

AMTA Work Session
November 6, 2025
7:45-11:00 pm ET

Present: Angie Snell, Leslie Orozco Henry, Jen Sokira, Mia Krings, Alison Deran, Kendall Joplin, Chelsea Mabes, Megan McCausland, Lori Gooding, BriAnne Weaver, Becky Engen, Nicole Bowen, and Jeff Angell

7:45 pm ET

Check In/Call to Order

Angie Snell

- Meeting called to order

Motion: Move to approve the 10/30/25 minutes as presented..

Author: Nicole Bowen

Motion Carried.

8:05 pm ET

President Updates

Angie Snell

Elections

- The election email went out. If people join the AMTA by 11/06/25, they can vote in the election. If joining after 10/31, membership will be valid from now until the end of next year (2026). On 11/20, the vote will go out; this announcement will be made at the business meeting.
- Regional Presidents Meeting - suggestions were provided on how we can work together more closely

Awards

- **The Board discussed AMTA annual awards. Discussion included how to re-establish the annual selection and award timelines, award ceremonies, and the importance of celebrating colleagues. The board discussed ways AMTA could broaden who is considered for AMTA national awards for 2026, such as an Emerging Leader award category, as well.**
- **Consideration for 2025 AMTA awards in the currently existing categories was discussed, including an adapted timeline to identify award candidates for the 2025 to be selected and awarded in early 2026. The current Board would facilitate the process and coordinate the award celebration, facilitated by Angie Snell.**

- The 2026-27 Board of Directors would initiate the 2026 award process with the intention to explore ways to broaden who is considered for AMTA national awards. The 2026 awardees would be announced later in the year so those winners can be celebrated during 2026.

Motion: Move that the AMTA BOD move forward with 2 sets of 2025 member recognition awards (1) AMTA BOD will identify up to 2 Lifetime Achievement Awards (2) A public call will be made to nominate individuals for various membership awards. A ceremony will be scheduled for early 2026 to recognize award winners.

- Author: Leslie Henry

Motion Carried.

Ethics Board

- The Board discussed the Ethics Board request to expand their board from 10 to 11 members based upon the number and type of calls for support they are receiving. Expanding the size of the Ethics Board requires bylaws change. The Board expressed desire to follow the bylaws yet be responsive to evolving needs.
- Additional information was shared and discussed, including that the Ethics Board has an upcoming vacancy, and they have found two very qualified candidates. To fill an Ethics Board vacancy, the Ethics Board presents their recommended candidate to the Assembly for approval. Currently when openings occur, the Ethics Board contacts the Regional Presidents for them to announce the Ethics Board is seeking candidates with the required prerequisite skills. Potential candidates contact the co-chairs and are interviewed. The Ethics Board is looking at ways to refine this process.
- The Board will advise the Ethics Board to move forward with their candidates, followed by a discussion with the Board about their expanding needs, evolving role, and thoughtfully consider whether to draft bylaws changes.

9:15 pm (approximately) Council Coordinator (Various, listed below)

Megan McCausland, Council on Professional Practices

- Committees have been on hold
- Government / Reimbursement

- Active, under the control of Judy Simpson. Suggestion to combine committees into one.
- Research
 - Difficult to get everyone together. No charges as of now.
 - Lack of an in-person conference has made producing meaningful content challenging.
- Standards of Practice
 - Restarting efforts to get it going - possible mid-November meeting
 - Charges have not been updated since 2016, and nothing official is on the plate
- Technology committee
 - Working with Peter on the new website

Chelsea Mabes, Council on Association Services

- The International Relations Committee has been meeting
 - Global perspectives event - quarterly virtual opportunities
 - Planning to meet in 2026, working on an international curriculum
- PR of the advocacy community
 - Active Facebook page - gathering information from the community
- Workforce Retention Committee
 - 11/12 deadline to complete survey, regions to promote, oping for 2,000 responses
- The DEI Committee is not active
- Clinical Practice and Networking Committee has been disbanded for approximately 2 years
- Membership committee - no current chair, but have reconnected with regional representatives and had a meeting last month, scheduling another, business is slow
- ICRC International Collaborative Resources Committee Update

9:22 pm

Motion: Vice President Sokira moves to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Author: Jennifer Sokira

Motion Carried.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:22pm for the purpose of discussing financial aspects of confidential personnel matters. The Board returned to regular session at 9:36pm.

9:36 pm Out of Executive Session

Becky Engen, Council on Education and Clinical Training

- Continuing Education Committee - finished symposium, no issues
- AAIC - new internships, update policies; need to coordinate with APAC
- APAC - new approvals, re-approvals, 3 year reviews for new, updating standards - language, clinical practice, for 4 year degree; committee for paid reviews/training for recommended consultants; requested and approved for 8 ad hoc members to assist with 3 year reviews - need to assemble; have an "all call" to fill vacancies, create a wait-list for vacancies to avoid holes; by laws changed to add additional members; 17 members total allowed (including 2 co-chairs)
- Extended discussion about reviews and approvals
- Redefining what they do, how, and who's doing what to help streamline the process and retrain members to avoid overreach and stick to task, also to create space for different branches of the committee to do different tasks

10:28 pm

Motion: Vice President Sokira motioned to go into executive session to discuss confidential association business.

Author: Jennifer Sokira

Motion Carried.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:28pm for the purpose of discussing financial aspects of confidential personnel matters. The Board returned to regular session at 10:55pm.

10:55 pm Out of executive session

10:56 pm ET

Other Business

Angie Snell

- Upcoming Assembly Meetings: 12/2 new Assembly member orientation, 12/10 last Assembly meeting of the year
 - Agendas to be sent by email for approval
- Next Board Meeting: 12/9, 7:30 pm

11:00 pm ET

Adjournment

Board Members