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president's comments



Jeannie Hobson, RMA, RPT,
AHI, CMAS (AMT)
President

Hello AMT family,

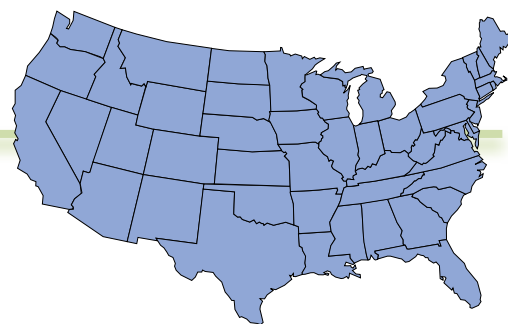
It seems like we were just all together in Washington, DC, but in reality it has been nearly two months. The Washington, DC, meeting was a wonderful event. What a thrill to celebrate our nation's birthday in the capital of our country. If you were not able to be there, you missed a wonderful time. The post evaluations from attendees are in and are overwhelmingly positive. Over 80% said they would return in 2019 and 95% indicated they would recommend the AMT meeting to others.

I, for one, am looking forward to 2019 in Chicago. The planning for 2019 is well underway. The meeting will again take place over July 4th week (July 1-5, 2019). We will be at the Chicago Hilton Hotel on S. Michigan Ave. The hotel is well situated for seeing many of the sights of Chicago. It overlooks Grant Park and is close to the Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, and the Art Institute of Chicago. I have personally visited many of these sights and they are truly awesome. In addition, we are not far from Navy Pier and the famous "Magnificent Mile." I always find new adventures when visiting the "Windy City."

I would like to welcome three new members to the AMT Board of Directors, **Fran Oran**, AHI, RMA(AMT) from Nebraska, **Harry Narine**, MT(AMT) from Trinidad & Tobago, and **Marty Hinkel**, MT(AMT) from Wyoming. All three bring many years of dedication and energy to AMT. The board welcomes them and is looking forward to working with them to further make AMT the Pride of the Profession.

October brings the meeting of the Audit and Budget Committee and the first meeting of the AMT Board for the new fiscal year. One of the items the Board will need to address is the

state societies



SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Alabama	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Arizona	10/13/2018	Phoenix, AZ
Arkansas	9/8/2018	Little Rock, AR
CASMET	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Central Plains (KS/NE)	8/11/2018	Wichita, KS
Florida	11/18/2018	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Georgia	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Illinois	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Indiana	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Iowa	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Kentucky	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Louisiana	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Maine/New Hampshire	10/16-18/2018	Portland, ME
Michigan	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Minnesota	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Mississippi	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Missouri	10/6/2018	St. Louis, MO
Nevada	9/14/2018	Reno, NV
New Jersey	10/20/2018	Edison, NJ
New Mexico	10/20/2018	Albuquerque, NM
New York	10/20/2018	Flushing, NY
North Carolina	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Northwest (WA/ID/MT)	10/24-27/2018	Portland, OR
Ohio	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH
Oklahoma	10/13/2018	Sayre, OK
Oregon	10/24-27/2018	Portland, OR
Rocky Mountain	10/12-10/13/2018	Loveland CO
South Carolina	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Tennessee	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Texas	10/12-13/2018	San Antonio, TX
Tri-State	10/28/2018	West Hartford CT
Utah	9/15/2018	TBD
Virginia	10/19-20/2018	Gulfport, MS
Wisconsin	10/5-6/2018	West Chester, OH

Scientific Meetings *continued*

Magnolia Educational Treasures "Finding Educational Treasures in the Gulf"
10/19-20/2018 Gulfport, MS

Great Lakes District Conference
10/5-6/2018 West Chester, OH

In Memoriam

George H. Aldrich, MT, Helotes, TX, certified in 1957, died on May 19, 2018.

Tracey L. Dahlman, RMA, Park Forest, IL, certified in 2016, died on Nov. 29, 2017.

Helene Betterton-Kerpics, MT, Estill Springs, TN, certified in 2005, died on Aug. 27, 2017.

Deloris F. Lanham, RMA, Knoxville, TN, certified in 2005, DOD unknown.

Alice L. Woodson, RMA, Carlinville, IL, certified in 1994, died on Oct. 15, 2017.

Essential Tools for Consulting

by Dr. Joel E. Mortensen,
Certified Laboratory
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“After the smart phone, the most used and required tool is the laptop computer.”

