

had forty-four members and thirteen student members. New officers for 1968 were Dorman Clyde Blaylock, President; Bobby R. Wimberley, 1st Vice-President; E. Jerome Cook, 2nd Vice-President, D. Robert Blaylock, 3rd Vice-President, Virginia J. Swenson, Secretary-Treasurer and Ralph R. Stubblefield, Director.

Utah Chapter held all officers over another year as follows: Harry W. Close, President; Douglas I. Nicholson, Vice-President and Percy B. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Washington Chapter made a gain of several new members and had a fine annual meeting in Moses Lake with the following officers elected: Don Mumford, President; Pearl E. Hoppe, Vice-President and Alta Mae Backus, Secretary-Treasurer. This state has the good fortune to have two massage schools, the Spartan School of Massage, Seattle, recently re-activated, and the newly formed Tri City School of Massage in Kennewick, Washington. The Legislative Committee, Arthur Mann and Arthur Dunbar, was all prepared to present a new massage bill to the 1969 legislative session. An Ordinance was passed in King County to license massage and a Board of Examiners was set up. Just one more step along the right road.

Wisconsin Chapter was host to the Mid West Regional Conference in April at Milwaukee. There were sixteen states represented and fourteen exhibitors. The banquet was attended by one hundred two. The Chapter was very satisfied with their slate of officers and they were held over another year: John P. Persona, President; Roy J. LeRoy, Vice-President; and Frank Persitza, Secretary-Treasurer. Frank Persitza was heading up a National membership drive and Wisconsin was all fired up about it.

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Arizona Chapter again introduced a Massage Bill in legislature. Members of this chapter were having problems with unethical advertising of massage in Phoenix and reported these activities to the Sheriff's office. The officers were: Harold C. Swanstrom, President; Pauline M. Chamberlain, 1st Vice-President and Marene B. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer.

California Chapter outlook is brighter with new enthusiasm, new plans and new officers. Elected were Lloyd J. Walker, President; Lauren E. Berry, Vice-President; Katherine Dunagan, Secretary-Treasurer. Their first meeting of the year was February 14, 1969. The \$50.00 monthly repayment pledge was kept up to date and hopes ran high to increase it. There was new harmony with a new slogan of "Forget the past and look forward". This Chapter had a booth at National Health Federation convention to further public relations. San Francisco was the site of the mid-year state meeting. A three day fall meeting, October 3-5, 1969 in the Grand Hotel, Anaheim, California provided workshops and excellent talks by experts, with a gala time spent at Disneyland.

Colorado Chapter had a fine steady growth this year and special educational seminars with Dr. Young conducting a workshop in May.

The Colorado officers for the year were Darold A. Hartsook, President; Bertha Ida Belle Carlock, 1st Vice President; Dwaine I. Sole, 2nd Vice President; Ina Bell Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer.

Florida Chapter, a fine group of dedicated members intent on giving us a fine convention in 1969, were also busy on the home front, updating its massage law. This state is contemplating the institution of new courses in the junior colleges. Florida officers were Cecil W. George, President, David Sacks, 1st Vice President; Harry H. Epstein, 2nd Vice President, Juan Amon Wilkins, 3rd Vice President; and William C. Outten, Secretary-Treasurer. This Chapter was in the process of revising its By-Laws to conform with those of National. They also were in the process of setting up a blood bank for members. More individuals donated to the Emergency Fund than in all other chapters combined.

The National AMTA Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention was held in Miami Beach, Florida at the Barcelona Hotel, August 6 to 10, 1969. A fine package plan provided guests with meals and rooms for \$75.00 per person for the five days. Theme of the convention was "Professionalism" aimed at teaching members how to make a better living and serve their patrons through massage therapy by increasing their knowledge and raising professional standards.

There were fifteen changes in the constitution and By-Laws. Discussions on these were lead by Adam Hoffman, Chairman of the Committee. One change made members eligible for RMT examination after one year but still keep three year requirement before they will receive their RMT Certificate - have supervised training sessions on complete body massage and see that schools meet national standards - change in annual dues to national will receive \$20.00 of the \$30.00 Dues and all of the \$15.00 application fee - charge one-half current bank rates on funds loaned to chapters - new members must be a graduate of an approved school - abolished one-half year dues to new members - clarifies hardship and limits to one year under Article 6 Section U - National Convention Educational Program placed under direction of Educational Committee - make educational director a member of Board of Directors - revised three districts into six - changed President's salary to yearly expense account - directed National Secretary-Treasurer to send minutes of business meeting to all chapters - year book cover shall comply with fiscal year date - and revision of Article 23.

