**2022 Spring Conference Survey**

**Wahneta Dimmer Craniosacral Levels I & II**

**Huron, SD – April 26 & 27 and April 28 & 29, 2022**

***PLEASE answer all questions. Use back side for additional space as needed. THANK YOU!*** 😊

1. Is this your first AMTA-SD Conference? Y 7 N 18

Comments:

* Great education, loved the 90 min. lunch,
* Multiple
* Loved the energy and comradery.
* It was amazing!
* Was very interesting and a lot to take in.

1. Have you attended AMTA Conferences in other states? Y 6 N 19
   1. If so, what did you like about the other state AMTA conference(s) you attended that differed from this conference?

* Just “National” (2)
* Smaller
* It’s been about 20 years and I do not remember much about it.
* Vendors
* Location, but I don’t mind this either. Their location was in a bigger city.

1. What did you find favorable about our education topic and/or instructor?

* Really enjoyed
* Loved working/learning more intuitively than more “structured” learning style- less rules of engagement and treatment. Great ideas to make it better.
* Everything
* Very good – detailed - easy to follow – good flow
* patience, kindness, in working and speaking to us
* Never have done (learned or experienced) CST b/4. So subtle but so many changes.
* Awesome material and great practice time to get to know all aspects.
* Enjoyed learning about Cranial-Sacral – First class.
* Love how gentle and powerful Cranio is and Wahneta is very knowledgeable
* Atmosphere, energy, techniques
* Getting in touch with inner-self
* Cranio is very different than what I do now and I can’t wait to bring it back to my clients and save my hands a bit. The instructor was very knowledgeable.
* All of it! I love everything!
* Time and pace very well-spaced
* Loved the pace and her passion and the topic. Deep listening. The body knows what it needs.
* Very detailed but also allowing us to find our own way
* The level of care they gave and put into their work
* Energy, energy, energy from the topic and instructor
* The topic
* Wahneta was easy to learn from. Lauren was great help. I appreciate the hands-on help.
* Cranio – easy to learn, Wahneta – very much knowledgeable on the topic
* The relationship with neuro
* Friendly
* Topic – very timely & appropriate, easily integrated into daily practice for massage therapists. Instructor – well prepared, cordial, invested in students, approachable.

1. What did you find unfavorable about the topic and/or instructor, if applicable?

* “Non-applicable”, “nothing” (12)
* No real assessment of new skills learned, but that’s ok, most don’t. I was just thinking Upledger.
* “pick your new partner”
* Too much time to trade, extracurricular chatting by instructor and TA’s
* More personal guidance on hand positions/placements – Check hand positions and correct if needed.
* I would love to learn 3-7! So much to learn.
* They had a PowerPoint of cranial nerves and I wish we had that, too, instead of seeing it only on the screen.
* Just an adjustment w/ the soft, soft, softer, work.
* Grounding
* Side conversations by presenter & helpers during our practice and during demo seemed disruptive.

1. What did you find favorable with your interactions with the chapter board and volunteers?

* All friendly
* Friendly, willing to help, however, I could be biased cuz I love working with your group!
* Everything!
* Very good
* They were wonderful!
* All are great! Friendly and helpful. Appreciate you!
* Everyone is friendly and welcoming
* Thank you for all the work you do behind the scene.
* Always helpful and easy to talk to.
* All welcoming and included me.
* All are very kind and approachable
* Friendly and helpful
* You are all so incredibly welcoming! (insert heart -shape)
* They were all great!
* Welcoming, laid-back, accommodating!
* The effort
* They are all helpful and understanding
* Everyone is helpful
* Supportive and welcoming to non-massage therapists

\*\*\*Editors note: this occurs when the modality is not LMT specific. \*\*\*

* All great!
* Friendly and approachable, welcoming to non-members/non-therapists.
* (Left blank = 5)

1. What did you find unfavorable in interacting with the chapter board and volunteers?

* “Nothing”, “None”, “Non-applicable” (15)
* Uh, nothing.
* Still a different level of entitlement.
* (Left blank = 7)

1. Please share with us any unfavorable situations or areas that you feel that we can improve your AMTA-SD Conference experience and/or interactions with the chapter volunteers.

* “Non-applicable”, “None” (11)
* I wish I knew more about the jobs/volunteers so I, or someone else can volunteer in the future. Overall, you guys did great! It was good to network.
* More transparency on how our money is spent.
* See comments for environmental issues. I realize how difficult it would be, but more individuals who have had previous training on the topic so could pair 1:1. Experienced with the newbie.
* Annual meeting space
* (Left blank: 10)

1. On a scale from 1-6, how willing would you be to become a volunteer with the AMTA-SD Chapter ?

(3) \* I currently volunteer for the chapter.

