I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order and Introductions

K. O’Grady called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

CONCLUSIONS

K. O’Grady appreciates everyone’s attendance, hard work and diligence, and for coming out in the weather to attend the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was electronically distributed to Executive Board (EB) Members.

CONCLUSIONS

Motion to approve the agenda: D. Benkovitz; motion carries.

C. Approval of Minutes

The proposed minutes were electronically distributed to Executive Board (EB) Members (September, 2011).

CONCLUSIONS

Given corrections, motion to approve the minutes: K. O’Grady; motion carries.

After corrections are made, G. Ritter-Cantesanu will submit the minutes to be posted on the MAR website.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

The proposed agenda was electronically distributed to Executive Board (EB) Members.

CONCLUSIONS

Motion to approve the consent agenda: K. O’Grady; motion carries.
## OFFICER REPORTS

### A. PRESIDENT

**Welcoming remarks by K. O’Grady**

- **Awards committee** (included in Board Book, pg. 8 of this document)
  - K. O'Grady was tasked by the board to form an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the way and why we give out awards at conferences, etc.
    - K. O'Grady is charged by the board to, with the committee, establish guidelines, types of awards, etc. K. O'Grady will ask for members at the General Membership meeting.

- **David’s Fund**
  - The John and Lucy Ott donation of $2,000 is to be given for conferences, not board meetings as previously believed, but it does appear to be an ongoing donation. K. O'Grady is interested in ideas for using these funds. Ideas from the Board: Support students to attend conferences, pre-conference institute (paying presenters, etc., compensation for pre-conference institute presenters or events and have the donors’ names included: “The Ott Preconference Institute”), sponsoring somebody who would be a part of the conference who would need to be paid or speaker’s fees, paying for students to attend advocacy meetings. Whatever the money is used for, the Board feels we should recognize the Ott’s for their contribution.

- **Underserved Areas of the Region:**
  - K. O'Grady is tasked by AMTA to develop a list of educationally underserved portions of the region (areas of the state with no MT programs) with the thought that ultimately approaching schools in these areas and developing a program. This is currently at an information gathering stage and the next step is unclear. If you know of Colleges/Universities in an underserved area, please forward these to K. O'Grady.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Members will be sought out to be in the Ad Hoc Committee for Awards. Please forward Universities/Colleges in educationally underserved areas to K. O’Grady.

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### B. PAST PRESIDENT

**DEBBIE BENKOVITZ**

**Report in Board Book (page 7 of this document)**

- **D. Benkovitz would like to thank M. Ahola, M. Phillips and the National Office for assisting her with investigating electronic voting.**
  - It does appear we will be able to use Constant Contact. At the General Membership Meeting, D. Benkovitz wants to advise members that the Board is considering electronic voting. We will not be voting on changing the bylaws until March, but we should get membership feedback. For voting, we will need to know which members are paid members at the time of balloting so we should urge members to keep their contact information updated with AMTA. Will be able to offer paper ballots, but we may lose some anonymity if only a few paper ballots handed out. The rationale for electronic voting outweighs the loss of anonymity: higher voter turnout and voters can get candidate bio when voting, etc.
    - Comments: It will be cheaper. It will require a change in bylaws so membership should know it’s coming and they can raise objections and questions.
    - Question: will a test run make people feel better about it? M. Ahola and D. Benkovitz will have to figure that out. It is a good idea but they will have to see how do-able it is.
      1. A trial run right before conference could include questions about conference, comments and things to do in the Baltimore area.
      2. Anonymity: Constant Contact can guarantee anonymity and that members only vote once. M. Ahola: an anonymous way of voting can be created for paper balloting.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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### A. ARCHIVIST

**BARB WHEELER**

**Report in Board Book (pages 12 and 13 of this document)**

- **Update:** Today B. Wheeler received the report from the student archivist from last year. She completed a number of things B. Wheeler needs to read. Moving forward, at some point we will receive a time sheet and we will need to pay the student. B. Wheeler doesn’t want to request money now, but will in the future. Not comfortable asking for funds until the time sheet is turned in.
### CONCLUSIONS

**B. Wheeler is waiting on time sheets from the student archivist.**

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### B. VP OF MEMBERSHIP

**MARIE-LOUISE LYON**

**DISCUSSION**

Report included in board book (pages 9 and 10 of this document)

A. The numbers keep going up from the beginning of the year. The area is growing most in grad students—enormous growth in this area. K. O'Grady says this is a National trend. There is a slight decrease in professional growth, but this may be due to members going to grad school.