Seven resolutions passed required convention program be prepared and presented to Board of Directors sixty days before convention date - State program stress teaching each member full body massage - established Education Fund under Director of Education and held in separate fund by Secretary Treasurer. Constitution and By-Laws be printed so they can be removed from Year Book - and that a financial report of the National be sent to all chapters annually.

Frank Persitza reported that a total of members gained was 155 and lost was 163, making a net loss of 8. He announced the membership contest winners as: First place, Mildred Konsella, Kansas, among the ladies, and Lloyd C. Allen, California, and Juan Amon Wilkins, Florida, tying for first place of the men. Next five highest were Ina Bell Campbell, Ruth E. Williams, Anna Hoopes, Lola Jordan and

Pauline Chamberlain. The 1969 Annual Meritorious award plaque was presented at the banquet to James C. Bowling, Tennessee, a most deserving person, all agreed. James had a busy year in office and supervised RMT Examinations for fifty members. Due to the expense involved in travel, etc., these exams will be given only at national conventions hereafter.

District Director, David Carlson, reported that twenty-three cities in California have been sent sample City Ordinances with the hope that when enough ordinances are obtained in a state that a massage law will be easier to get.

Only one hundred members availed themselves of the Malpractice and Premise Liability Insurance program. Members were urged by Irene Gauthier, Insurance Committee Chairman, to participate in the program lest it fail. In spite of the fact that three hundred were required, the company renewed for another year since there had been no claims made.

National Finance Chairman, Thomas R. Fink, devised a method to meet the financial deficit of more than \$5,000.00 in the national treasury whereby each state chapter was asked to donate \$10.00 for each member. Not all responded but fourteen of the twenty-five chapters donated \$2,287.00 and \$835 was received from personal donations. If all chapters had donated, the entire deficit would have been wiped out. For list of new officers elected at the national convention, see appendix in back of book.

Georgia Chapter was one of the first to respond to the National emergency financial plea. Although this chapter is small, their loyalty is big. The officers were Clarence W. Jones, President; Josephine B. Dinkler, Vice President and Victor H. Nestberg, Secretary-Treasurer.

Idaho Chapter was the first chapter to be 100% paid up in membership. Elected officers were Frank Lasley Harrold, President, Sarah I. Lee, Vice President and Carrie Belle Rose, Secretary-Treasurer.

Illinois Chapter were already deep in their plans for the 1970 national convention on our Silver Anniversary of annual meetings. This Chapter was financially sound and had a fine educational program working closely with Dr. Young in workshops, etc. Meetings were held bi-monthly at Oak Park "Y". Indiana enjoyed a joint meeting with these folk in May, 1969. The officers for the year were Michael J. Thomas, President; Forest A. Dougherty, Vice President; Beatrice T. Huff, Secretary and Lucille M. Kolk, Treasurer.

Indiana Chapter membership held steady and meetings were held regularly with full co-operation with national and responding to the plea for emergency funds. Catherine Holland, who was recuperating from a shoulder injury, reported the death of Dr. Briggs after he was shot during a robbery in his home. Indiana Chapter officers were Elwin L. Graham, President; Ethel L. Kirkpatrick, Vice-President, and Carolyn Gerber, Secretary-Treasurer.

Iowa Chapter lost a fine member in the death of Richard Frysinger.

Although a struggling chapter, they were still holding firm with the following officers; Arles G. Bahl, President; James A. Cunningham, Vice-President and Floy Brownlie, Secretary-Treasurer.

Kansas Chapter had increased to twenty-one members and all were building plans for the 1970 Mid-West Conference. Officers were G. L. Lamb, President; Fidelis J. Schmidt, Vice-President and Helen M. Kasper, Secretary Treasurer.

Massachusetts Chapter, with five meetings a year and under the direction of President Ann White was enjoying an 80% attendance to hear some unusual speakers and special educational activities with members rotating their responsibility for the programs. Other officers were Roland L. Drapeau, 1st Vice-President; Christine E. Leete, 2nd Vice-President, Mary E. Wright, 3rd Vice-President; Thelma G. Kinsman, Treasurer and Pierrette M. Plouffe, Secretary.

