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MINUTES	Thursday, March 16, 2017 Friday, March 17, 2017	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MAR-AMTA Regional Conference Membership Meeting Rochester, NY
MEETING CALLED BY	Gabby Ritter, President		
TYPE OF MEETING	2016 AMTA National Conference Membership Meeting		
FACILITATOR	Gabby Ritter, President		
NOTE TAKER	Beth Deyermund, Recording Secretary		
PRESENT	Gabby Ritter, President; Julie Neal, Past President; Mike Viega, President-Elect; Marisol Norris, VP for Membership; Trish Winter, VP for Conference Planning; Jenny Swanson, VP-Elect for Conference Planning; Brigitte Sutton, Treasurer-Elect; Donna Polen, Assembly Chair; Gary Verhagen, Parliamentarian; Megan Resig, Public Relations; Tara O'Brien, MARAMTS Vice President Amy Rodgers Smith, Government Relations-Elect Maria Fay, Government Relations; Conio Loretto (at MARAMTS meeting)		
ABSENT	Brooke Carroll-Lemchak, Treasurer; Meghan Bakey, Archivist		
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order March 16, 2017 at 5:08 PM		
I. Approval of Agenda			
II. Approval of Minutes (March 2016, Harrisburg PA)			
III. Approval of Minutes (November 2016, Sandusky, OH)			

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IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

DISCUSSION

A. President

Gabby Ritter

B. President-Elect

Mike Viega

Proposed Bylaw changes:

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Section 10. The Government Relations Chair shall: serve as regional representative to the Government Relations Committee of AMTA; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; submit annual written report at the regional conference; coordinate state efforts in implementing the AMTA/CBMT State Recognition Operational Plan within the MAR; submit to the President proposed state task force chairs ~~and members~~ for Board appointment to state task forces (for areas specified in Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws); direct and assist the State Task Forces in advocating change in public policy conducive to the practice of music therapy; assist State Task Forces in facilitating communication among music therapists in their areas; direct issues and concerns from the membership, and/or the State Task Forces, to the Executive Board and the appropriate committees; maintain regular communication with AMTA and CBMT in order to work collaboratively in implementing the State Recognition Operational Plan within the MAR; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: To allow more autonomy for task force chairs to choose their members.

Article IV - Duties of Appointed Officers

Section 1. The Recording Secretary shall: send out meeting announcements; distribute agendas; keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the general membership; **tally and record all email votes in the Executive Board files, notify the President of the outcome, and include the results in their report to Board;** and assure that corporate minutes are maintained. The Recording Secretary shall submit copies of all minutes to the Executive Board, Regional Delegates to the AMTA Assembly and Alternates, and the Archivist. Minutes shall be made available to the general membership upon request. The Recording Secretary shall also: communicate with, advise, and guide the corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: To reflect current practice and clarify the process of recording, storing, and distributing the results of email votes.

Article V - Appointed Positions

Appointed positions shall consist of the following: Parliamentarian, Registration Chair of the Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, Members of the MAR Government Relations Committee (~~which encompasses the State Task Forces~~), Archivist, Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, and Assistant Editor, should one be needed. Specific duties of each position shall be defined and assigned by the President and/or the Executive Board. The Region will maintain handbooks delineating the current duties of each appointed position.

RATIONALE: To mirror proposed language in Article 9, Section IV

Article IX - Regional Committees and Auxiliary Organizations

Section 4. The Government Relations Committee shall consist of the Government

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Relations Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, and the **members Chairs** of the State Task Forces within the MAR. **The State Task Forces include at least three and no more than six professional voting members and one Student Representative.** Duties of the Government Relations Chair and Government Relations Chair-Elect are specified in the Bylaws, Article III, Sections 10 and 11. Duties of the Government Relations Committee members are to participate in AMTA national advocacy activities and assist with the implementation of the AMTA and CBMT State Recognition Operational Plan within the MAR.

