

AMT Ethics Committee Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to develop and review ethical guidelines for the Association and to promote high ethical standards in the 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 3 additional AMT Board members
- Up to 3 additional members who could be either from the membership or specialist, external consultants.

A quorum will consist of at least fifty percent plus one of members of the Ethics Committee. Business may be conducted electronically, or via teleconference, or at face-to-face meetings.

Frequency of Meetings

The Ethics Committee will meet via teleconference or electronically as required. The Committee shall also meet at the call of the AMT Board or as needed to advise the Discipline Committee in the event of a formal complaint against an AMT member.

Specific responsibilities

1. To develop and regularly review a National Code of Practice for Massage Therapists.
2. To review AMT's Code of Practice for Massage Therapists on an annual basis.
3. To advise the Discipline Committee where necessary in the handling of any formal complaints against an AMT member.
4. To consider and make recommendations to the Board on ethical issues that may arise within the Association or the industry at large.
5. To monitor and review the Code of Conduct for AMT Directors.
6. To ensure that any AMT sponsored research or research grants have passed the ethical criteria of an external Ethics Review panel.