Michigan again introduced a massage bill which passed the House of Representatives and was hopefully awaiting Senate passage. This Chapter gained six new members in 1969. Benton Harbor was the host city for the Mid-West Conference on April 11-13, 1969. Theme of the conference was "New Techniques & Fun". This chapter donated \$450.00 to the national general fund and four members donated \$100.00 each. Co-operation and good fellowship abounds and this chapter has some very active committees serving the national. The Mid-Western Conference began with a Directors' meeting on Friday afternoon. Many of the national officers were in attendance and they met with Mr. Kirkpatrick Dilling, legal counsel for the AMTA on Saturday. An outstanding conference job was done by Adam Hoffman, Irene Gauthier, Mary Lou Sherman, to name a few. The mid year meeting was of great value to expedite the business of the AMTA. Two Michigan officers presented flags to the AMTA at the Mid-Western conference; Mary Lou Sherman presented a specially designed AMTA emblem flag as her gift to the organization. Irene E. Gauthier presented an American flag in memory of her son, Vincent. The National President, Paul Sittler, accepted both flags in behalf of the AMTA. Officers elected for the year were Mary Lou Sherman, President; Bernard L. Matz, Vice-President; Evelyn E. Nylander, Secretary-Treasurer and Patricia B. Jones, Recording Secretary.

Missouri Chapter still working toward massage legislation at their quarterly meeting at Dr. Young's school. Officers were Irvin B. Burns, President; Kathryn E. Hunt, Vice-President; Olive L. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer and Nelson G. Morgan, Chaplain.

Montana Chapter honored all past presidents with one of the special "Past President" pins. Since Montana and North Dakota both have massage laws, they have practiced reciprocity which is the hope of other chapters. This state was the first to respond to the Emergency Fund by sending a specified amount for each member. Their new officers were Elizabeth G. Banderob, President; Irene Knels, Vice-President; Wilma E. Ingraham, Secretary and Thomas A. Pruett, Treasurer.

National Capitol Area had renewed hope that their massage bill might be considered. Area newspapers will not take ads for massage. They held an anniversary dinner on February 22, with a complete change of officers forming a real team, consisting of James W. Mayfield, President; Willie J. Spanko, Vice-President; Willie J. Spanko, Treasurer; Marcel F. Schmitt, Secretary and James J. V. Gurgick, Assistant Secretary.

Nebraska Chapter meeting attendance was holding up well with 90% in their spring meeting. Almost all members renewed membership. They hold two meetings annually with work progressing toward establishing a massage school for both those who see and the blind. Their officers for 1969 were C. Carol Chittenden, President; Cordelia Pankonin, 1st Vice-President; James F. Morton, 2nd Vice-President and Josephine A. Brandes, Secretary-Treasurer.

New Mexico Chapter was granted a charter in November, 1969. Their officers were Dale L. Richards, President; Gary L. Moses, Secretary-Treasurer; Jay Victor Scherer, Vice-President; Douglas P. Bolton, Northern Co-Ordinator and Jackson G. Hodges, Southern Co-Ordinator.

North Dakota Chapter and State Law required attendance at the annual state meeting in April. Some fine speakers have provided a firm stress on education and full body massage. Officers elected were B. Corrine Lere, President; Lyle J. Lunde, 1st Vice-President; Albert E. Dahlgren, 2nd Vice-President; Florence M. Schall, Secretary and Carrie Arneson, Treasurer.

Oregon Chapter was grieving over the loss of the AMTA Queen, Lydia Norris, age 96, on May 28, 1969. She was an inspiration to this chapter as well as to the national.

The first Western Conference of the AMTA was held in Medford, Oregon on April 11-13, 1969 at the Medford Hotel. The program was packed every minute with lectures, demonstrations, etc. A break for lunch hour was called at 1:00 P. M. Saturday to give delegates an opportunity to watch the colorful Pear Blossom Parade which came past the hotel, giving everyone a "Grand Stand" seat, with everyone hurrying to get back in session soon after. Steak Dinners were enjoyed by the fifty-four members and guests. Breakfast Sunday morning was a devotional meeting and goodbyes were said with a feeling of good fellowship and love for "Tex" Bates and his crew.

A meeting was held at North Boneville, Washington on May 24 and 25 and a camp-out at Briethen Bush, Oregon on June 7, 1969. The 1969 chapter officers were Carroll C. Quimby, President; Cecil E. Rhodes, Vice-President and Edna H. Rue, Secretary-Treasurer.