RATIONALE: To limit the number of committee members and to reflect current practice.
RATIONALE: It is already outlined in the charge from the MAR to the task forces.

- C. Immediate Past-President Julie Neal
Securing nominations for upcoming elections:
President elect - Beth Deyermond, Tracy Wanamaker
Vice President for Conference Planning - Lauren Faggiano, Cassandra Schoffstall
VPMem - Lori De Rae Kolb, Ming Yuan Low, Marisol Norris
Gov relations elect - Stephanie Sofield, CJ Shiloh
Treasurer elect - James Maxson
PR Chair - Missy Rozelle Reed, Shawna Vernisie
Assembly Delegates -Elaine Abbott, Mark Ahola, Clare Arezina ,Gene Ann Behrens, Carol Ann Blank, Caitlin Clark, Beth Deyermond, Montserrat Gimeno, Victoria Glaser, Nicole Hahna, Mary Claire Holliday, Andrea Hunt, Flossie Ierardi, Laurie Keough, Tony Meadows, Joni Milgram-Luterman, Bob Miller, Bryan Muller, Katie Myers, Kate Myers-Coffman, Julie Neal, Leah Oswanski, Donna Polen, Brigitte Sutton, Gary Verhagen, Melanie Walborn
- D. Secretary Beth Deyermond
Nothing to report
- E. Nominations Committee Julie Neal
See Immediate Past President report
- F. Membership Marisol Norris
Ended 2016 with 959
537 Professional; 262 Student; 115 Graduate student
Still want to look to increase membership. Using traditional call drive using professional members calling former members who have let their membership lapse. This will be happening in mid-April.
- Membership concerns - scholarships - look forward to more info in ways we can help our members professional and students
- G. Assembly Report Donna Polen

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Sandusky meetings - very little business that came before the assembly so they asked to be charged to form a task force to examine the role of the assembly and its relationship to the national board of directors. Angie Snell is in the process of getting that together MAR will have two people appointed to the task force: Gary Verhagen and Donna Polen

H. Conference

Trish Winter

Welcome and tomorrow night is the awards ceremony
563 people registered for conference and 503 people here. Jenny is the new VPCP.
Exhibit hall spectacular is today at noon.

I. Government Relations

Maria Fay

Free CMTE for NY and advocacy training for NY MT's and the license. Advocacy breakfast tomorrow morning. State Task force meeting tomorrow at 3:00 (Friday).
In MAR we have 7 active task forces. Extremely active as a region.
DE - beginning stages of task force
WV - bill last year that didn't go through but have completed a sunrise review and are meeting with legislators
VA - on hold right now. Will connect at the beginning of the summer
PA - bill last year that did not go through but will re-announce the bill. Looking for board to go under and the sponsor is assisting with that. Looking for a sponsor in the senate for the bill. Looking at getting MT under the waiver and have been successful. Calls to action to increase reimbursement rate and the amount of sessions that are allowed.
Please respond to calls of action
NY - bill ready to go. In the process of getting that introduced
MD - had a bill introduced, hill day and a hearing.
NJ - Bill carried over from last year. Waiting in committee (Budget and appropriations in senate and in the general assembly)

Catching the attention of some anti-regulation folks (actually a positive!). You will see them writing about MT and things might not be true. Recommended that we do not share it on social media so that it doesn't get attention. National level is addressing it. If you see anti-regulation materials, bring it to the attention of the national team.

J. Public Relations

Megan Resig

MAR booth in exhibit hall. Mark prepared game of jeopardy to quiz you on region's history. Megan will be there to answer questions about serving

Continue to check the website. It is kept current and relevant and info that is on there might not be found on social media.