B. In the consent agenda, we voted on making new member packets electronic.

C. K. O'Grady is working on a call a thon.

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### C. VP OF CONFERENCE PLANNING

**MICHAEL VIEGA & MELISSA KING**

**DISCUSSION**

A. Conference Update:
   a. Nothing much to report or bring to the board as far as action items to report. It's "grooving along" and the local and regional committees are "in the groove". Entertainment is pinned down and will be eclectic and exciting.
   b. Events to report: Research Committee has invited Christian Gold for the Research Track throughout conference. Plenary session is a celebration to honor Helen Bonny and her life and legacy in the region. Several speakers are invited for this. Call for papers is over—invited roughly 10 people by MAR to speak. Slots for 50 sessions and received 63 proposals. All have gone to the blind committee. The Email blasts and Facebook posts seemed to help a lot in getting the word out.
      i. Registration, plenary program and updated websites for entertainment and all will go online no later than mid January.
      ii. There was a nice hotel meeting a few weeks ago. There is plenty to eat in area and the light rail station is directly in front of the hotel. East coast's largest laser tag arena next door. Hospitality working hard for discounts and benefits for people to move down into Baltimore. After plenary, a town hall meeting that AMTA wants to have regarding going to Master's. Degree will be held. They don't want anything to coincide with that. Followed by business meetings, so there will be room to go and explore B'more.

B. 2013 Update: Melissa King
   a. Polled as many hotels as possible in the Central PA area extending up to NE PA (Scranton, etc.), out of these the ones that sent requests back were examined under the following criteria; meeting space, availability, as well as a broad range of prices. M. Viega and M. King visited 4 of them: Lancaster, Hershey, outside Harrisburg and one in Scranton. Narrowed this to a Sheraton in Harrisburg and one in Downtown Scranton. Working on contracts with both of them because they want to see what they are willing to offer us. Both are still in works. The frontrunner so far is Scranton because they are willing to give guest room rate at $92 a night (not in writing yet) but benefits of hotel is downtown, international airport, mall, busier area. Harrisburg less busy and would need to do some driving. They are in the process of comparing them side-by-side to see which one will be better and best fit for our event. Still in the works. Will keep us all posted.
   b. How do we want to be presented as a region? What do we want to look like? Keeping hotel rates is also important—moving up a little in hotel department—not having to settle for $90 outside of a city, we can still thrive to present ourselves as a little bit more. We can go to hotels like Hilton Scranton/Harrisburg Sheraton, and say to them all the reasons why we can guarantee them good business and get them to lower the room rates.
   c. Question: Does it make sense to start a relationship with a hotel chain? Then maybe that would help reduce the rate? M. King says this does make sense and since hotels talk it might help us advertise ourselves as good business.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Conference planning is going well. Searching for hotels for 2013 is going well.

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### D. FINANCE

**NOEL ANDERSON**

**DISCUSSION**

A. Student Archivist
   a. Approved in consent agenda to reimburse Student Archivist. Financial Advisor Committee to reallocate $500 from the General Reserve for this next semester Jan-May 2012 so there will be money there to pay her/him. Motion carried.