Pennsylvania was host to the second Eastern Conference in June, 1969 at Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Legislation was still pending but the going was rough, what with a Republican Senate and a Democratic House. Money was sent to the Emergency Fund out of chapter and individual funds. Officers were Marvin E. Herb, President;

Alvin L. Thomas, Vice-President and Juel Janis Reilly, Secretary-Treas.

Rhode Island chapter had difficulty in getting members out to meetings but still had the desire to keep pressing on. Officers for the year were James M. Forrest, President and Ida N. Thorson, Secretary-Treasurer.

South Dakota Chapter screens applicants carefully and now was up to fifteen members. They incorporated their chapter during this year and elected officers as follows: Vernon R. Jeffries, President; Floyd A. Hauk, Vice-President and Florence M. Waltner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Tennessee Chapter, home of our Educational Director, was certainly a busy place and held its own, membership-wise. They were hampered in their attempt for legislature through the death of their attorney, who had been working with Mr. Dilling. Their officers were Virginia L. Daniel, President; Robert W. Luttrell, Vice-President and Jimmy L. Jenkins, Secretary-Treasurer.

Texas Chapter deeply involved in the first AMTA Chapter to sponsor a school of massage at Marlin, Texas. Jerome Cook spent many volunteer hours in getting it organized with Robert and Clyde Blaylock, brothers listed as instructors. This school offers 1,000 hours of study. Members purchased an \$8,500 home and repaired, painted and furnished it by holding rummage sales, etc., and with members giving until it "hurts". Work toward county ordinance progressing, too. Hopes for state approval for training the blind appeared to be certain. The school held open house March 2, 1969. The officers elected for 1969 were Bobby R. Wimberly, President; Stanley A. Ondricek, 1st Vice-President; E. Jerome Cook, 2nd Vice-President and Virginia J. Swenson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Utah Chapter seems to be the silent one this year, not much activity, but the fact that they keep the chapter alive with officers elected is better than allowing it to die out as has happened to some chapters in the past. They elected the following: Harry W. Close, President; Douglas I. Nicholson, Vice-President and Percy B. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Washington Chapter gained several new members this year. Some real progress has been made toward getting Bill #85 through legislature. Meetings were held in Ellensburg June 1, 1969 which was the annual state meeting and Seattle Chapter met several times. Pearl Hoppe was hostess to an Eastern Washington meeting in October. Arthur Dunbar and Arthur Mann were selected by conventioners to serve on the State Board of License Examiners when the bill has been passed. Officers elected were Don Mumford, President; Pearl E. Hoppe, Vice-President; John R. Salo, Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors: George Towner, Mary Tam, Gene Williams, Lester Short and Jess Williams.

Wisconsin Chapter with the slogan "Forward" is endeavoring to take the forward look at a chapter and national level by sending a specified amount to the emergency fund. Ellen B. Zahn, Wisconsin chapter charter member, died May 18, 1969. She will long be remembered for her generous willingness to share with and help her fellow man.

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Arizona Chapter lost a few members, but the chapter was strong with really "on fire" members who keep things moving. Highlight of this chapter's activity was the Western Conference held in Phoenix on April 10-13 at the "Westward Ho Hotel". Western Hospitality abound and delegates enjoyed an unusual variety of speakers. Not much was given on massage, but many other things of interest to us were spoken about, such as E. S. P., City Ordinances, Laws, etc., and a delightful question and answer period. Anne Bergholz was surprised with a huge birthday cake which was shared by all, including the hotel waiters. Officers elected this year were G. Merrill Roy, President; William E. Jefferson, Vice-President; and Marone Brown, Secretary-Treasurer.

California Chapter feels that a victory has been won with the passage of the Orange County Massage Ordinance as well as Santa Ana, Buena Park, Pomona and Ontario. Due to illness, Lloyd Walker had to resign as Western District Director. National President, Paul Sittler, re-appointed David S. Carlson to the office. June 27 and 28, 1970 was the date of the Northern workshop held in San Jose, California with a full agenda. They were surprised by the unscheduled visit from the National Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Bergholz. Some controversial subjects were taken care of and there was a united spirit among all present. Another workshop was scheduled for August 1st and 2nd, 1970 at the Shasta office of Lauren E. Berry at Glenburn, California. Funds from this went toward sending delegates to the Chicago meeting in August. Officers for the year were Lloyd J. Walker, President; Lauren E. Berry, Sr., 1st Vice-President, Tomiyo Tashiro, 2nd Vice-President; Charles J. Siner, 3rd Vice-President, Katherine Dunagan, Secretary-Treasurer; and Genevieve T. Mischke, Western Director. A California chapter member of eleven years, William Elisha Griffin, passed away this year. Many of us remember him as a jolly loyal member, who had a real feeling for the AMTA. His death is not only California's loss, but that of the entire AMTA.

