

## Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards

Annual Meeting October 3 & 4, 2017

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 3, 2017 8:00 am-4:30 pm

**Delegate Breakfast and Welcome:** Board President Pam Rollins (MS) welcomed the delegates to this year's meeting. 25 states are represented today.

Introduction of New Website- Lois Paff Bergen, Executive Director, provided an overview of the new website, including a refresher of how to access state/delegate specific information

**Opening of Annual Meeting:** President Pam Rollins officially opened the Annual Meeting at 8:36 am with an introduction of the Board of Directors: Jennifer Smotherman (TX) Member at Large; David Norton (IL) Treasurer, Tammy Austin (VT) Secretary, Joanni Sailor (OK) President Elect, Herb Grant (MN) Past President. Following this introduction, state delegates introduced themselves.

**Roll Call of Member States-** Tammy Austin (VT) Secretary completed a roll call of present member states. See attached Roll call for list of those present.

**President's report-** Pam Rollins presented an overview of the work of AMFTRB that has taken place over the last year.

- Website Committee- this committee met several times over the last year, completing a redesign of the website to update its look and improve navigation. The new website went live in July 2017.
- Tele therapy committee- reviewed educational guidelines, evaluated training programs and developed guidelines
- Super Committee- met in Denver in July with representatives from the Board, Florida, California, Illinois, Vermont, the Portability Work Group and Tele therapy Committee to develop recommended policies for improving workforce mobility
- COAMFTE- the executive director and president continue to meet quarterly to explore interface between regulation and accreditation. Lois and Pam to present at COAMFTE training meeting to update program directors on regulatory issues
- Role Delineation Study- Ensures that the MFT National Examination accurately measures the competencies needed to perform as a licensed marital and family therapist
- CLEAR Webinars/Conference Attendance- Board members attend webinars throughout the year to keep updated on current trends and to share with delegates and to identify possible speakers and topics for our meetings

- Jennifer attended the Board Members' training this year

### **Credential Engine, presented by Robin Jenkins (DC)**

The Credential Engine is a project pilot developed by the Credential Transparency Initiative, with the goal of establishing common terminology in order to establish understanding of credentials, certification and degree requirements and opportunities. The Credential Engine is an application that serves as a search engine for students, veterans, schools and individuals to gain a better understanding of what is needed for professional credentials. The Credential Engine is a prototype application that allows the market place to search for particular credentials, and gain access to links providing information about the credential, which oversees the credential, how to access/apply, and other related information. This application enables job searchers, students to search credentials and compare their various interests. Ultimately, the goal is that this application will create a pathway for the individual to access trainings that will allow individuals to then be able to move toward achieving this credential.

There are over 6000 different credentials. This application will help the marketplace have one place to be able to explore and gain understand of these credentials. Currently Credential Engine has 123 Registry participants. There is no cost to add information. The project has funding secured for the next 3 years, and they are exploring additional funding options.

Credential Engine can be accessed at [www.credentialengine.org](http://www.credentialengine.org)

### **Regulatory Trends I: *State Delegate Reports***

State Delegates shared information regarding current regulatory issues and trends in their states. See State Delegate Reports Document for details.

### **Regulatory Trends II: *Emerging Regulatory issues: Composition of State Boards, AMFTRB Pam Rollins***

Pam reviewed current regulatory issues facing our professional regulation bodies. There is movement at the state and federal levels to reduce regulation. Most recently, the situation that emerged with the North Carolina Dental Board has resulted in questioning of the need for regulation, and the composition of regulatory boards. There have been many different opinions and approaches to addressing this issue. As a result many of our states are experiencing legislative directions to address these issues, either by combining under an umbrella board, or are facing deregulation attempts.

\*\*The full PowerPoint is available. \*\*

***Emerging Professional Trends: AAMFT, Roger D. Smith J.D. Director of Government Affairs & General Counsel, AAMFT***

Roger Smith provided an oversight of the current professional trends facing Marriage and Family Therapists, and reviewed AAMFT's efforts to support the profession.

