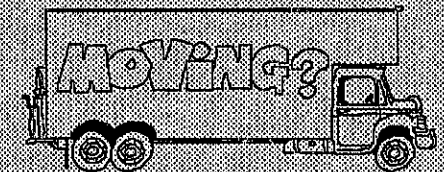
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President:	Diane Curran
1st VP:	Ray Pippin
2nd VP:	Don Trotter
3rd VP:	Chris Rebstock
Secretary:	Melene Rose
Treasurer:	Carolyn Rowse

### Auxiliary Positions

Membership Chair:	Don Trotter
PR Chair:	
ED Co-Chairs:	Deb Adams & Pam Hannl
Sports Chair:	Diane Carroll
Law & Legisl. Chair:	Ray Pippin
MERT Leader:	
Member at Large:	Roger Whiting
Librarian:	Melene Rose
Nominations Chair:	Sharon Boyd
Parliamentarian:	Chris Rebstock



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## Moral Issues continued

proprietary? What is the critical difference between disloyal tattling and ethical whistle-blowing?

6. Taking unfair advantage. When is it wrong to take advantage of a situation, such as using inside information to make investment decisions, charging higher prices where customers have limited options, or granting privileges to friends or family? Is it fair to use your position to obtain a settlement more favorable than could be obtained otherwise?

7. Permitting organizational abuse. What organizational practices are abusive of its members; such as inequity in compensation, misusing power or position, performance appraisals that destroy self-esteem, transfers or deadlines negatively affect family life, encouraging loyalty and not rewarding it, etc?

8. Perpetrating interpersonal abuse. What kinds of interpersonal behaviors are abusive of others; such as physical violence, sexual harassment, emotional abuse, abuse of one's position, racism, and sexism?

9. Violating rules. We are expected to obey countless rules, including laws, social conventions, organizational rule, and religious commandments. Are they all equally important or are some rule violations more serious than others? Should individuals feel a moral obligation to obey rules?

10. Balancing ethical dilemmas. Moral dilemmas often involve choosing between two equally desirable or undesirable options, only one of which can be selected. Which of two moral choices is most right or most wrong? Is it right to help one group at the detriment of another group?

11. Condoning unethical acts. If you discover something unethical, are you obligated to report it? If you say noth-

ing about it, are you an accessory to the misdeed? To what extent are you responsible for the acts of others? Do you have a responsibility to "investigate" the acts of associates prior to your involvement? Are you responsible or accountable for the acts of others through association?

12. Committing personal decadence. Individuals set their own standards of personal excellence, but some are content to aim far below excellence. Where should the line of immorality be drawn regarding such acts as performing slow or sloppy work, extravagant expense account spending, losing your temper when angry, using alcohol or drugs or other stimulants, and accepting workers' compensation when you are capable of working?

These questions on morality in the office place were taken from *Moral Leadership and Ethical Decision Making*, by Cherrington and Cherrington, Legacy Foundation, 1997, pg 64-67.



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# Utah Chapter 1997 Budget Approved

(January to December 1997)

In the May issue of the *AMTAMascot*, page six contained a printout of our chapter's 1996 actual incomes and expenses followed by a projected income and expenses list for 1997 as put together and approved by the chapter Board of Directors.

At our May 17th quarterly chapter meeting, the 1997 budget was discussed, voted on, and approved by the membership present at the meeting.

For the chapter's general membership, the 1997 budget is listed for your review.

### Projected Income:

- 19,110 Member dues
- 2,100 New member recruitment
- 2,624 Newsletter advertising
- 1,000 1997 National Convention fund
- 2,400 Education
- 30 Library
- 240 Interest & dividends
- 1,000 Grants from National

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**28,504 total projected income**

### Projected expenses:

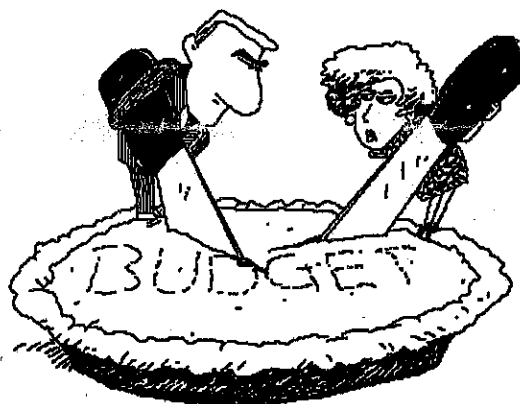
- 2,400 Education
- 3,900 Legislative services
- 3,452 Newsletter production
- 900 phone
- 1,590 National delegates & representatives to convention
- 3,815 Regional conference
- 1,200 Membership recruitment
- 500 1997 National Convention
- 0 Library
- 480 Supplies, postage, copies
- 575 Dues & subscriptions
- 600 Ethics
- 800 Public relations
- 490 Volunteer incentive program
- 600 Miscellaneous expenses

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**21,302 total projected expenses**

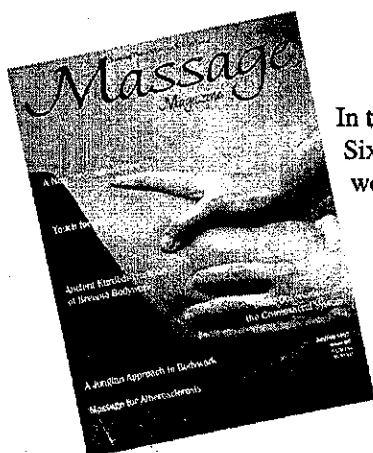
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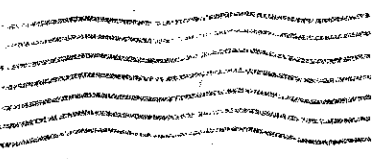
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**"Healing From Within" Workshop**  
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