



MAMT

**Missouri State Association
of Medical Transcription**

THE DOGWOOD DISPATCH

January - March 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! For those of you who do not know me, I am Judy Donaldson, CMT, the new president for the Missouri State Association of AAMT/AHDI. It is my pleasure to serve as the President of the Missouri State Association. With the help of the new Board of Directors and Past President and President-Elect Kate Bergman, I know we will be able to serve you well.

We have started planning the 2007 educational conference, which will be held at the Lake of the Ozarks. It will be May 4-6, 2007 at the Country Club Hotel and Spa. Our AAMT/AHDI keynote speaker is going to be Cathy Baughman, CMT, FAAMT. Cathy is President of AAMT/AHDI for 2007. She will be speaking on "The Role of the MT in the Future of Healthcare Documentation". She will be speaking on Saturday.

In 2007, AAMT/AHDI will be supporting the efforts of The Heart Truth, a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease. Our theme this year for the conference will be "MT's Have Heart" to go along with the campaign for The Heart Truth.

There are some important dates to remember! The deadline for the **early bird conference registration is April 1, 2007 and hotel reservation deadline for the special rate is April 4, 2007.**

Other thoughts! Everyone is busy with his or her work and family life but remember, it only takes a few hours of your time to participate in your local chapter events. When you measure that against what you receive, there really is no comparison. The knowledge, professional growth, personal satisfaction, and leadership skills, not to mention the friendships you gain will last a lifetime.

I'd like to encourage every one of you to become active in your local chapter – participate as officers and committee chairpersons. Encourage all members to join AAMT/AHDI, in order to reap the benefits involve at the local, state and national level.

Hoping to see everyone at the State Meeting in May. Don't forget Friday night reception at the Villa for lots of food, fun and renewing old friendships and new friendships.

Respectfully,

Judy Donaldson, CMT
MAMT President, 2007

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello All!

The year 2006 is over and Judy Donaldson, CMT, is our new MAMT president. It was a great year! Being president was a lot of fun and a good learning experience. I encourage everyone to take an interest in being on the Missouri State Board. Sometimes it is challenging and a little scary to take on new things but in the end you would not have it any other way. I worried about how I would fit it in with everything I have going on in my life. Sometimes it was stressful but it was worth it. The best part is all the new friends you make and the people that you meet.

I want to thank the board for all their hard work and friendship. Everyone is dedicated to making our state meeting and our organization very successful.

I am looking forward to the meeting in May. The plans are underway and things are going well.

Sincerely,

Kate Bergman



NATIONAL 2007 THEME (from AAMT website)

In 2007, AAMT will be supporting the efforts of [The Heart Truth](#), a national awareness campaign regarding women and heart disease. The campaign, whose ambassador is First Lady Laura Bush, is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), whose goal is to share the “heart” truth with women around the country – that heart disease is the #1 killer of American women. The symbol for this initiative is a red dress, which was introduced as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in 2002.

NAME CHANGE

As all of you probably already know, the 2006 House of Delegates voted to change the name of the association. During the course of 2007, we will become the **Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI)**. This does not affect the credentials of CMT, RMT, or FAAMT. MAMT will officially change to MAHDI (I think it could be pronounced “maddy”) once AAMT’s implementation is complete.

NEW ADDRESS

The AAMT office is now officially in its new location, **4230 Kiernan Avenue, Ste. #130, Modesto, CA 95356**. All phone numbers remain the same.

MAMT CONFERENCE 2007!

The MAMT Board is very pleased to once again host our 2007 conference at the lake at the **Country Club Hotel & Spa**. Visit www.countryclubhotel.com to find out more about CCHS and for directions.



CONFERENCE THEME

This year's theme is **MTs Have Heart**, which goes along with the national theme of **The Heart Truth**.

REGISTRATION FORM

The form is part of this newsletter, plus it is available as a separate document on the Events page of our website. We do not have any way to take payments electronically, so please print out the form and mail it in with your payment.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

We still have a few pockets to fill, but it is well on its way! Check out what we have so far on the next page.