**Threats to the profession:** Issues threatening the long-term viability of the profession include:

- Board consolidation efforts by states/ efforts to deregulate- AAMFT has worked with AAMFT involvement: Ohio (tried to consolidate board to other boards), Arizona (deregulate professions, defeated), Texas (sunset commission to make the licensure boards advisory board with non healthcare occupations)
- Reimbursement and recognition- Medicare is the number one advocacy issue at the federal level. (HR 3032, S1879), Veterans Affairs- challenges in hiring; recently MFT's are now allowed to be hired by the VA.
  - Laws in effect that legally require the recognition of MFT's. However, there remains a significant issue with Blue Cross recognizing MFTs.
- Scope of Practice- Some states have experienced legislation that seeks to limit MFT's scope of practice. One example of this is the recent Texas litigation and Sunset review. Together, AAMFT, AMFTRB and CAMFT joined together to support Texas litigation in an effort to support the profession.
- Medicaid- recognition, efforts to have MFTs recognized by Medicaid

**Barriers to MFT licensure-** include coursework, supervision, fewer MFTs in programs, Licensure fees, and Administrative delays.

- Portability- is a challenge facing all professions. It will be important for MFT's to establish an effective means of portability. Other professions are trying to address portability. These include: Psychology, Social work, and Counseling. In the arena of counseling there are two identified proposed models: 1) a model proposed by a collaboration of AASCB, NBCC, AMHCA and ACES and 2.) ACA
- Growth and workforce issues- as a profession, MFTs remain a smaller percentage of the counseling field. Increased enrollment in MFT programs is important to continuing to grow and expand the profession.
- Portability: The Federal Trade Commission addresses portability issues: State licensing requirements protect public health, "(b) but when licensing requirements vary from state to state, those requirements impose barriers to entry that restrict the labor supply and reduce competition, even when there may be no legitimate justification for each state to impose different requirements. When this happens, licensing may unnecessarily limit a worker's ability to move freely without incurring significant costs and delays in getting back to work after a move. Moreover, licensing rules impose costs on all consumers, not just the people who work in licensed occupations, because they restrict the supply of qualified workers even in the face of unmet demand. For this reason, state-specific licensing can, in some circumstances, limit consumer access to services and increase the prices they pay"

- If professions cannot establish portability means for their profession, they may experience influence from the FTC, likely resulting in deregulation.

Q&A: Roger Smith opened the floor for questions and comments:

Q: How will the recent decision by AAMFT to dissolve the state associations affect states?

A: The existing state associations will need to decide how they would like to proceed. The recent decision does not ban the associations from establishing themselves as a different entity. With the change, the entities as they currently exist will not be recognized, but they can move forward with a membership vote to go independent or choose to dissolve. The decision lies in the hands of the individual membership organization.

Q: Massachusetts has a law that MAMFT approves the CEUs for the state. How does a state move forward with such issues the recent AAMFT decision?

A: There may be some language, or interpretations of the language that affect exactly how states are affected. Some language may reflect "Affiliates" which can mean more than the state associations, based upon how the language is interpreted. It is recommended that each state look at their language specific to these issues.

Q: What are the barriers to opening up billing for MFTs and Medicare?

A: Barriers for Medicare is greatly related to politics. There are barriers with concerns for the costs. Republicans are concerns around the costs of adding providers; they are not necessarily looking at the relevant cost savings by having additional access to providers.

In relation to VA- MFTs can work at the VA, however the language of MFTs is not always listed on each job posting, Individuals looking for such positions may need to look further in the postings, and apply.

\*\*The full PowerPoint is available. \*\*

**Regulatory Trends III: *Creating effective systems for Post- Disciplinary Oversight*, Jim Anliot Director of Healthcare Compliance Services**

Reviewed the most common disciplinary issues that result in the need for Post-Disciplinary oversight and supervision needs. Provided and overview of guidance available to determine which tools should be used in the oversight of these professionals. In addition, provided a

summary of suggestions for boards needing to address disciplinary oversight. These suggestions include:

- Identify the real problem
- Establish specific case goals and objectives
- Set reasonable and measurable expectations
- Think carefully about advantages and disadvantages of each potential remedy
- Maximize neutrality/impartiality of oversight process
- Consider use of qualified external resources
- Allow for modification and/or further discipline

\*\*\* Full Power Point is available\*\*\*

#### **Regulatory Trends IV: Super Committee**

Introduction by Joanni Sailor, President Elect, reviewing the different hats that board members wear, and understanding the difference between supervisors (paying attention to the best practice) and our roles at regulators (minimum standards) while this is a tough switch, it is an important one to keep in mind.