Colorado reports that Hanna Kroeger of Boulder, Colorado is planning a school in her area. This would be in addition to the Lopa School of Massage in Ouray, Colorado, which is also under the direction of a member, D. Paul Witt. Their new officers are: Darold Hartsook, President; Ida Carlock, 1st Vice President; Dwain Sole, 2nd Vice-President; James Crabtree, 3rd Vice-President; Lela Simpson, 4th Vice-President; Ina Bell Bampbell, Secretary Treasurer and D. Paul Witt, Education Director.

Florida Chapter has established two units since last August, dividing the State East and West. Their House bill is still up in the air, but faithful members are still trying to keep unlicensed operators out of massage establishments. They extended an invitation for 1975 for the National Convention. 1970 Officers were Rolland H. Hopp, President; Harry H. Epstein, 1st Vice-President; Juan-Amon Wilkins, 2nd Vice-President; Hildegard I. Crockett, 2nd Vice-President and William C. Outten; Secretary-Treasurer.

Georgia Chapter reported election of officers as follows: Jane C.

Felts, President; Josephine B. Dinkler, Vice-President and Victor H. Nestberg, Secretary-Treasurer.

Idaho Chapter is faithfully working along, in spite of discouragements. Their new slate of officers is Lillian D. Johnson, President; Sarah Lee, Vice-President; and Carrie Belle Rose, Secretary-Treasurer.

Illinois Chapter President, Emil Ruff, resigned to better serve as convention co-chairman with Beatrice Huff. Their new officers were Michael J. Thomas, President; Forest A. Daughtery, Vice-President; Beatrice T. Huff, Secretary; Lucille M. Kolk, Treasurer; and Glendola G. Geib, REcording Secretary. Plans were being formulated for a downstate unit. A "convention planning" meeting indicated some fine things in store for delegates and they deserve plaudits for a good job regarding the convention. The Twenty-Fifth Convention of the AMTA was held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, in Chicago, August 12-16, 1970. The National Service Award Plaque was presented to Edna Rue of Oregon.

There were four changes in the By-Laws and one resolution passed by members present in Convention. Added to Article 6 (n) qualifications for RMT for those without 1,000 hours of schooling were spelled out. Article 6 (u) changed requirement for former members wishing to re-join the AMTA. The last two changes in Article 13 (a) and 8 (a) were necessary changes to make the number on the Board of Directors correct and listing those serving on the Board. The resolution passed stated that the Constitution and By-Laws be printed separately from the Yearbook.

Frank Persitza, in reporting on membership, noted that the past year brought the highest annual gain in membership (196) and the highest total in our history - 1164. James Bowling, National Educational Director, reviewed the work of his committee during the past year, one that was, indeed, wide in scope, and acknowledged those members who were present. He also called to attention the response to the MEF (Massage Education Fund) and the need for its continued support. Adam D. Hoffman, Constitution & By-Laws Chairman, reported on his proposals for changes suggested by individuals and state groups and also encouraged the members to support his successor with their continued co-operation. Irene Gauthier, Insurance Committee Chairman, expressed concern for our Malpractice & Liability Insurance program which is in danger of cancellation unless more of our members participate. Anne Bergholz, Secretary-Treasurer reported a busy year with almost 3000 pieces of mail going out of the Milwaukee office. Ruth Williams, Washington, our historian, was asking to be relieved of her duties as of January, 1971. Pierrette M. Plouffe, Massachusetts, was appointed to succeed her. Future Conventions were listed by Frank Persitza, as National Convention Coordinator, as follows: 1971 in Portland, Oregon, 1972 in Washington, D. C., 1973 in Kansas City, Kansas, 1974, Phoenix, Arizona, 1975 open date and 1976 in Pennsylvania. Florida has extended a future invitation and Hawaii has possibilities.