DOOR PRIZES, GOODY BAGS, AND RAFFLE ITEMS

We are already getting responses from members who have door prizes to donate and items for the goody bags. Keep 'em coming! Just contact one of the board members to let them know what you are bringing and when you will be bringing it. Please note that the MAMT board has approved ordering an American Heart Association pin for goody bags, so we will not need any of those.

Here are just a few things we have planned:

- We will once again have a Friday night get-together with at least 2 credits offered.
- There will be 2 raffles: one for door prizes with one free ticket provided to each member, and one for the bigger raffle items. The list of bigger raffle items, such as Patti Niemeyer's afghan, will be available on our website very soon along with some photos. Tickets for these items will be on sale both before and during the conference. More details forthcoming on the Events page of our website.
- T-Shirts with the MAMT logo and conference theme will be made and sold by pre-conference orders only. More information will be available on the website soon.
- Vendors will be provided with a time to speak about their product during lunch on Saturday.
- Water aerobics – for real this time!











If any of you have other ideas for a successful conference, please e-mail anyone on the board.

One more note – the Magic Dragon car show is the same weekend as our conference again, which will be set up on the Bagnell Dam strip. This might be something your family would enjoy while you're learning new things!

MAMT Educational Conference

May 4 - May 6, 2007

Our agenda is a work in progress, but it's almost ready to go! Here is what we have so far:

-  **Diabetes Education** – Cheryl Lummis – 1 Clinical Medicine
-  **Pain Management** – Bradford Noble, MD – 1 Clinical Medicine
-  **Heart Healthy** – Major Peterson, RN – 1 Clinical Medicine
-  **Water Aerobics** – CCHS exercise instructor – 1 Complementary Medicine
-  **Topic To Be Announced** – Linn Lewis – 1 Complementary Medicine
-  **HED Horizon Expert Documentation** – Randy House - Medicolegal
-  **Local Chapter Updates** – 1 Professional Development
-  **Public Speaking** – Jennifer Lyons, CMT – 1 Professional Development
-  **To Be Announced** – Cathy Baughman, CMT, President of AAMT – 1 Technology in the Workplace
-  **Bonus Quiz**

There will be 2 credits offered Friday night, 7 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday. Adding in our bonus quiz, we are very pleased to offer a total of [12 CECs](#) at our conference.

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

May 4 - 6, 2007

Country Club Hotel & Spa
Horseshoe Bend Parkway (HH)
Lake Ozark, Missouri 65049
573/964-2200

Name: _____ AAMT No. _____
 Address: _____ Day Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Eve Phone: _____
 Chapter: _____ Office Held: _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: (Please circle correct fee)

	AAMT MEMBER FEE ¹				NON-MEMBER FEE		
	<u>Early</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>On-site</u>		<u>Early</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>On-Site</u>
Total Package	100.00	125.00	150.00	Total Package	135.00	160.00	185.00
Saturday only	90.00	115.00	140.00	Saturday	100.00	115.00	140.00
Students²	75.00	75.00	75.00	Students	75.00	75.00	75.00

Extra lunch for non-registrants: \$20.00

¹To qualify for Member rates, a photocopy of your **current AAMT membership card must be attached** in the space below. Forms without cards will be returned to you.

²To qualify for Student rates, proof that you are a **student (letter from an instructor on school letterhead, a report card, or a copy of the paid class registration form from your school) must be attached** to this registration form. Forms without proof will be returned to you.

PAYMENT POLICY: Payment must accompany registration—no exceptions. **NO REFUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.** **Early registration** must be postmarked by April 1, 2007. **Regular registration** must be postmarked by **April 14, 2007**; otherwise, on-site rates will apply.

SIGNATURE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Make check payable to MAMT and mail with registration form to: MAMT Treasurer
 Janie Williams
 810 Riverside Drive, Neosho, MO 64850
 (Attach copy of membership card here.)

MAMT Inquiries:

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NOTE: Contributions or gifts to MAMT are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes; however, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here and describe if you are disabled and/or require special services. The hotel is handicapped accessible. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is your first MAMT Convention.	Some of our exhibitors and door prize donors request a list of names and addresses of those in attendance. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you prefer NOT to be included on such a list.
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HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 4, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. Rooms will be released after that date. When registering, state you are with the MAMT convention to get the special rate of \$89.00 for deluxe room and \$99.00 for a suite. Country Club Hotel and Spa 573/964-2200 or 800/964-6698 or www.countryclubhotel.com

MAMT STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS 2007

Welcome to all of our new 2007 state and local officers. We are lucky to have you!