K. Student Affairs

Conio Loretto

No report given

L. Historian

Mark Ahola

New historical preservation project that is trying to get underway. Jeopardy game is up and running. Anything that can be shared would be greatly appreciated so they can be

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	<p>stored. Looking for someone to help with archiving information (preferably close to Duquesne). Fireside chat happening on Saturday. Next year will be 20 year unification.</p> <p>The newsletter comes out quarterly. Please let Mark know if you aren't getting it. Can also access it on website.</p> <p>M. Archivist Mark Ahola</p> <p>N. Finances Brooke Carroll Fiscally sound.</p>

V. AMTA STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS

DISCUSSION	<p>Please click on the link to access the 2017 Regional State of the Association Address written by AMTA President Jennifer Geiger and read by Vice President-Elect of the American Music Therapy Association, Kristen O'Grady.</p>
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VI. AMTA COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Academic Program Approval Suzanne Sorel Nothing to report. Job is to approve or reapprove programs or new programs in MT. Go through procedures and requirements for good educational training and match the standards. Group of 3 people and bring it back to the chair of APAC and further discuss with college/university to help them becoming approved.</p> <p>B. Affiliate Relations Scott Horowitz Affiliate Relations has some bigger projects. Approval from the national board to update the populations specific info sheets on the AMTA page. Want to create two versions - one page for advocacy, one for packets. If you get an email asking for input, please give it. OTHER project is to better ID MTs who are dually credentialed and those who are presenting and interfacing with other professions and conferences. Want to get a better</p>
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idea of how we are interfacing with other professions. Considering a name change to be more something along the lines of interdisciplinary something. Can reach out for info with how to connect with other disciplines.

C. Association Internship Approval

Susan Glaspell

New to position and in the process of learning what it entails.

D. Continuing Education

Clare Arezina

Busy year for continuing Ed. New continuing ed requirements for NY. MAR is now a approved provider with NY. Offered seven courses at the conference that are the same cost. Unfortunately conference itself does not count for LCAT. Now doing sign outs and there is a formal learning assessment at the end of continuing ed. Pre-conference institute on trauma. Looking to do an encore of the course. 8 other CMTEs offered at the conference. Overall, our CMTE registration is up to 250 people. 13 courses also happened throughout the year outside of the conference. CMTE course happening at Radford in the spring.

E. Workforce Development and Retention

Megan Resig

Looking into community colleges and colleges that have MT tracks in hopes to help educate them and possibly build relationships to help students prepare better for undergraduate MT degrees. Also working on regions putting together a high school track at conferences. Other regions looking to MAR for guidance.

F. Government Relations

Maria Fay

Federal things occurring - a lot going on. New administration has cut national foundation for the arts and programs helping with poverty. AMTA is monitoring this and does have a seat at the table. AMTA will be at the national arts advocacy day and it will be discussed when talking to national legislatures. We are encouraged to be actively engaged as well. Follow what is going on and voice your opinions on issues that are important to you. Rebecca Prady Smith takes care of federal issues and will be sending out call for actions. You can get FB posting and see these on the website and respond to the call for actions. National is well represented and was here yesterday helping NY with the CMTE and was with Maryland helping with their hill day.

G. International Relations

Flossie Ierardi

Global perspective session at AMTA national conference. Series of presentations approximately 8 minutes long - student, university sponsored and professional projects that happen internationally. Visiting presenters also come is part of the tradition. If you are doing any international work, send info to Flossie and info will be on AMTA website too. Committee is working on establishing relationship and communications with MT organizations in other countries. Info is on the AMTA website, although this needs to be updated which is being worked on. World congress in July. and other international conferences are listed on the AMTA website and listed in the MAR newsletter.

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H. Membership

Marisol Norris

If you have any questions about membership please connect with Marisol. In 2016 we had the highest number of members ever. If you want to participate in the call drive, please reach out.

I. Professional Advocacy

Jenny Swanson

Looking for committee members to join. They help address misrepresentations that come up in the community.