#### **Tele therapy committee Update & Discussion, Mary Alice Olsan (LA) Committee Chair**

Mary Alice Olan provided a recap of the committee work over the last year.

The Teletherapy Guidelines were adopted by AMFTRB at the Annual Meeting last year in September 2016. Based upon the direction given by the delegates at the 2016 annual meeting (The committee continue their work exploring tele practice (tele therapy and tele supervision) for one year, and bring back to AMFTRB their recommendations) The committee met and worked on 4 identified areas:

- ✓ **Teletherapy regulations**- included in the meeting packets- the idea is that states can simply copy and paste the guidelines into your rules, making changes as your state sees fit. Pg. 3 there is a definition for tele therapy, based on a biennial renewal period, pg 5. Transitory practice is addressed, pg 6 instances where teletherapy is not authorized-looked for research but there really was not much, pg 6- continual education requirement-it is recommended that ongoing CEUs should be required, face to face meeting-deemed not legally defensible, last page. Emergency procedures- reviewed and addressed
- ✓ **Out of state verification form**- model presented
- ✓ **Courtesy/temporary Licensure application**- standardized for teletherapy practice requests, this area was later deemed unnecessary by the Super Committee, based on their development of the Mobility Plan. The Mobility plan offers ease in licensing MFTs that have been licensed in their original state for a minimum of one renewal cycle.

- ✓ **Update on Efficacy of a national Teletherapy Credential-** it was determined that AMFTRB maintaining a national credential for teletherapy may not be the best use of resources; therefore, the recommendation is to change direction, and approve existing teletherapy training programs.

Committee recommendations for a AMFTRB approved Training programs includes a minimum of 15 hours of training to start with, then 2 hours of renewals CEUs each renewal period. These numbers came from the research of other professions. Identified areas that an approved training program would cover: Jurisdictional considerations, Standards of Practice, Competency Verification, Assessment, Informed Consent, Emergency Procedures, HIPAA Documentation, Digital Record-Keeping, Social Media, and Texting/Email

Training programs to consider:

- ❖ Zur Institute (26 hour training)
- ❖ Renewed Vision Counseling Services (23 hours)
- ❖ Telehealth Certification Institute (15 hours)
- ❖ NFAR National Frontier and Rural (funded under SAMSHA) (20 hours)

What's Next? Identified that the Committee will role into the Super Committee, and are looking for direction as to where they should focus their work over the next year.

### ***Mobility committee Update and Discussion, Joanni Sailor (OK) Mobility Committee Chair***

Joanni provided an overview and review of the importance of addressing mobility, paying close attention to the models that other professions have used.

Reviewing other models, including the medical and nursing models as well as other mental health professions. .

- Nursing has been working on this process for 30+ years and has only 26 states that are participating. With all of this information, it was determined that AMFTRB would need to look at creating a model that would work well for MFTs.
- Other mental health fields: ACA licensure portability, and National Counselor Licensure Endorsement Process (supported by AACSB, NBCC, AMCHA, ACES)
- Federal trade commission: Economic Liberty Task Force was developed to address the proliferation of occupational licensing and related barriers to economic opportunity, and promote consideration of less restrictive alternatives in situations where licensing may be unnecessary

- On July 27, 2017 the FTC Economic Liberty Task Force held its first roundtable to examine ways to mitigate the effects of state-based occupational licensing requirements that make it difficult for license holders to obtain licenses in other states.
- By reforming and streamlining licensing requirements wherever possible, we can open doors to opportunity, enhance innovation, and ensure that competition dictates the range of choices available to consumers in the marketplace.”
- The focus of the July roundtable was on license portability restrictions preventing otherwise qualified people from marketing their services across state lines or when they move to new states.
- The roundtable considered several existing measures for enhancing occupational license portability, such as interstate compacts and state legislative initiatives to help military spouses.
- The event supported the Task Force’s consideration of how occupational licensing reform could reduce barriers to entry, enhance competition, and promote economic opportunity.
- On September 12, 2017, a prepared statement by the Federal Trade Commission was presented before the Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.
- In the presentation, the FTC addressed the concerns of they have regarding the difficulty of moving licenses across state lines and potential anticompetitive regulations by self-interested boards whose members represent the very occupation to be regulated.
- The FTC will host a second roundtable on November 7, 2017 in Washington, D.C. to examine empirical evidence on the effects of occupational licensure.

