

AMT Ethics Committee Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The AMT Ethics Committee is established to develop, review, and uphold ethical guidelines for the Association, ensuring the promotion and maintenance of the highest ethical standards in the professional practice of massage therapy.

Composition

The AMT Ethics Committee shall consist of:

- A Chairperson from the Board, to be elected by the Committee
- Up to 2 additional AMT Board members
- Up to 7 additional members who could be either from the membership or specialist, external consultants
- Secretariat from AMT staff.

At least fifty percent plus one of members of the Ethics Committee shall constitute a quorum. Business may be conducted via teleconference, at face-to-face meetings or electronically.

Frequency of Meetings

The Ethics Committee will meet via teleconference or electronically as needed or as directed by the Board.

Specific responsibilities

1. Reviewing AMT's Code of Practice for Massage Therapists on an annual basis.
2. Advising the AMT Discipline Committee, as required, on the handling of formal complaints against AMT members.
3. Making recommendations to the AMT Board on ethical issues affecting the Association or the massage therapy industry at large.
4. Monitoring and reviewing the Code of Conduct for AMT Directors, ensuring alignment with ethical best practices.
5. Ensuring that all AMT-sponsored research and research grants have been reviewed and approved by an external Ethics Review panel.
6. Reporting the outcome of meetings to the AMT Board.