

**# 2 - Recommendation to the 2008 House of Delegates
Regarding Term of Office for Delegates
*Submitted by AMTA Indiana Chapter***

Whereas, in 2006, the National Board of Directors voted to change the numbers of years a Delegate can serve the Chapter to be no more than two (2) consecutive elected years, and

Whereas, the function and voice of a Delegate is unique among Professional Massage Therapy Organizations, and

Whereas, most members have no experience in serving as a Delegate, and

Whereas, the purpose of the Chapter Delegate is to represent the Chapter members and related activities, inform the Chapter of timelines, and facilitate the Chapter's influence in the House of Delegates, and

Whereas, Delegates work to develop relationships with Chapter members, fellow Chapter Delegates, as well as Delegates from other Chapters and the House of Delegates Operations Committee, while carrying out their duties, and

Whereas, the responsibilities of a Delegate are to communicate at the Chapter Annual Meeting and through other means available, and initiate member involvement in discussion of matters that may or will come before the House of Delegates, and

Whereas, Delegates will maintain a working knowledge of materials provided prior to the House of Delegates, and

Whereas, Delegates will prepare and review all necessary materials prior to meetings, and

Whereas, Delegates will attend and participate in the House of Delegates Orientation, Meeting and cast informed votes, and

Whereas, Delegates will report the actions of the House of Delegates to the Chapter membership, and

Whereas, newer Delegates consider their first few times attending House of Delegate Meeting a time of learning and are less proactive in the process, and

Whereas, the Indiana Chapter anticipates this change in the number of consecutive terms a member is allowed to serve as a Delegate will greatly reduce the productivity, effectiveness and voice of the House of Delegates because of the lack of experienced Delegates present, and

Whereas, the Chapter membership should be allowed to elect a member qualified to be a Delegates and not be limited to who can serve additional terms and trust the elective process to eliminate those that are not meeting their purpose and responsibilities to the Chapter, and

Whereas, Chapters want their Delegate to be inspired and empowered to serve the membership with their own personal resource, which might include prior Delegate knowledge and experience.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors, that the language "term of office shall not exceed two (2) consecutive elected years" be dropped and not limit the time a member can serve their Chapter as a Delegate in the House of Delegates.

Approved by a vote of the Indiana Chapter Board of Directors, February 27, 2008.
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