#### What can we do?

- Could AMFTRB create a national equivalency certification similar to what NBCC has done?
- Could AMFTRB maintain a data bank similar to how the Social Workers do?
- Could AMFTRB serve as a Commission similar to how the Medical Board Interstate Compact does?

- As good an idea as many of these are, none of them have been very effective in obtaining states cooperation over the past 20+ years.

In an effort to move forward, and come up with a solution, AMFTRB changes the question to: Will one state trust the licensure process of another state? If we operate under the understanding that if an MFT is licensed in another state, this confirms a minimum competency. The goal would be to create a pathway for licensure for multi-state practice for MFTs with an expedited license process without the formal reviews normally utilized.

The Mobility committee, with the aid of the Super Committee, developed the **LMFT Mobility Verification of Initial Licensure form**. The form was presented to the delegates for review and consideration.

- a. Small group discussions took place to identify barriers to states in adopting this plan.

Identified barriers include:

- ❖ Checking into state statues to see if we can make the changes
- ❖ Changing the laws
- ❖ Convincing longtime board members to trust other state requirements
- ❖ Shift the mindset to Access to care, supports public protection.
- ❖ The form/model does not take into account “grandfathering”
- ❖ How long should a score be relevant
- ❖ Paperwork is now electronic for many states, can and will these states fill the forms out?
- ❖ Concerns regarding Jurisdiction shopping

**Wednesday October 4, 2017 8:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Delegate Breakfast 8-8:30am**

Pam Rollins called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Confidentiality Agreements regarding the National Exam were distributed, and delegates reviewed and signed these agreements.

**Scott Cohn (MA) motioned to go into closed session to review the MFT National Examination Report. Charlie Knerr (OH) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously**

Pam Rollins announced that the day’s scheduled will be adjusted, compressing the presentation about the exam to allow for further discussion of the telehealth committee work that was not discussed yesterday.

**Regulatory Trends V: MFT National Examination Annual Report: Vicki Gremelsbacker, President PTC, NY –Closed Session**

Lois reported that Sherry Fryer, PTC receives all the complaints, and monthly each state office gets the testing report (if they have candidates testing) and it is the expectation that the states are keeping that information as needed.

The Annual Report was distributed to delegates, and Vicki reviewed background information on the exam, and state specific / candidate testing information.

- New website- the exam information is in several places making the access of information much easier for candidates
- It is recommended that states to have links to PTC website, as opposed to having a PDF of the forms, this assures that candidates are getting the most up to date versions of the forms.
- States specific codes are going well. This helps support the security of the exam. The process for these new codes is that the state gets unique codes for candidates and distributes this, candidate uses this code to register for the exam
- English Language Learners- candidates that have the option, if their state allows, to have an accommodation to allow for extra time for the exam (1-2 hours)
  - Candidates need to fill out a form to receive the accommodation. The use of ELL is reported on all score reports. 9 candidates have used this in a year
- New security agreement will be released in 2018 (Appendix L)
- New reports (appendix M) will be emailed out on a quarterly basis. This shows how your candidates are fairing, by school and by nation wide
  - If a state has someone who is doing online schooling, it will not be included in the cumulative, but is in the state portion.

Role Delineation Study- best practice suggest the practice of a periodic survey of the body of knowledge needed for competent practice. The committee develops the survey, and the survey goes out to professionals in the field. And analysis of their responses and a result will yield new test content, or areas to test on.

- ❖ PTC now has a new online form to fill out for score transfers.
  - Link to the form is <https://secure.ptcny.com/mftscoretransfer>
- ❖ Future considerations: development of other exams
  - Basic level exams for training programs
  - Specialized exams in areas like MFTs in schools
- ❖ Questions for discussion/consideration
  - Limit on how many times a candidate can take the exam- should states limit the number of retakes of the exam?
  - Expiration of exam scores after a certain length of time- does the score “expire”
  - Use of the exam for relicensing every 5 years

- Changing exam length
- Use of different types of items
- Test site issues

Exam review: Lois and Vicki provided a review of the test development process

Test development and Psychometric –reviewed the test development process, we are currently underway with our Role delineation study. Subject matter experts write items.

