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Dear UTSSAMT Members,

I am writing this message on behalf of Michelle Tew, our state society President. Over the past couple of years Michelle’s health has been failing. This has created multiple issues for her personally as well as in her activities within and for AMT. After many years as our President she has been advised by her health care providers that she must step down from these responsibilities.

The Utah State Society of AMT owes much to Michelle’s efforts over the years. There have been times when she has kept our society functional nearly singlehandedly. Her final service to our society as President was to organize our fall meeting which was held in Salt Lake City on October 29. She was unable to attend this meeting.

During the business session of our meeting those that were able to attend elected new officers to lead the society. Those new officers have very big shoes to fill. The new officers unanimously voted to ask Michelle to continue serving UTSSAMT to the level she is able as a member of our State Board of Directors. It is Michelle’s desire that you give them the support and encouragement that you have provided to her during her years of leadership. These new officers are listed in the report of our Fall Meeting located later in this newsletter.

If you feel so inclined, I would encourage you to take a minute and send Michelle a note of thanks for her service. Her address is:

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On behalf of the entire leadership team of UTSSAMT,

Ken Hawker, MT-AMT  
UTSSAMT Vice-President elect and Interim Editor
The Utah State Society of the American Medical Technologists held our Fall 2016 meeting on October 29, 2016 at the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City.

Following a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. we had an educational session on “Understanding Pelvic Pain” presented by Dr. Howard Sharp from the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of the University of Utah Medical Center.

Our annual business meeting was held during lunch which was provided by the UTSSAMT BOD. The main order of business was the future of our Society. It was announced that our long term President, Michelle Tew, was stepping due on going health issues. Those in attendance considered two options. First was the need for others to step into leadership roles. Second, if no one was willing to assume leadership we would need to consider the surrender of our State Charter. After much discussion it was decided to move forward as a society. The following members were elected and agreed to serve as officers for the next two years:

- President: Deborah Adelsgruber, CMAS
- Vice President: Kenneth Hawker, MT-AMT
- Secretary: Deanna Watts
- Treasurer: Christina Mahon, RMA
- Board Member: Lavita Jones, CMAS
- Michelle Tew, RMA
- Interim Editor: Kenneth Hawker, MT-AMT

These officers will assume their positions on January 1, 2017.

Our leadership team continues to look for someone to volunteer to assume the role as our permanent Newsletter Editor.

It is the goal of the new officers to recruit younger members who will join the leadership team of our society and help to move us forward into the future.

The afternoon educational session was cancelled due to an extremely light attendance. Our scheduled speaker, Jeff Johnson from Emergency Management has already committed to present at our Spring Meeting in March, 2017.

**Coming Events**

Our Spring Meeting, 2017 date is still pending. Please watch your mailbox and e-mail account for announcements in this regard. This date will also be posted on the UTSSAMT page of the AMT State Societies tab on the americanmedtech.org web site.
AMT National Meeting Report  
By Kenneth Hawker, MT-AMT

AMT’s annual seminar and business meeting was held in Memphis, Tennessee on July 17-21, 2016. It was my privilege, in addition to my role as a National BOD member, to serve as UTSSAMT’s sole representative at this year’s meeting. The meeting was held in the Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis. This hotel is famous for its resident ducks who parade back and forth each day from their quarters on the roof to the water fountain located in the hotel lobby.

Attendance at this year’s meeting was the largest in several years with 434 registrants at the meeting. The meeting format was adjusted to a new format with two days of technical educational sessions and one day devoted to leadership training.

At the welcome party, which featured an Elvis Presley impersonator, UTSSAMT provided a gift bag for the annual giveaway. This year’s bag was won by a delegate from Oregon.

The annual business meeting was held on Thursday. The final matter of business was the election of members for the National Board of Directors. Those elected to new three year terms were: Jeannette “Jeannie” Hobson (RMA); Christopher “Chris” Seay (MT); and Naomi F. Melvin (MT). The Board elected the following officers to serve for this year: President – Jeff Lavender (MT); Vice President – Jeannie Hobson (RMA); Secretary – Deborah Westervelt (RMA); and Treasurer – Kenneth Hawker (MT).

A by-law amendment to add an additional RMA class member to the Board of Directors was passed. This will become effective at the 2017 annual meeting. There will be two open RMA class positions and two open MT class positions that will be elected at the 2017 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

At the AMTIE annual meeting elections Fred Morley (MT) was elected to serve a one year term on the Board of Directors. Charles Baker (MT) and Ozzie Skinner (MT) were elected to serve three year terms.

It is my hope that there will be additional UTSSAMT members who will be able to attend our 2017 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri next July 9 – 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Hawker, MT-AMT

IN MEMORY

It is with much sorrow that it has been reported to us that AMT’s former Executive Director and very active member of the AMTIE, Gerard Boe, passed away on October 22, 2016. An obituary will be posted in the AMT Events magazine in the near future.
INTERIM EDITOR’S COMMENTS

The older I get the more the truth of a lesson I learned early in life becomes clear. A person much wiser than myself once told me, “Make sure you make a plan, pursue that plan, and do your best to see that plan through to completion. BUT . . . never forget, even with the best plans – LIFE will get in the way!” Recently, life has definitely gotten in the way. When I retired from my medical laboratory career last December I was looking forward to a life of relaxation and leisure. Was I ever fooled!

I say all of this as a way to apologize to my UTSSAMT colleagues and to our larger organization for being tardy in the publication of this edition of the UTSSAMT PACEMAKER and for my failure to produce a Spring Newsletter earlier this year. I will not go into the details of what life has done to me, but I hope you can find it in your hearts to be understanding and forgiving.

It remains my goal and the goal of your UTSSAMT officers and Board of Directors to recruit a capable and willing UTSSAMT member to assume the role of State Editor. Until this happens I will do my best to fulfill these duties. If you are interested in being our State Editor please contact me or any one of our State Officers.

Kenneth Hawker, UTSSAMT PaceMaker Interim Editor

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District Councillor's Message

Another AMT Annual Convention has come and gone. It was held at The Peabody Hotel, Memphis, TN July 17-22, 2016. The Peabody Hotel was built in the 18th century and everything about this hotel just caught my eye; as it did for many people throughout the convention. The best feature for me was the lobby with the fountain and the beautiful flower arrangement on top. It was so relaxing to just sit in the lobby and stare at the beauty and watch the ducks. For over 80 years the March of the Peabody Ducks has entertained thousands of tourists. These Ducks and the Duck Master put on an awesome performance every day at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Then off they would go to their Duck Palace for the night. I hope everyone that had the opportunity to go to Memphis, TN was able to take something home to share with their family and loved ones.

As many of us found out “ELVIS” is still living and entertaining many people every day. I could go on but I also need to share some important information with you.

• The convention was a great success. We had over 400 attendees and 40-60 new timers.
• New Officers were elected to the National Board of Directors.
• By-Laws Amendments were all passed by the House of Delegates
• New Medical programs starting in your area, spread the word about joining AMT.
• 2017 Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri
• 2018 Convention will be held in the Eastern District, location to be announced.
• Congratulations to Western District award winners: Marty Hinkle (MT) received the Med Tech of the Year; Nicole Weiss (RMA) received the Medallion of Merit aka M.O.M. award; George Cook (MT) received the Becky award.

I hope you all had a great time. As always I am available for questions and comments. I look forward in continuing to work with all of you.

Sheryl Rounsivill, RMA, RPT, AHI, CMAS
AMT Western District Councillor

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