President’s Message

The AMT National Conference will be held in Memphis, TN this year. More details are inside this edition. Last year we had our conference at Remington College and this year we plan to try something different. We had our board meeting in March and we decided to have our state annual educational conference on a virtual platform. We will have some great speakers lined up. Once everything is finalized, we will send out a blast email to our state members on how to access the conference. You will be able to gain CEU’s from each educational session.

Sincerely,

Denecia Ramsey

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From the Editor’s Desk

I have a question for the ARSSAMT membership. Does your affiliation with AMT thru the ARSSAMT State Charter benefit you? If you answered yes, then please pay attention to this message. Multiple board positions are held by the same individuals. We “NEED HELP!”

In order to keep the Arkansas Charter, we are urgently pleading for the membership to get involved. Come to our meetings, begin to help out in the State offices; we will help you!!

If this does not happen in the near future, your state charter will go away and we will not have ARSSAMT. Through the efforts of my colleagues and I, we have held this Charter together. My fellow officers, you, and I will all be affected. That is why we so desperately need your help!! Come to the meetings and keep ARSSAMT alive. We will gladly help you in any way we can.
Memphis is the largest city on the Mississippi River. It has a warm subtropical climate. Memphis is the home of founders and pioneers of various American music genres, including Memphis soul, Memphis blues, gospel, and rock n’ roll. Beale Street, a center for entertainment, dining, shopping and culture, is a national historical landmark and shows the impact Memphis has had on American blues. Famous Memphis celebrities include Justin Timberlake, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin, Isaac Hayes, and Morgan Freeman, among others.

- Home of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, one of the world’s premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children
- Memphis is the Pork Barbecue Capital of the World
- Top reasons for visiting Memphis: Beale Street, music, blues, Elvis Presley’s Graceland, Southern culture and history

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District Councillor’s Spring Message 2016

I greet you all from sunny Louisiana on this 21st Day of January. The weather report this morning is not favorable for OK, C-Plains, MO, or ARK but in TX, LA, and MS it is not so bad. That’s all for the Weather report. On to better things. Let’s talk about the convention that is to be held in Memphis, TN, in July 17th-22nd. I hope all who plan on attending have watched their e-mail’s or visited the AMT web-site and taken advantage of the reduced registration fees. Please make your reservations early at the Peabody Hotel. This is going to be an awesome opportunity to gather those valuable ceu’s and get re-acquainted with some super old friends. All the information about the convention is on the AMT web-site.

Another date that Central District States may want to take advantage of is the Magnolia Educational Treasurers Conference on 28th and 29th of OCT 2016. It will be held in Gulfport, MS, you all will be receiving e-mails throughout the year about this meeting. The program will soon be sent to all Southern States. Please don’t forget your State meetings and functions going on in your individual states. Turn out and support your State leaders, but more than that, get involved. Your State officers did not get to where they are at just yesterday. No, it is a maturing process that occurs over time. They are there to mentor and help new young future leaders. I encourage all members to watch their e-mail’s for information from your State and National leaders. I wish you all a blessed and prosperous year. See you soon.

Randy Swopes

Randy Swopes, MT, AMT
Central District Councilor
Member to Member

Hello, my name is Cyndee Carr. I am a Registered Medical Assistant, a former Allied Health Instructor, and a former EMT. I want to reach out to all the members of the Arkansas State Society and those that are thinking about joining the State Society as you prepare to start your careers in the Allied Health field to really think about getting more involved in the State Society. I know I sat on the fence about becoming involved and I am glad that I did.

There are so many benefits of being a member of a society. So let's talk about these benefits. One of the greatest benefits of being an active member is networking, the opportunity to meet others in your field and to find out about job opportunities. Another benefit is being able to include membership on your resume; employers are always looking for employees who are active in organizations particularly in your field, even better is to hold an office within the State society or go on to the National level. One of the benefits that I personally find important and rewarding is affecting change within your field, without support of the State members and the National organization there can be no change. So what is affecting change, it can be lobbying for recognition of your education, credentials and continuing education to allow you to work up to your full potential. You can get continuing education credits through attending local scientific meetings, or through online courses with AMT, did you know that your certification or registration requires you to get CEU's from sources other than your current job.

The American Medical Technology Association is made up of Medical Assistant, Medical Technologist, Medical Laboratory Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Clinical Laboratory Consultant, Medical Administrative Specialist, Dental Assistant, and Allied Health Instructor.

We need those of you who are Registered or Certified through AMT to please become more involved with our State chapter. If we don't get more participation, even just attending meetings as a member or participating in online meetings, we will have to dissolve our chapter and incorporate with another State. Some of the board members are holding more than one position, and have been on the board for a long time. I wasn't planning initially on being on the board but I decided that I needed to be proactive and become involved and I am glad I did. The other board members have been so helpful making taking a position so easy. It really doesn't take an enormous amount of time and I hope that you will find it as worthwhile as I have. If you have questions or want to come to a meeting to see what it's all about please feel free to contact me at cyn_dec_99@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Cyndee Carr RMA
AMT Certification Requirements

Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT)(AMT)

Applicants must satisfy one of the following routes to qualify for certification:

- Graduate from an accredited phlebotomy technician program, which must include at least 120 hours of didactic instruction
- Complete at least 1,040 hours of acceptable work experience as a phlebotomy technician within the last three years
- Pass a phlebotomy technician examination given by another certification organization approved by AMT, or a state licensing agency (no AMT exam is required)

All applicants must complete a minimum of 50 successful venipunctures and 10 successful skin punctures.

