

# The TAMFT Marriage and Family

# NEWS



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## From The President

Dear TAMFT Members,

I am sure you have all heard that Richard Gillespie had to resign as President of TAMFT due to personal family issues. It was very sad for everyone, including him. We all completely support Richard and wish the best for he and his family. He will be very much missed and has accomplished so much in his time as President-Elect and President, not to mention Legislative Chair. Thank you Richard for all your hard work.



**Linda Hazel, Ph.D., LMFT,  
CAS, EMDR-2, CSAT**

I became President as of March 1, 2012 but we still needed a President-Elect. You should have all received a ballot by email to elect a new President-Elect and I hope everyone took the time to vote. Since I have moved into the position of President, we have had so much going on. Operating without a President-Elect nor a Past President, has been a challenge. I wish to sincerely thank Linda Oxford who has gone above and beyond for TAMFT. She has offered and given ongoing support and knowledge for me and for our Board. Thank you, Linda.

The TAMFT Annual Conference for 2012 was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the members who volunteered to help everything go as smoothly as it did. A special thanks to Brad Bull who stepped up to Chair the conference at the last minute. Our speaker, Robert Weiss, who spoke on Sexual Addiction, was well received. I would like to thank the Ranch who made his presentation possible.

The next order of business was attending the AAMFT Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Again, thanks to Linda Oxford who stepped in and went with me to the Conference to represent the TN Division. At the conference we covered a lot of ground. We visited our elected officials on Capitol Hill, we discussed and learned strategy to promote our new membership categories and discussed using the new technology available today. The new categories were listed in the November, 2011 TAMFT Newsletter and are available on the website. We also discussed the new revision of the AAMFT Code of Ethics.

TAMFT will also have another election this year to fill several positions which will come open on the Board. Please watch for that and be sure to vote. Your votes are very important for the TN Division, the Board and the membership.

We wish Richard the best and he has agreed to continue some involvement with TAMFT. His leadership will be missed on the Board and with members.

I would also like to formally welcome our new Management Company, XMI and especially thank Sharon Barkmeier for such a wonderful job with our 2012 Annual Conference and this transition that we have faced. She has done a magnificent job which we truly appreciate.

## From the Elections Committee

2012 is big election year for TAMFT. Not only will we be holding a fall election, but we have recently completed a Special Election for President Elect. In January, Richard Gillespie submitted his resignation as TAMFT President due to family issues. Linda Hazel, our President-Elect, took office as President, and in accordance with our By-Laws a special election was held to elect a new President-Elect. XMI sent out the ballot via email, with the deadline to cast your vote being April 18, 2012. Congratulations to Barney Self for his election to the office of President Elect.

In addition, TAMFT will run our regular election in the Fall of 2012. This is a major election for our association, with (3) Board Positions and (1) elected committee position on the ballot. The positions open on the ballot for 2012 are: **Treasurer; East TN. Representative to the Board of Directors; Student/Associate Representative to the Board of Directors, and East TN Representative to the Elections Committee.** All positions would take office in January 2013. The Elections Committee is currently comprised of Megan James, Middle TN. Rep, Ashley Dumas, Board of Directors Rep. to the Elections Committee, and Catherine Robbins, East TN. Rep. and Chair.

Nominations are currently being accepted for all of the above positions. If you would like to nominate either yourself or someone else, please email Catherine Robbins at [ccrobbins@mac.com](mailto:ccrobbins@mac.com). With your nomination, please include the following information:

- Name of Candidate:
- Board Position for Nomination:
- Phone Number of Candidate:
- Email Address of Candidate:
- Nomination Submitted By:
- Do you know if candidate is willing to run for office?

# 2012 Conference Review

There was a near perfect storm of issues that created a host of difficulties pulling off the 2012 conference. In the transition from one management company to another there were some hurdles that we tripped on. I, the chair, deeply regret the inconveniences (especially for the supervisors who showed up to a wrongly scheduled meeting, having printed the 2011 rather than 2012 schedule). These issues have been recognized and will not happen again.

Considering the late shift to a new chair and a new management company (in November), XMI deserves huge applause for the management of our conference. XMI caught and repaired far more problems than were missed—saving us a great deal of money.

Robert Weiss received VERY high marks and praise for his leadership of the keynote presentation. The conference as a whole also drew high praise with a few justified constructive criticisms. Here is a sample of comments followed by the average ratings of various aspects of the 2012 conference.

“Well done conference. ---Very enriching experience. --- [Would like to see more] of Couples Therapy material/courses/workshops --- [Weiss gave an] amazing presentation!”

“...Had I mentioned that I had a AAA card, I could have had the [hotel] room for \$95 a night as opposed to \$129.” [Note: The hotel would have honored the AAA rate if asked. We will make a point to encourage our members to ask for such.]