Annually we review 4 new exams. Look at the items being current, how well the items work as a whole. New examination, finalized and proof-read then delivered at test centers, administered monthly

Candidate score reports are mailed to them after all analysis is complete. Scores are received within 20 business days

The Annual Report, provided to delegates present at the meeting, provides additional information specific to states. Delegates were encouraged to bring this information back to their boards for informational purposes related to regulation.

**Kim Madsen (CA) motioned to end the Closed Session portion of the meeting and return to Open Session. Greg Searls (WY) seconded the motion. The Motion carried, and the meeting returned to open session.**

#### **Teletherapy Committee: Model Teletherapy and Telesupervision Regulations**

Discussion regarding the revisiting of the proposed draft for Template Teletherapy and Telesupervision regulations was identified as a topic of discussion.

Scott Cohen (MA) motioned to accept the proposed draft for Template Teletherapy and Telesupervision regulations. Bruce O’Leary (MN) seconded the motion. The topic was opened for discussion.

Review of the language used in the draft occurred, and the question around the use of the language “registration” was discussed. It was reviewed that the at the time these draft regulations were developed, the committee was operating under the premise that the committee was also working on developing a national credential, thus registration would have been needed. However given these changes, this particular language may not be needed in each state. It was reinforced that the draft regulations is proposed language that each state could “cut and paste” the portions that work for their particular state.

Scott Cohen (MA) motioned to accept the draft of the Template Teletherapy and Telesupervision regulations as the final regulations. This motion was amended by Scott Cohen to be a motion to **accept the Model Tele-therapy and Tele-supervision regulations as a document to be released as model guidelines from AMFTRB to be used by each state.**

Scott Cohen (MA) motioned, Kim Madsen (CA) seconded this motion. The motion carries unanimously.

## Regulatory Trends VI: Standards

### ***COAMFTE Standards: Daniel Lord, PhD, COAMFTE Chair, Tanya A. Tamarkin, and Director of Accreditation***

Introduction and overview of COAMFTE's origin and history

- Until recently, was a program of AAMFT
- Acceptance/accreditation by CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation)
- Two years ago developed the website: COAMFTE.org
- Accreditation has the primary audience of students, with the ultimate goal of the promotion of excellence in education

### Questions for COAMFTE

Q: Are there any current trends: Relationship between accrediting bodies and professional associations?

A: Until recently, AAMFT has subsidized the cost for accreditation to such an extent that the COAMFTE's fees are 5x lower than their counterparts. With the changing relationship with AAMFT, COAMFTE need to reassess its fees/structures

Q: How are risk management issues addressed in accreditation?

A: COAMFTE, as well as other accreditation bodies utilize accreditation attorneys to make sure that all regulations are legal.

Q: is there a formal relationship between COAMFTE and ICASTE?

A: There is no formal relationship, but we do work together.

### **IACSTE Standards: Dorothy Becvar Commission Chair – IFTA,**

#### **Mission Statement of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education**

Created as a semi-autonomous body under the auspices of the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA), the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic

Therapy Education (IACSTE) focuses on the development and implementation of quality standards for programs around the world that provide systemic therapy education and training. These standards are created to enhance the development of professionals who will be qualified to provide systemic therapy for individuals, couples, and families in the communities in which they live and work.

**Tier 1 Accreditation for Primary Training Programs and Tier 2 Accreditation for Advanced Training Programs.**

**Tier 1**

**Tier 1 Accreditation is based on demonstration by a program that it meets the minimum or basic standards set forth by the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). Programs desiring to apply for recognition at this level should go to Tier 1 Application.**

**Tier 2**

**Tier 2 Accreditation is based on the demonstration by a program that it meets the more advanced standards as set forth by the International Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). Programs that are currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COANFTE) desiring to apply for Tier 2 recognition, should apply through the Tier 2 Application, Option A. Other programs should apply through Tier 2 Application, Option B.**

**Provided a brief review of the application process and necessary requirements.**

**\*\*\* Complete PowerPoint is available\*\*\***

**11: 30 - 12:00**

**AMFTRB Business Meeting**

**Secretary's Report and Vote to Approve 2016 Minutes, Tammy Austin (VT)**

The secretary reported that all members' states have paid their dues, and are in good standing.

Tammy Austin presented the draft 2016 Annual Meeting minutes for approval. Meeting Minutes had been distributed prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting for review. It was noted that there was an error in the spelling of Dale Battleson's name. Mary Alice Olson motioned to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes with the amended change of correcting the spelling of Dale Battleson's name. Charlie Knerr (OH) seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report and Investment Committee Report, David Norton (IL)

David reported that the Investment Committee continues to meet quarterly, and works closely with Merrill Lynch, receiving monthly reports from Tracey regarding out accounts.