(7) 1 – Not interested because (fill in the blank) – overwhelmed, a lot of things going on

- Too busy

- Speech pathologist & moving out of state

- Been a volunteer in multiple positions.

(4) 2 – I am mostly interested in the continuing education conferences, insurance, benefits, etc.

(2) 3 – Somewhat interested, like assisting at a conference in some way. S. Braun, “no name”

(2) 4 –\* Interested / want more information about (circle all that apply) B. Damm, “no name”

* + - * 1. Government Relations Chair – immediate opening
        2. Co-Education Chair – future opening
        3. Membership Chair \*
        4. Online Elections Coordinator – open in 2023 \*
        5. Financial Administrator ( 2-year term ) – open 2023
        6. Voting Board Member ( 2-year term ) – open 2023 \*
        7. Delegate ( 2-year term) – open 2023 \*

The positions with asterisks were marked as positions of interest.

1. 5 – \*Very Interested and want to “Shadow” the volunteer position(s) of:

(0) 6 – \***Yes**, I am interested in the following position(s):

* 2 – Not applicable (non-massage therapists)
* ( Left blank = 6)
* Comments: find me 100 acres and a house in South Dakota! HA

**\*\*\* If you checked numbers 4, 5, or 6, please fill in your information below\*\*\***

Please call me at #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or

Email me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: Do you think we should print names in newsletter?

* Bre (Breanna) Damm – Online Elections, VBM, Delegate, Membership Chair
* Suzanne Braun – Assist in finding event/lodging in Gregory and Chamberlain areas and other smaller things like this. (Dawn also was talking to her about online elections, as she needs volunteer duties that do not require a lot of time.) She has a background in Hospitality Management, and currently is cooking for large number of students.)

1. Finding value in your AMTA membership? Know of anyone you would like to join our South Dakota AMTA Chapter? Please share the best way we can contact them. Thank you!

Name and Phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Left blank = 21
* Comments:
  + Not currently
  + I am not a LMT, therefore not a member
  + Yes, I definitely will tell any LMTs who are not connected.

***Upcoming education based on pre- 2021 chapter surveys:***

**Fall 2022** – 2 days – Lomi Lomi / Naomi Baker– Rapid City – October 8 & 9, 2022

1. Spring Conference is usually held in as central of a location as possible and fall is rotated between “East and West River” locations. We have several questions related to this topic below:
   1. We are seeing rising costs at our fall conferences due to it still being “wedding season” in the more populated towns that we hold fall conferences in. In order to keep costs down, would you be open to having the spring conference rotate between “East River” and “West River” and keep the fall conference centrally located? (In a nutshell, we are wanting to flip-flop the way we do spring and fall conferences, with your insights and approval).

(17) Yes, I am for switching spring conference to rotate East and West River and

Fall conference to be held centrally starting in Spring 2023.

1. No, I would like to keep it the way we currently do, no matter the cost

Increase.

Blank = 7

Both filled = 1

Comments:

* I am flexible and not familiar with what’s been the policy
* Not a member, but I can certainly makes sense to flip the conferences to accommodate scheduling.
* Topic is more important
* Must allow for spring education to be able to hold annual meeting and allow for majority of members.
  1. In the past “central location” has included Pierre, Oacoma, and Huron. Where would you

like a centrally located conference to be in 2023? (Town and event center)

* Pierre (5)
* Huron (4)
* Oacoma (2)
* Watertown (3)
* Mitchell
* Aberdeen
* Rapid City
* Brookings
* Wherever is less expensive
* There are a lot of hunting lodges throughout Central South Dakota.
* (Left blank = 8)
  1. Where would you like the 2023 “East River” conference to be? (Town and event center)
* Watertown (5)
* Brookings (2) - Days Inn Convention Center had a vote
* Aberdeen (2)
* Pierre (2)
* Huron
* Sioux Falls
* Rapid City
* Howard has a nice conference center/hotel. Animal’s bar in Canova and Howard Cold Storage does Catering. I would be happy to help find options, prices in Gregory, Chamberlain area.
* (Left blank = 11)
  1. Is *location* or *lower cost* a larger priority for you? Please circle your preference.

