

Where We Find Ourselves:

The world has come to a scary and confusing time and the massage industry has been tossed around in a very unfair manner. I completely understand and appreciate all of your feelings of frustration, anger and even heartache.

However, it is important that we take what we have been handed and use it to the best of our ability to move forward in every way possible to improve the position of our profession for the future. To accomplish that the AMTA-OH Board will need the help of all MT's throughout the state.

While their approach to our request to not be grouped with Personal Services has been confusing and even painful, it can benefit us in our legislative journey. This has finally pointed out the need to be able to govern all massage in the state of Ohio to help ensure public safety. This should be all the more obvious to our legislators as they contemplate the passage of SB 105 and HB 374. In addition, AMTA-OH had already met with the Medical Board regarding a formal committee to represent our industry which is to be comprised of massage therapists, physicians and Medical Board employees. We will finally have a voice that will be heard loud and clear.

AMTA-OH has been, and will continue to work diligently to further the standing of our profession so that we regain the respect we all deserve.

I look forward to serving as your President and am anxious to witness what we can accomplish with us all working together. I believe we WILL achieve great things in the months and years to come.

Thank you.

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