AMT is an approved phlebotomy certification organization in the State of California.

Medical Technologist (MT)(AMT)

Applicants must satisfy one of the following routes to qualify for certification:

- Graduate from an accredited medical technology program with a bachelor’s degree in medical technology
- Graduate from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree AND complete at least 35 semester hours of coursework related to clinical laboratory sciences AND either complete an accredited academic program in medical technology OR complete at least one year of approved lab experience within the last five years
- Pass a generalist examination given by another certification organization approved by AMT, or a state licensing agency, AND be currently employed or have recent laboratory work experience (no AMT exam is required)
Medical Laboratory Technician
MLT(AMT)

Applicants must satisfy **one** of the following routes to qualify for certification:

- Graduate from an accredited college or university with an associate’s degree in medical lab technology or equivalent
- Complete at least two years (60 semester hours) of courses in any accredited college, including 25 semester hours in clinical laboratory science disciplines AND six months of approved lab experience
- Complete a 50-week US military laboratory medical training program
- Pass a generalist examination given by another certification organization approved by AMT, or a state licensing agency, AND be currently employed or have recent laboratory work experience (no AMT exam is required)

Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant
CMLA(AMT)

Applicants must satisfy **one** of the following routes to qualify for certification:

- Complete an academic course of study that is a minimum of 200 didactic clock hours (at least 100 of which are devoted to the study of fundamental lab technology) AND a minimum of 120 clock hours of approved laboratory experience
- Complete a minimum of 1,040 hours of work experience within the past three years in which lab technology was the primary focus (at least 520 hours devoted to performance of clinical lab duties)

Clinical Laboratory Consultant
CLC(AMT)

Certification is granted to applicants who earn “points” across areas such as education, certification and professional activities. (No AMT exam is required.)
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AMT now has a mobile app for smart phones. Go to your phone's browser and type https://www.americanmedtech.org/mm and then press go! This will bring you to the “AMT Mobile Member Login”. To create a shortcut to the app, select the “Air Drop” box on your screen and choose the option “Add to Home Screen”. You should now have the AMT logo as your app icon on your screen.

Type in your “User Name” and “Password” to login as you would to the AMT website. Sign in and you will see the home screen with news and your annual renewal invoice if you have one due. Click on the navigation menu and you will find additional features on the app including viewing your application or certification status, purchasing CE and other AMT Store items, submitting CEs through AMTrax and viewing your transcript, and registering for national meetings.

Remember, this is an app and does not have the full website capability. You will not be able to submit an application or access practice exams, review courses, or STEP articles. Please go to our website for those activities.

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Become a student member today by going to “americanmedtech.org/Schools/StudentMembership/”. If you have any questions, please call AMT: 847-823-5169.

THE EDWARD Z. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
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In order to promote and support the study of clinical laboratory science programs certified by American Medical Technologist (AMT), the Arkansas State Society is sponsoring The Edward Z. Young Memorial Scholarship Award. One scholarship of $500 will be awarded to a student in a clinical laboratory sciences program, specializing in the following health-related field categories: Medical Technologists (MT), Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLT), Medical Lab Assistants (MLA), Medical Assistants (MA), Medical Administrative Specialists (MAS), Phlebotomy Technicians (PT), Dental Assistants (DA).
Edward Z. Young Memorial Scholarship Award
Application Requirements

1. A completed, signed and dated scholarship application form.

2. Current enrollment in, and successful completion of at least one semester in either a:
   1) NAACLS-approved clinical program for the above categories.
      OR
   2) be certified in one of the above categories and enrolled in a graduate program
      specializing in education or a health-related field.

3. Applicant’s academic record.
   • Official transcript(s) from the college institution attended.

4. One (1) letter of recommendation using the attached outline:
   • One letter must be from the current Clinical Program or Graduate school faculty
     member, program director or clinical rotation supervisor who can address such ar-
     eas as your academic achievement, motivation and potential for success in the pro-
     fession.

5. A typed biographical essay of approximately 500 words describing yourself and your
   professional goals.

6. All application materials must be received by July 15, 2016. Scholarships will be
   awarded at the ARSSAMT Fall Conference.

7. Scholarship awards are determined by the essay (50%), letter of recommendation
   (33%), and CGPA (17%).

8. Please send the completed application packet to:

ARSSAMT Scholarship Committee
C/O Denecia Ramsey
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• RDA

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Indicate your certification & year of certification: _________________________________________

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1. Official transcripts from your academic institution(s) must be either mailed directly from the institution to
the ARSSAMT Scholarship Committee, or sent (along with other application materials) in an envelope with
the school’s official stamp across the envelope seal. They must be received by the application deadline (July 1,
2016).

2. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member, program director or clinical rotation supervisor who
can address such areas as your academic achievement and potential for success in the profession. The recom-
mandation cannot be a member of your immediate family. Letter must be mailed directly to the ARSSAMT
committee from the individual and received by the application deadline.

3. Biographical Essay approximately 500 words, typed. Please describe yourself, your accomplishments and
your professional goals.

I certify that the information given in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that
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Signed ______________________________________ Date _____________________
Upcoming Events

- National Medical Assistants Recognition Week
  October 19 – 23, 2016

- 78th Annual AMT Educational Program & National Meeting
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- ARSSAMT 2016 Educational Meeting
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