Cost = 11

Location = 10

(Left blank = 6)

Comments:

* (2 had Circled both)
* Topic is most important for me
* If a 4 day event go Monday – Thursday to avoid weekends
* Cost doesn’t matter- location is more important for me. These (towns) are ok, but I don’t think it has to be cut and dry. Could go wherever a host is. Some hunting lodges would host us!
* Cost, depending in part whether housing would be offsite form conference location.
* Lower cost but location just as high

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* 1. How far are you willing to travel for in-person, Hands-on, Continuing Education?

(Please fill in the blanks below)

To give you an idea of approx. mileage:

Sioux Falls to Huron = 125 mi

Sioux Falls to Aberdeen = 204 mi

Sioux Falls to Rapid City = 346 mi

Sioux Falls to Pierre = 224 mi

Sioux Falls to Watertown = 103 mi

Rapid City to Huron = 295

Rapid City to Aberdeen = 359 mi

Rapid City to Pierre = 173 mi

Rapid City to Watertown = 407 mi

Aberdeen to Huron = 94 mi

Aberdeen to Pierre = 161 mi

I am willing to travel Up to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles, but not more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles.

* 100 - 200
* 150 - 300
* Up to 161
* Up to 200
* 200-201
* 200-225
* 200=250
* 200-300
* 250 – 30)
* UP to 359 miles
* Up to 400
* 400 – 600
* 407 – 600
* Up to 700

Other Comments:

* (Left blank = 6)
* N/A - Mileage makes no difference
* I’ll drive however far.
* I will travel anywhere if need hours and/or like the topic.
* Prefer East River it it’s a 2 day, but West River, if longer. Just personal preference.
* I am flexible, but a couple 2-3 hours is preferred. Willing to go further.
* All of the above, if interested.
* If topics were of interest to me (again, keeping in mind non-member status)
* Anywhere – I will get there for the right class or even if I do not care for it.

1. What education topics and/or educators would you like to see at AMTA-SD Conferences for 2023?

(Please list at least 3. If listing educator by name, please add which class topic(s) you’re interested in.)

* Lymphatic –= 8
* Cranial 3 & 4 = 3
* Cancer Care = 3
* Reflexology = 2
* Peggy Verville = 2 (class of her choice)
* Neuromuscular = 2
* Alzheimer’s care
* ADHD and other disorders
* Lee Stang – Upper body
* Doug Nelson – Neuromuscular – upper body
* Myofascial release
* Energy
* MYK lower/upper body
* “flexible”
* Pathology - Ruth Werner
* PNMT
* Bamboo
* Anyting – can repeat for newer therapists to get them here.
* (Left blank = 4)

1. Please tell us in your own words about your Annual Meeting and Banquet experience, what you liked and what we can do to make it a more enjoyable experience.

* Loved the social afterwards
* Have never attended
* As a non-member, annual meeting was irrelevant to me and banquet wasn’t necessary for me either. I understand possible disparity in pricing as banquet was included.
* It was very enjoyable & loved the lemon chicken.
* It was a very nice experience! Maybe a fun activity to get people chatting and mixing a bit more. Room a little small and noisy from other events, which couldn’t be helped. Food was great. 😊
* The banquet/meeting was great and I loved that we were given the ability to ask questions during.
* Was very fun – liked the hospitality room.
* It looked pretty crowded and crazy – I didn’t go in since I was a bit late and still emotional from the class work.
* I liked that we all seemed to have fun and we still got done what we needed to.
* On point
* It has All been so awesome
* It was great
* Good food – liked the cupcakes. Want to see the expenses and budget.
* Great
* A little more space. Everything else was great!
* I don’t have any except a Huge THANK YOU!
* Really enjoyed connecting with everyone.
* Not been there.
* (Left blank = 6)

1. Additional comments:

* Physical accommodations: meeting (conference) room temperature, lighting difficult to manage. Noise Fri & Sat due to other meetings & guests was distracting. I know you can’t control that but maybe a different room location would be better?
* I felt the swearing in was taken very lightly, almost mocked. Make sure that those registered are actually licensed to perform the work.
* I REALLY appreciate the size of the class. I feel like more students would have been too much.
* Thank you so much!

Thank you for filling out this survey and all AMTA surveys. We, as a chapter and organization, appreciate your input as we use these surveys to educate ourselves on how to better serve you as volunteer leaders. One way we use surveys is to bring in quality educators that teach the topics you want. We appreciate your time and effort in filling these out, as well as the national AMTA survey that comes out annually.

*Optional:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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A Sincere “Thank you” to each of you. Your input on this survey is a valuable resource for our chapter. We use surveys to make informed decisions about the future of our chapter, educational and other chapter events, based on your answers to our chapter surveys. We appreciate your insights.

😊 ~ AMTA SD Chapter Board and Education Chairs.