“I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the entire conference. Presentations were excellent—food was really good from President’s dinner to the end. I like the idea of brainstorming ideas for membership at annual meeting. Also, intentionally schedule a time for supervision to meet with an agenda to discuss supervision/licensing, etc.”

Here is a summary of evaluation scores:

<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Robert Weiss</b>	Out of 5
Overall Evaluation	4.96
The instructor was prepared	4.96
The handouts were helpful and sufficient	4.93
Audio-visuals were pertinent	4.96
The instructor was organized	4.96
<b>OVERALL CONFERENCE</b>	
Food	4.24
Accommodations	4.43
Awards Luncheon	4.6
Ethics Workshop	4.68
Sponsor Reception	4.06
TAMFT Town Hall Meeting	4.35
Overall Conference	4.66

We are now busily at work planning the 2013 conference. I am excited to announce that Pat Love has agreed to be our speaker. Pat, who came highly recommended by Linda Oxford, is an LMFT in Texas and author of the book *Hot Monogamy*. The 2013 conference will be Feb 22-23 at the Nashville Airport Marriott. Registration information will be distributed by mid-August. Please mark your calendar, and start inviting colleagues from related fields to our sure-to-be-amazing conference!

## 2012 Award Recipients



### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Paul L. Cates, Ed.D.,LPC

For your longstanding contributions to the marriage and family therapy field and the Tennessee Division of AAMFT



### **Legislator of the Year**

Rep. Harry Brooks

For your contributions to family wellbeing in the state of Tennessee



### **Dedicated Service to the Division**

Dianne Bradley, PhD, LMFT

For your contributions and service to the Tennessee Division of AAMFT



### **Dedicated Service to the Division**

Robbie Robinson Hutchens, MMFT, LMFT

For your contributions and service to the Tennessee Division of AAMFT



**Distinguished Service to Families**  
Quillen College of Medicine, ETSU  
For your significant contributions to  
family health and wellbeing



**Distinguished Contribution to the Profession**  
Edward A. Gray, Ed.D., LMFT  
For your significant contributions to the field of  
marriage and family therapy

## 2012 Student Poster Winners

The Student Poster Competition (in its third year) is held annually at the TAMFT conference. All students are invited to submit an abstract. The posters are displayed during the conference. The poster must be focused on marriage and family therapy (MFT) or be related to MFT. An abstract should describe the poster and be submitted with the entry. All presenters must be present during the Poster Viewing Session. This is an ideal opportunity for students to meet professionals and answer questions about their entry.

This year's winners received a ribbon of acknowledgement and a Kindle.



**First Place Winner Jessi Berger**



**Second Place Winner Michelle Bates**



**Third Place Winner Summer McKinney**



## Phillips Graduate Institute recognizes Dr. Randall W. Phillips, Ph.D.

The Board of Trustees of Phillips Graduate Institute voted to confer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on Randall W. Phillips, Ph.D. This honor recognizes Dr. Phillips for his lifetime contributions to the fields of Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Civil Mediation, and for his passionate support and leadership of Phillips Graduate Institute. As a graduate of the California Family Studies Center (Phillips' precursor), Dr. Phillips has distinguished not only himself, but the institution through his leadership and work in these fields. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Phillips on his outstanding accomplishment.

## From the Treasurer

I first want to welcome XMi Association Management with Sharon Barkmeier as our association's administrative coordinator. She is doing a wonderful job with managing and assisting us with the various functions of a small state association.

TAMFT ended 2011 in the red (approximately \$11,000) mainly due to our conference expenses in 2011. Fortunately, we had funds in reserve to help offset the added expense. After coming on board, Sharon with XMI got to work and helped to reduce expenses for the 2012 conference with great success! With the depletion of our reserves, the TAMFT Board has determined that it's time to generate additional revenue for the 2012 budget by requesting an increase in State association dues. Each TAMFT member will have a vote to approve or deny the increase. The board has not set the increase, but most likely it will be in the \$5.00 range per member/per year. More details will follow.

If you have questions regarding the 2011 finances or the 2012 budget, please don't hesitate to call or write. It's a pleasure serving your association.

Mike Runcie, LMFT  
TAMFT Treasurer

# TAMFT Middle Tennessee Lunch Meeting

**DATE:** May 25, 2012

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Bennett Campus Center, Lower Level Conference Room (Directions below)  
Lipscomb University  
One University Park Drive  
Nashville, TN 37204-3951

Mike Runcie will be speaking on **Instilling Hope in Therapy**. Mike received the Associate of Arts degree from York College in Nebraska, his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana and completed a Master of Arts in Religion (with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy) from Harding Graduate School in Memphis, Tennessee in 1983. Mike is a licensed marital and family therapist in Tennessee, an approved AAMFT supervisor and he and his wife are also certified leaders with the Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment. Mike is married to Nadine, and they have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Mike currently serves the Otter Creek Church as Executive Minister and provides therapy and supervision with Agape through the Otter Creek/Agape Counseling Center. Before moving to Tennessee he was Executive Director of Christian Family Services, Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri for nearly 20 years.