Indiana Chapter suffered the loss of four faithful members, two of heart attacks, Luella Ellsworth and John Towles, as well as a member of sixteen years, Ethel Sears, who died April 10th, and Ethel Kirk, of Marion, Indiana. They had Wheelwright give classes, with nutrition as the theme. Their officers were Elwin L. Graham, President; Ethel L. Kirkpatrick, Vice-President; Carolyn Gerber, Secretary-Treasurer and Jennie Rems, Recording Secretary.

Iowa Chapter, with Eva Gilbertson as President and Donald Hudson, Vice-President and Floy Brownlie, Secretary-Treasurer grieved the loss of Myrtle Mae Hudson.

Kansas Chapter was host to the Mid-Western Conference on the week end of April 17, 1970 at the Ramada Inn at Wichita. Speakers were John Steven, Edna Wallace White, M. D., Jerome Cook, Frank Persitza, Anna Lamb, John Persona, Florence Waltner, Etta Grider and Anne Bergholz. Two progressive workshops were given with Irene Gauthier, Eva Taylor, Jerome Cook, Elwood Anderson, Harold Collins, Cordelia Pankonin and Mildred Konsella. There was also a Round Table discussion and fifteen exhibitors. Fourteen states were represented and one hundred eighteen attended the Saturday Night Banquet. Kermit Train conducted Sunday morning meditations with Mr. Goetry and Etta Grider singing solos, accompanied by Mary Bergholz. Cilia Roland, of Erie, Kansas, a long time member of the A.M.T.A. passed away after three years of failing health. The Kansas officers for the year were G. C. Lamb, President, Fidelis J. Schmidt, Vice-President and Helen M. Kasper, Secretary-Treasurer.

Massachusetts Chapter updated state dues to co-incide with national and added \$5.00 to student member fees, making this \$20.00. This State announced that after fifteen years as a licensed physical therapist, working under a doctor's direction, services can be approved for Medicare collection. Each meeting features a guest speaker followed by workshops where members learn new methods and ideas, together and from each other. They terminate each meeting with a White Elephant Auction for fun and funds. They elected officers as follows: Christine E. Leete, President, Henry A. LaFleur, Vice-President, Pierrette M. Plouffe, Secretary and Thelma G. Kinsman, Treasurer.

Michigan Chapter had an essay contest on "What My Association Means To Me". Adam Hoffman took first place and Evelyn Nylander, second. They are working diligently on their most recent project, the purchase of a kidney machine, and are hoping to charter a bus to the Portland Convention, inviting Mid-West to join them, perhaps out of Chicago. Their officers are Mary Lou Sherman, President, Bernard L. Matz, Jr., Vice-President, Adam Hoffman, Secretary, Irene Gauthier, Treasurer and Marcia L. Betcher, Recording Secretary.

Missouri Chapter suffered the loss of Mable S. Leimer, as well as their President, Irvin B. Burns, who died after hospitalization. He was succeeded by Wilbur L. Hodgson. The rest of the slate of officers was Marvin L. Carpenter, Vice-President, Olive L. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer and Kathryn E. Hunt, Chaplain.

Montana Chapter was proud of the recent newspaper publicity which Billie and Howard Riddle and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingraham had received concerning their business. All too many times, any publicity which people in the massage profession receive is of the wrong kind. Good reporting of fine work accomplished is a real milestone in our history. They are also hard at work preparing licensed members for RMT exams. Their 1970 officers are Elizabeth G. Banderob, President; Irene Knels, Vice-President; Wilma E. Ingraham, Secretary and Thomas A. Prewett, Treasurer.

National Capitol Area President, James W. Mayfield, was in charge of the Third Eastern Conference held in Baltimore on April 24-26, 1970. A fine work shop was held under the leadership of Marie Vetter. Delegates enjoyed a demonstration of Karate. District Directors Catherine Holland and Elwin Graham were also in attendance. This chapter was hot in the pursuit of a massage bill in Washington, D. C. Their officers were James W. Mayfield, President; Willie J. Spanko, Vice-President; Jennie E. Albana, 2nd Vice-President; James J. V. Gurgick, Secretary-Treasurer and Paul Hausman, Chaplain.

Nebraska Chapter was in the spotlight this year with an excellent contribution to the Massage Journal "Why I Belong to the AMTA". They enjoyed a good Fall Convention in Omaha where they questioned the place of speakers from other professions at Massage Meetings. Their officers were C. Carol Chittenden, President; Cordelia Pankonin 1st Vice-President; James F. Morton, 2nd Vice-President and Josephine A. Brandes, Secretary-Treasurer.