J. Reimbursement

Briana Priester

K. Research

Joke Bradt

Working hard to create a research track that is focused on clinicians and getting them excited and involved in doing research. Based on the guidelines encouraging clinicians to become involved and more people need to be involved to get us to the level of evidence needed to help MT grow. We are happy to have Deanna Hanson - Abromeit to do guest lectures. Had a grant writing sessions and it was a packed room. Two MAR research grants to help get small projects off the ground. Deadline was extended and applications were received. Graduate students get ready for the grad student research award. \$1000 to help with thesis and PhD. Please be sure to take a look at the research posters and attend the poster session

L. Clinical Practice Networking

Darcy Lipscomb

Looking for people to run this committee. Networking luncheon is upstairs at 12:15.

M. Standards of Clinical Practice

Bob Miller

N. Technology

Noa Ferguson

O. Judicial Review Board

Leah Oswanski

P. Diversity and Multiculturalism

Marisol Norris

New committee developed last year and met for the first time at national conference. Meeting since then to identify roles and how they would serve the mission of AMTA. Delineate the tasks of committee. Goals include:

- Encourage increased diversity within professionals and students
- increase multicultural training and resources
- provide support systems including tools and resources
- monitor and recommend changes to AMTA documents

Working on two tasks - Identify various diversity groups within AMTA and CMBT
Next meeting is at the end of March 2017. Will be at the networking lunch and can talk more in detail then.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

A. Nominations from the floor:

- *President - Gary move to close the nominations for President Elect, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Vice President for Membership - move to close the nominations for Vice President of Membership, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Vice President for Conference Planning Elect - move to close the nominations for Vice President for Conference Planning, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Treasurer Elect - move to close the nominations for Treasurer Elect, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Government Relations - Maria Nominated CJ Shiloh who agreed to run. move to close the nominations for Government Relations, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Public Relations - move to close the nominations for Public Relations, 2nd, motion passes*
- *Assembly Delegates - Nominations from the floor: Josh Schrader, Tracy Wanamaker, Scott Horowitz , Tom Gerni who all agreed to run from the floor. move to close the nominations for Assembly Delegates, 2nd, motion passes*

If you have not already done so, please send brief bio, statement of interest and headshot.

B. By-law changes

Changes reflecting duty of president to chose task force members and give the responsibility to the task force chair. Three proposed changes under one voting block. *Motion is coming from committee.*

Motion to vote as a block, 2nd, motion passes

Motion from committee to make changes to bylaws passes.

2nd change is duties of recording secretary to reflect recording emailed votes.

Motion coming from committee, motion passes.

C. Other New Business

If you ordered items from the students when you registered, they will be the student booth during the exhibit spectacular

Robby McCoubrey -from Virginia and working on a project with James Madison University called music and human services. Collaboration between the teachers there and the Rorbachers at Shenandoah University. Finding middle ground between Music Ed and Music Therapy. What that looks like How it is defined and how we also know what is Music Ed and MT. It is good to talk about it so that people know that JMU is not teaching music therapy when they are not accredited to do so.

VIII. GOOD AND WELFARE

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DISCUSSION	<p>Nadine Cadesky's husband passed away, MAR board sent sympathy card and something to the support fund to help with his passing</p> <p>Mike - gratitude for President Gabby Ritter for her service for the past two years. She has really been vigilant in hearing member's of our community and listening to our voices and reporting that back to the exec board and engaging the tough dialogue. Thank you Gabby!</p> <p>Thank you to the membership for getting here through the blizzard.</p> <p>Thank you to conference counsel for planning a great conference.</p> <p>Thank you to the outgoing members of the board - especially Julie Neal who has finished her six year term.</p> <p>Congratulations to Noa Ferguson on having a baby.</p> <p>Congratulations to CJ Shiloh who had a baby.</p>
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MOTION TO ADJOURN	<i>Motion made, 2nd. Motion passes</i>
MEETING CLOSED	Meeting adjourned at 11:56
NEXT MEETING	Regional Executive Board Transition Meeting, June 2017, Elizabethtown, PA