People choose to go into consulting for all kinds of reasons: tired of working for someone else, retired but still looking for fun and interesting work, interests beyond the present job, downsized or fed up.... Although there are many books and article detailing how to get started as a consultant, I could not find the one resource I desired — a simple list of Essential Tools for Consulting. So, I sent out a questionnaire to consultants in my general area of expertise to get their ideas.

Communication Devices

The number one recommendation from all of the consultants was the need to have up-to-date and adaptable devices for communication, document storage, and internet access. For many of us, the technology that has changed the most in the last 5–10 years is our phones. A consultant needs a good cell phone with a significant amount of onboard memory. How much memory is enough? That is a constantly moving target. Each time I get a new phone I try to pick the amount of memory in the middle of what is offered. Like computers, it seems that as I get to the end of the life of a phone, the memory is not enough. Not only are cell phones for taking pictures of you and your friends on the Ferris wheel, modern smartphones are also very useful for taking and sharing important business images. Since I take pictures of equipment, laboratories, people (to add to my contact information), the capabilities of camera was a consideration when purchasing my phone.

In addition, a good collection of phone apps related to your business are important:

- Secure text (one example is Open Whisper Systems)
- Airlines — reservation and flight

status, early check in, flight change updates

- Hotel — again reservations, early check in
- Uber or Lyft — consistently cheaper than cabs and much better tracking of expenses
- OpenTable — a nice easy way to make a restaurant reservation and find places to eat in a new city
- ADT or other security linked to home. OK, this one was just on my list. I monitor my house, change the thermostat, look at live video feeds of the cats, and all kind of other tasks, while I am on the road.

Which provider one chooses for phone and data service will depend on the location and availability of other digital services but don't scrimp! You need good connections, strong data, Wi-Fi and possibly a phone that makes international connections in Europe or Southeast Asia or wherever you travel. Wi-Fi phone connections have replaced international phones in many settings, so look at your options.

After the smart phone, the most used and required tool is the laptop computer. Though you may have a desktop computer at home but you will need a solid mobile unit as well. You should obtain the lightest, fastest unit with as much memory as is reasonable up front. Also consider connectivity. For example, some laptops have very limited input and output to reduce cost and weight. However, if you end up making lots of presentations, you need sufficient video output to allow you to easily connect with different types of projectors. If you want to use the same computer at home but hook up a monitor, keyboard, speakers, etc. you need to have all of the appropriate plugs and jacks.

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The 2018-2019 AMT Board of Directors



AMT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1st row seated l-r: Jeff Lavender, Deb Westervelt, Chris Seay, Jeannie Hobson, Ken Hawker, Dr. Kim Cheuvront, Edna Anderson
2nd row l-r: Harry Narine, Marty Hinkel, Carole Aston, Cherry-Ann DaCosta-Carter, Dr. Naomi Melvin, Lisa Bromley, Fran Oran, Mike McCarty



AMT OFFICERS

l-r: Deb Westervelt, Secretary; Chris Seay, Vice-President; Jeannie Hobson, President; Ken Hawker, Treasurer

AMT Board Election

At the election held during the Business Meeting that took place on July 5, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, elected to a three-year term were **Marty Hinkel**, MT; **Harry Narine**, MT, RPT; and **Francine Oran**, AHI, RMA.

Marty Hinkel, MT, Worland, WY, has been a member of AMT for 22 years. She is a past president of the Rocky Mountain state society, and chair of the AMT Scientific/Speakers Committee. She also served on the AMTIE Board. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, President's Award, Exceptional Merit, Technologist of the Year, and Pillar.

Harry Narine, MT, RPT, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies, has been a member of AMT for 18 years. He is the Immediate Past President of the Caribbean Association of Medical Technologists (CASMET). Honors include Distinguished Achievement, RPT of the Year, Exceptional Merit, and Pillar.

Francine Oran, RMA, AHI, Lincoln, NE, has been a member of AMT for 15 years. She is the current secretary of the Central Plains state society and past editor. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit and Most Improved State Society Publication.

Board Elects Officers

Officers were elected by the AMT Board of Directors at its organizational meeting held in Washington, DC, during the AMT convention. Elected were **Jeannie Hobson**, RMA, RPT, AHI, CMAS, President; **Christopher Seay**, MT, Vice-President; **Ken Hawker**, MT, Treasurer; and **Deb Westervelt**, RMA, COLT, Secretary.