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LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS

Kansas City CMTs And RMTs Considering Component Chapter!

A number of Kansas City MTs are again interested in forming a component chapter that would reach out to CMTs, RMTs, and AAMT members in the KC metro and surrounding areas. If you are interested in attending an initial fact-finding or interest meeting, please contact Donna Hinkle, CMT, at dwebb17@kc.rr.com or Ronda Greenway, CMT, at rgreenway@saint-lukes.org

Central Missouri Chapter (<http://www.aamt.org/ca/missouri/cmaamt>)

The Central MO Chapter held its first meeting February 10 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, MO. There were 3 credits offered, 2 speakers and a quiz. Memberships were renewed and added, and our officers were introduced. Our symposium will be in the fall, and more details will be in the next newsletter.

Linda Stone

Greater St. Louis Chapter (<http://www.aamt.org/ca/gsl>)

Our first meeting was 1/8 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center. Our guest speaker was Peter Preziosi and he gave an industry update and AAMT update. Our next meetings are as scheduled.

Chapter meeting: 4/26/2007 7 p.m.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditorium 3. Speaker: Stephanie Schmitt, Office of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor

Symposium: 10/6/2007 8:30 a.m.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditoriums 1 and 2. Speakers: TBA

Chapter meeting: 11/8/2007 7 p.m.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditorium 3. Speaker: TBA

Lisa LaRose, CMT

Tri-State Chapter (<http://www.aamt.org/ca/tristate>)

Here at Tri-State Chapter in Springfield, MO, our first meeting is coming up on February 24th, 2007, and is the annual membership drive. We have sent out many flyers and notices to TV stations, newspapers, as well as many facilities and members of AAMT with the hopes of getting the word out and getting new members for our chapter. The meeting will take place at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center at 2550 North Glenstone Avenue here in Springfield, MO. We will have a luncheon included at noon, and our speaker is Robin Gann, RHIA, MHA, the Cox Health Corporate Privacy Officer and Director of HIM. She will be speaking on HIPAA.

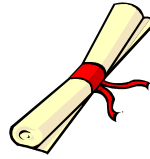
This year, with our members located in a wide area remote from Springfield, we decided to have other meetings in some of the outlying areas. Our second meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2007, and will be held in Joplin. The third meeting will be on June 16th, 2007, and will be held in Lebanon. Then on August 18th, 2007, the meeting will be held in the Mountain Grove area. The MTs who are located nearest these locations will be in charge of procuring a meeting place and setting up the meeting with a speaker. Locations and meeting places will be available on the Tri-State website as the arrangements are made. (cont.)

The Fall Symposium is scheduled for October 20th, 2007, and will again be held at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center. We will be starting to obtain speakers for that after the February meeting is completed.

Rae Messick, CMT

CERT CONNECTOR'S CORNER

Sara Proctor, CMT



Since the last newsletter, the new-and-improved CEC requirements were sent out. There are still 30 credits required, but you will need 2 additional CECs for the Technology in the Workplace and Medicolegal categories. This means you need at least **24** credits in the core areas, and the remaining 6 credits can be used in either core or optional areas. These changes will take place for those CMTs who recertify after March 1, 2007. Here's a snapshot of the new core section:

REQUIRED CORE AREAS:		<i>Examples of Topics</i>
3	Clinical Medicine	Traditional medical areas and specialties Human anatomy & physiology Surgery Acupuncture, chiropractic Pharmacology Laboratory medicine, imaging Disease processes Medical research and development Allied health areas (physical therapy, podiatry, audiology, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, psychology)
4	Medical Transcription Tools	English language usage MT resources and references Professional practice, applied standards (style, formatting, QA [Metrics], proofreading, editing, etc.) Developing a Quality Assurance or Quality Improvement program Quality assurance techniques and procedures Document processing tools (word processing, abbreviation expanders)
6	Technology and the Workplace	MT-related technology (all levels including ASPs, FTP, encryption, etc.) Electronic Health Record/Electronic Medical Record Personal Health Record Trends in Healthcare Delivery Coding & Reimbursement Data tagging, data mining, database management Ergonomics and workplace design Business issues related to medical transcription Society issues
6	Medicolegal Issues	Healthcare record & record management Risk management Medicolegal terminology and concepts Accreditation, administrative standards Ethics Confidentiality Healthcare-related legislation HIPAA Standards development (ASTM, HL7, etc.)

