



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Alerts**

The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) would like to bring your attention to the following important announcements as a result of its April 18-19, 2018 Commission meeting:

### **1. COMTA Commissioner Election –**

The Commission will be holding an election this summer to fill the following vacancies:

- **Administrator (2)**
- **Educator - Massage**
- **Educator - Esthetics**
- **Practitioner – Massage**

School members will receive electronic election ballots in July, and Commissioners elected to positions in this cycle will begin their four-year term in October 2018.

### **2. COMTA's Mission -**

As part of our efforts in strategic planning and considering the future growth and direction of COMTA, the staff and Commission facilitated a passionate and thoughtful discussion about the vision, mission and values of the organization. As an outcome of that discussion, the Commission voted to approve the following updated mission statement:

***COMTA elevates and upholds standards of excellence in massage therapy/bodywork and esthetics education through specialized accreditation, benefiting students and schools, practitioners, and the public.***

### **3. COMTA-Endorsed Curriculum for Esthetics**

In February 2018, the Commission formally voted to approve offering the COMTA-Endorsed Curriculum status for esthetics programs and institutions in addition to those for massage/bodywork.

Please see complete information and details on how to apply for COMTA-Endorsed Curriculum on our website by [clicking here](#).

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