New Mexico Chapter received their charter and already took part in the Phoenix meeting with an educational offering. They kept the same slate of officers and had a fine first year as a chapter while they laid much groundwork for a solid future.

North Dakota Chapter voted to have its Board approve all advertising by members. Very much alert to the need for protecting the present massage law, they are planning for the Mid-West conference. Two loyal members of this chapter were taken in death during this year, Rose Vejtasa, wife of Vlast, and Clarence L. Schall. Their officers were B. Corinne Lere, President; Lyle J. Lunde, 1st Vice-President; Albert E. Dahlgren, 2nd Vice-President; Florence M. Schall, Secretary and Carrie Arneson, Treasurer.

Oregon Chapter grieved the loss of Alta Mae Backus Lei this year. The Oregon people must take a written State Board Examination, therefore, many members feel the RMT exam is not necessary for them. They are hoping for a State School and show good teamwork in planning the 1971 Portland National Convention with J. Melvin Rogers as Convention Chairman and Ann Newhouse as Convention Secretary. Their officers are Carroll C. Quimby, President; Cecil E. Rhodes, Vice-President and Edna H. Rue, Secretary-Treasurer.

Pennsylvania Chapter held election of officers on April 5, 1970 at Harrisburg. Anne Bergholz installed the new officers. A new massage

training school was established and opened May 4, 1970 under the guidance of Raymond W. Sledge and Marie C. Nave. Pennsylvania Chapter divided into two units to better serve the state. Chapter officers were Marie L. Vetter, President; Alvin L. Thomas, Vice-President; and Juel Janis Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer. The Unit officers were elected as follows: Unit 1, East: Martin E. Schappell, President; Charles H. Jack, Vice-President and Dorothy M. Blawn, Secretary-Treasurer. Unit 2, West: Raymond W. Sledge, President; Elva N. Nudi, Vice-President and Lillian G. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer. The annual fall clinic tradition was revised in Pittsburgh, hosted by Unit 2. Death took a member in James C. Ney of Sunbury.

Rhode Island Chapter contributed to the emergency financial fund, but the members realize that a dues increase may still be a necessity, and are concerned at the possible effect on new members. Though small and struggling, they live by their motto that "A winner never quits; a quitter never wins". Their officers are William McFadden, President and Ida N. Thorson, Secretary-Treasurer.

South Dakota Chapter launched a special membership campaign to reach those who were doing foot work but wished to learn full massage and the membership increase was encouraging. They are looking forward to the Bismark meeting at the Mid-West Conference. The officers are Floyd A. Hauk, President; George W. Stroppel, Vice-President and Elvira E. Bellander, Secretary-Treasurer.

Tennessee Chapter faced a different problem - that of a new YMCA member, after only a few weeks of training, attempted to train others - a true test of the real value of the amendment to accept graduates of approved schools only. New members have added new life. They anticipate the Fourth Eastern Conference again in Abington, Virginia in May, 1971. They maintained the same slate of officers, adding James C. Bowling as Director of Education.

Texas Chapter school had 15 students with Bob Wimberly filling the office of Administrator. The School problem diminished with government approval anticipated. Fall brought problems in the death of newly elected president, Henry Vickery - Christine D. Gates took over. There was also a change in Secretary from Virginia Swenson to G. Janelle Nelson. Their other officers were Carl L. Westlund, Parliamentarian and Tom Manning, Chaplain. Death also took Henry N. Nelson and Christina E. Kahler of Dallas, who died in the early months of 1970. She was an active member and Texas will long remember and miss her.

Utah Chapter lost their State President, Harry W. Close, who died suddenly on December 19, 1969 of a heart attack. He was replaced by Bert F. Kidman who served with Douglas Nickolson, Vice-President; Percy B. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer and Dory Detton, Action Committee.

Washington Chapter held the annual state meeting in Ellensburg on June 7, 1970. This chapter was saddened at the news of the death of their State President, Don Mumford, who died in a motor cycle accident

on June 21, 1970, a good and loyal member whose presence they will surely miss. He was succeeded by Pearl Hoppe as President who will serve the state with John R. Salo as Secretary-Treasurer.

Wisconsin Chapter finally added new members. In a state that had and lost its massage law, this calls for a great rejoicing. Their Chapter officers were John P. Persona, President; Roy J. LeRoy, Vice-President and Frank Persitza, Secretary-Treasurer.