

# COMTA®



Commission on Massage Therapy  
Accreditation

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## **CALL FOR COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES**

The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) is seeking candidates for three of its twelve volunteer Commissioner positions. This is an opportunity to serve the public and the professions of massage therapy and aesthetics by inspiring and assisting schools in improving the quality of their educational programs. COMTA offers a peer review process through which schools can demonstrate that their massage therapy and/or aesthetics education program meets or exceeds its Standards for Accreditation. COMTA encourages schools to use innovation and creativity in delivering education that meets the needs of students and advances the art and science of massage therapy and aesthetics.

## **QUALITIES THAT CANDIDATES MUST DEMONSTRATE:**

Objectivity, neutrality, open-mindedness, an understanding of the purposes of accreditation, dependability, diplomacy, the ability to maintain confidentiality, professionalism, integrity, and a willingness to develop a strong working knowledge of the COMTA Standards for Accreditation.

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS:**

- **Educator in Fields within the Commission's Scope of Authority (1):** Educators at COMTA accredited institutions or programs who are actively involved in the educational processes of students completing an accredited program. These individuals have a knowledge of instructional and evaluation methods and curricula as they relate to massage therapy and bodywork or aesthetics education. Although they may also be involved in the provision of massage therapy or aesthetics, their primary work is as an educator in a massage therapy or aesthetics training institution/program.
- **Administrators in Fields within the Commission's Scope of Authority (1):** Owners, directors or administrators at COMTA accredited institutions or programs with direct oversight of the institution or program. Such individuals shall have senior administrative responsibilities in an institutional environment and direct responsibility for overall administrative decision making including financial oversight of the program or institution.

- Professional Educator (1): An experienced educator from the education community outside of massage therapy and skin care. This individual provides expertise in educational models generally and a relationship to the broader educational community.

**MUST BE AVAILABLE:**

Beginning October 2012, COMTA Commissioners meet twice per year for a three (3) day meeting. There is preparatory reading before each meeting and committee tasks between meetings. Conference calls and related travel occur as needed. The time commitment per month is estimated to be about 10 hours per month, increasing to 30 hours during April and October for meeting preparation. Expenses are reimbursed. Commissioners are usually elected to a term of six (6) years with option for re-election. A minimum commitment of two years is expected.

NOTE: all Commission work involves use of internet-based communications and access to email and websites for review of materials is mandatory.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

The following individuals may not serve on the Commission:

National officers, national directors, and owners of any national association or other organization serving the massage therapy and bodywork or aesthetics and skin care professions; national officers or owners of any other subsidiary group within such association or organization; and any spouse, significant other, parent, child, or sibling of any of the above.

**HOW TO BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE:**

Interested individuals must complete the application materials and submit them electronically to the COMTA Executive Director by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The application materials include a resume, letter of interest and Candidate Data Form. The Candidate Data Form can be found on the COMTA website; [www.comta.org](http://www.comta.org), under the About COMTA tab. For questions, please contact COMTA Executive Director, Kate Zulaski at [kzulaski@comta.org](mailto:kzulaski@comta.org) or (202) 403-7744.