The entire document can be found at <http://www.aamt.org/scriptcontent/downloads/CECs.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact me or your local cert connector.

FEATURED ARTICLE – TIME MANAGEMENT SERIES

Rhonda Walker-Weaver

(This will be a series of articles in the next few issues.)

How to Stay Sane in the Face of a Crazy Day: Time Management Tips

Twenty-four hours in a day, and thirty-four hours' worth of "to do's" in a day. How can all of this be accomplished?

I went back to school, with only six credits to my name, when my youngest child entered first grade. I moved four times, home-schooled my children for a portion of the time, worked part-time, founded a non-profit organization, and received my masters degree, M.A., in American Studies the year after my youngest graduated from high school.

I no longer have children at home, but I teach four courses at a local college, am on the board of two non-profit organizations, work part-time at Career Step, and have recently moved – remodeling an older home while giving finals in four classes.

How do I maintain my sanity? By managing my time and by multitasking. In the upcoming articles I will describe methods for making my days, and those of my loved ones, a little less stressful.

I will be sharing tips on saying no, meal preparation, cleaning, organizing paperwork, plus, if you have any topics or tips you would like to see discussed, feel free to contact me at: Ronda@careerstep.com.

Until next time, here's a pointer I learned the hard way: ask yourself this question, "Does it need to be done by me, or does it just need to be done?"

About the Author

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NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

Please notify us of events and meetings going on in your neighborhood. For more information on national events, go to www.aamt.org. For state and local chapter events, go to www.aamt.org/ca/missouri. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

FEBRUARY

24 Tri-State membership drive, to be held at Clarion Hotel

MARCH

10 MAMT Board of Directors Telephone Conference

31 MAMT Board of Directors Telephone Conference

APRIL

14 Central Missouri meeting, Jefferson City

21 Tri-State regular meeting in Joplin, 10-12. Meeting place TBA

26 Greater St. Louis meeting, 7 p.m., Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditorium 3. Speaker: Stephanie Schmitt, Office of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor

MAY

4-6 MAMT ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, Country Club Hotel and Spa, Lake of the Ozarks

4 MAMT BOD Meeting

20-26 National Medical Transcription Week

JUNE

9 Central Missouri meeting, Kirksville

16 Tri-State regular meeting in Lebanon, 10-12. Meeting place TBA

AUGUST

4 Central Missouri meeting, Mexico

15-18 AAMT ANNUAL EXPO AND CONFERENCE, Reno, Nevada

18 Tri-State regular meeting in Mountain Grove, 10-12. Meeting place TBA

SEPTEMBER

15 Central Missouri Fall Symposium, Boone Hospital Center, Columbia

Central Missouri meeting after symposium (tentative)

MAMT BOD Meeting after Central Missouri symposium, Columbia, Missouri

OCTOBER

6 Greater St. Louis Fall Symposium, 8:30 a.m., Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditoriums 1 and 2.

Speakers: TBA

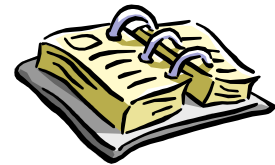
13 Central Missouri meeting, Jefferson City

20 Tri-State Fall Symposium, to be held at Clarion Hotel

NOVEMBER

8 Greater St. Louis meeting, 7 p.m., Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Auditorium 3. Speaker: TBA

10 MAMT BOD meeting, Columbia, Missouri



CAN YOU READ THESE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME?

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2) The farm was used to **produce** **produce**.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- 5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** **out**.
- 6) The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
- 7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
- 8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove** **dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.
- 19) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

How'd you do? Let's face it – English is not easy!

QUOTE:

*“The real leader has no need to lead;
He is content to point the way.”
(Henry Miller)*