January: A special interest group formed to support the needs of quality assessors in provider-generated healthcare documentation. The Quality Assessment Special Interest Group will promote the use of data to drive quality improvement.

March: Medical Transcription was recognized by the US Department of Labor as an apprenticeable profession.

May: AAMT and MTIA jointly engaged in a successful Lobby Day in Washington, DC.

June: The Dictation Best Practices Workgroup successfully prepared a Dictation Best Practices Toolkit, and through a $20,000 sponsorship from MedQuist began marketing and distributing the kit and the need for best practices in dictation to the healthcare community.

July: AAMT jointly met with MTIA in Atlanta, July 2006. Currently working on an agreed-upon partnership that will strengthen our presence within the industry.

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October: The House of Delegates elected first Speaker of the House, Kathy Rockel, CMT, FAAMT. HOD reformation was implemented.

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