David distributed the proposed 2018 budget for review and approval. At this point the organization is doing very well financially, as we have already at this point in the year exceeded the revenue that was budgeted for 2017.

Areas that were highlighted:

- Teletherapy and Mobility Committees were given their own line item. These committees have been very active, and will continue their work into the next year.
- There is an additional line item added in to increase staffing capacity by adding an assistant to support the work that Lois is currently doing. With the growing workload, it is important to add additional staffing capacity.
- Clarification was provided regarding the SLL line item was in fact a typo, this should read ELL. Appropriate changes will be made.
- Clarity was provided that the number reflected under the 2017 column (for revenue and expenses are YTD numbers, not final numbers for the year) We are \$65,000 ahead on income compared to this YTD last year, and expenses are ahead \$20,000 over YTD.
- Scott Cohen provided clarity was that due to our non profit status, we in fact do not have a "profit" but rather we should be using the terminology of "income over expense" when referring to our financial status. Therefore, at this point in the year, we are projected to have a positive income over expense for this 2017 year.
- A question was raised regarding the travel expenses listed in the budget for the annual meeting. The question was whose travel is paid for to the Annual Meeting in the budget. The answer is that that the Board of Directors, and Executive Director's travel is paid for through the budget. In addition, we pay for our speakers travel expenses.
  - A discussion question arose regarding whether or not we have explored scholarships for states that are not able to afford travel to this meeting. Discussions around the challenges that some states have with accepting funding for

travel, and other challenges that exist for states and their reasons not to attend.

- Tammy Austin reports that efforts were made after the last annual meeting to connect with states that were not present for the annual meeting, and we will be doing the same outreach again this year.
- Charlie Knerr (OH) requested that AMFTRB look further into scholarship options as a way to increase state attendance at the annual meeting. In addition, it was noted that a minority scholarship would be appreciated
- The Board of Directors will look into ways to increase attendance, and follow up with those states not present.

Jeremy Blair (AL) motioned to approve the Treasurers report and proposed budget for 2018. Scott Cohen seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Elections Committee Report – Danny Garnett (SC) Committee Chair**

Danny recognized the work and contributions of his fellow committee members, Mary Badami (KY) and Sharon Adams (MS). Danny reported that 22 states participated in the voting for this year's elections of Board of Directors. The positions on the ballot for this year were Secretary, and President Elect.

The results of the election are: Tammy Austin (VT) was re-elected for Secretary and Mary Guth (SD) was elected to the position of President Elect.

#### **Awards Presentations**

President Pam Rollins provided recognition to Larry Porter, for his contributions to the organizations via our website. Larry has been managing the organization website since 2003. Larry picked up from two graduate students, and has maintained the website until the new website went live in July 2017.

Pam recognized the transition of Joanni Sailor from President Elect, to President with the symbolic presentation of the gavel. Joanni will officially take on the role of President in January 2018.

Joanni Sailor presented Pam Rollins with a plaque to recognize and honor the work she has done for the organization in her term as president during 2016, and 2017.

Pam thanked the organization's committee members for their hard work over this past year.

Those recognized include:

- Elections Committee- Danny Garnet (SC), Chair, Mary Badami KY, Sharon Adams MS
- Teletherapy Mary Alice Olsen (LA), Chair, Jeremy Blair (AL), Jennifer Smothermon (TX) and Leon Webber (AK)
- Mobility committee- Joanni Sailor (OK) Chair, Kim Madsen (CA), Wanda Nicholson, Susan (FL), David Norton (IL), Bruce O'Leary (MN)

Pam Rollins also wanted to thank all of our speakers for their time and contributions to this successful annual meeting. Special thanks were given to Jim Anliot; Healthcare Compliance Services, Roger Smith, Attorney AAMFT, Dorothy Becvar, IACSTE; Dan Lord, COAMFTE, and Vicki Gremelsbacker, PTC. Thank you all!

The 2018 Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2018 CLEAR Conference in Philadelphia, PA on September 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Mary Alice Olsen (LA) motioned to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting. Danny Garnett (SC) seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Austin, Secretary 10/11/17.