Lunch will be served for \$8.00, beginning at about 11:15. The menu will be Whitt's BBQ (pork and turkey), baked beans, Cole slaw and potato salad. The discussion will begin at 11:50 and will conclude no later than 1:00.

Please call 615-966-6294 or e-mail [cathy.lincoln@lipscomb.edu](mailto:cathy.lincoln@lipscomb.edu) to let us know if you will be attending, and whether you plan to eat, so we can plan accordingly. (Please, if you sign up to eat, be sure to come, or call if your plans change, or send \$8 to help cover expenses).

Directions: The campus is between Granny White Pike and Belmont Boulevard, south of Woodmont Boulevard and north of Harding Place/Battery Lane. Turn west into the campus at the wrought iron archway (in front of the log cabin). Parking should not be an issue as the University students will be gone by the meeting date.

Please check the website often for future luncheon meetings. The luncheons are open to everyone.

Paul Cates

# East Tennessee MFT's Luncheon Meeting

The TAMFT East Tennessee Network Luncheons are "Brown Bag Luncheons" scheduled from 11:30 am through 1:30 pm and Certificates for Educational Contact Hours (1.5) will be handed out at the end. Please RSVP to [cindy@helping-heart.com](mailto:cindy@helping-heart.com). The luncheon is open to everyone so feel free to forward this email to them.

## Network Luncheons Sites

Sequoyah Hill Presbyterian Church  
3700 Keowee Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
<http://sequoyahchurch.org>

and

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
225 Princeton Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37601-2052  
<http://www.wesleyememorialumc.org>

Network Luncheon Dates for 2012 from 11:30 am till 1:30 pm:

- **June 1, 2012** Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN  
Speaker-Dr. David Hall, LMFT "Axis II Couples-Personality Disorder!"
- **August 3, 2012** Wesley Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN  
Speaker-Amy Lovell – Sexual Offender Group Treatment Programs-What is it?
- **October 5, 2012** Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN  
Speaker-Dr. William (Bill) Blevins) Carson Newman College "How Neuroscience is Impacting Therapy: It's A No-Brainer"
- **December 7, 2012** Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN  
Speaker-Linda High, Attorney in Private Practice-East TN, "Don't Be A Helper,"

Cindy Gamble, LMFT  
TAMFT East TN Representative  
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## Online Education

The AAMFT is pleased to offer an opportunity for members to earn Continuing Education credits in the comfort of their homes or offices. Our Online CE Testing Center is an easy to navigate website offering over 80 credits just for reading the latest literature on topics that matter to you and your clients. We currently offer online tests for reading many of our core books of MFT, as well as issues of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

Simply register at the Online CE Testing Center. With more tests being added regularly, the AAMFT Online Testing Center is your new home for easy continuing education credits. Go to [www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org), select "Education and Training" tab, then select "Online Training."



## Division Leaders' Webinars

The AAMFT's Professional and Public Affairs staff members offer Division Leaders opportunities on the First Friday of each month to take part in live, interactive webinars on topics of interest to Leaders. Each month, we focus on a particular topic and leadership role that you have identified as important to your Division's development and skill-building for Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs. Join the conversation. Watch for the twice-monthly Division Leaders E-Newsletter and special announcements for upcoming topics and registration information. No fees involved; just a commitment of an hour's time and a desire to learn and grow in your role as a leader. All sessions begin at 3:00 pm Eastern Time and end at 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Webinars:

- June 1**            Membership Development and Growth – Division Presidents & Membership Committee Chairs
- July 13**            (special day to avoid July 4<sup>th</sup> week) – Role and Function Division Elected Secretaries
- August 3**            To Be Announced
- September 7**      Ethics Issues for Student Members
- October 5**          Budget Planning Process and Resources – Treasurers, Finance Committee Members and Division Staff
- November 2**        Open Question and Answer Session for all Division officers
- December 7**        Orienting new Board Members – Presidents and Presidents-Elect

## Sponsorship/ Advertising

Opportunities to advertise in this quarterly newsletter are now available. You can submit training events, job opportunities or other announcements in our newsletter. The advertisements must be consistent with AAMFT's and TAMFT's mission. The price for advertising in our association newsletter shall be as follows:

Non-Members or Agencies:

1 page \$250.00

½ page \$150.00

¼ page \$100.00

Members of TAMFT receive a 50% discount.

**For more information contact [sbarkmeier@xmi-amc.com](mailto:sbarkmeier@xmi-amc.com).**

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