B. Financial Review
   a. Reviewing the Operating Budget, Passages and Student Account from the past 2 years. Still at the accountant but there's potential for review to exceed accountant budget. Move to reallocate $1000 after conference from
A. Task forces:
   a. NY-mental health practitioners had a meeting and NY State Task Force went: this info was provided in a concurrent session at the ATL conference as well
      i. There are vacancies on mental health parishioners board and NYSTF is looking to nominate candidates for that
         1. Flooding conditions persist-if need a replacement document, the fee is suspended
         2. Concerns about creative arts therapy certificate
            a. State task force and state office looking into concerns with that
            b. New school offers certificate in creative arts therapy (have tracks art therapy, music therapy, etc.). issues w/what students are qualified to do when they are finished.
   b. NJ -on hold a little bit because the political climate there is difficult. Keeping tabs with Greg Perkins but putting it to rest a little bit. On the NJ association of MT’s and was active in the task force. State regulation is on a moratorium but there are MT’s not being recognized by department of education and becoming difficult to work in private and public school without alternate degree. From D. Benkovitz: Historically MAR/AMTA and CBMT spent thousands of dollars trying to move towards some kind of certification and licensure in NJ and it was really tedious and difficult. Ongoing and has been supported a long time.
   c. Virginia: they created a survey and was going to send it out. In the process of getting lists so they can send it out. Survey about general information to get a feel of current issues in Virginia and get contact information. Basic information gathering survey. And to see interest in main state issues. Lets them know which direction to go licensure, recognition, etc.
   d. PA: created a fact sheet that gives MT’s a comparison of certification versus licensure in PA. Originally sent out a survey a few years ago, want to do that again get current info. Revisiting research in various agencies to see where MT is listed and not listed as a service. Looking for another voting member. Sister Mariam Pfifer may join as that voting member. Looking for eastern side of state but will take anybody.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

None identified.

E. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CHAIR

DISCUSSION

Discuss PR committee and future plans and goals

A. Requests for PR materials: Had about 7 or 8 request and the one that reported back said they did something for an autism fare and used the pr materials. Three pr committee folks did some exhibits, high school presentations and grandparents of families with autism.

b. Created contact sheets for pr committee members to fill out. Lists their contact info and client group they specialize in, etc. to gauge special skills set and will be used to create a data base and organizing it by categories of client groups. j. Carpente wants to send it back to the committee to check it and then wants to make it available to MAR members so members can go to database and get support and help from someone who specializes in that area. They can help them set something up or even help them speak and present for them. Or Skype them in to help get them on the right track.
   i. The committee hopes this can go out to members and even get it out to outside of MT as a service to the public so if someone wants to talk about MT and cancer, we have someone for that, etc.
   ii. j. Carpente is also trying to find agencies and organizations to cold call to get MT known and to see if
they want us to provide a presentation for free.
1. Hopefully other members not on the committee will want to be on the database and hopefully get a network of MT’s on the list and the next PR person can build upon it, etc.
2. Hoping to get all those forms back so he can complete the database soon.
3. Wants to submit it to each committee person first and then he’ll send it to Board and once approved he’d like to send it out by email and FB and other social media. And could add it to MAR website.
4. Nationally would be nice to get all regions doing this and creating these databases.

- Developing presence on Face Book
- Continued discussion on PR job duties
  i. Projector, not saying there’s no value, just wants to know what it is. He didn’t realize we needed to rent a screen to project onto ($65 a day) plus $50 baggage fee. So that’s $400 we could have used somewhere else. M. Viega: not first time these issues have come up, may be beneficial for J. Carpente to come up with alternatives to present. John not sure of purpose of projector, projecting to our own group? Not clear to the point of the projector.
  ii. PR materials, is there a way they could just contact AMTA and then AMTA could bill us? We do not buy bulk, we buy as people order it. Board feels needs more information. How does billing happen? Why is it being done the way it is? Is it feasible for AMTA to do this for us? K. O’Grady: if only getting a bill at end of day, difficult to watch budget line. Originally did this so could watch the budget line. We wouldn’t know until we get the bill if we went over. John-but if order materials, then AMTA process to get materials out and the bill comes to John. So bill is already coming after the transaction. But at least you know what is being ordered. We could set that up too, keep track of orders, some kind of system since they have the materials there. Maybe make a straighter path.
  1. Board needs to be presented on these issues with a larger frame of reference in a cohesive fashion so it can make decisions as a board. More information is beneficial as far as restructuring.
  2. Instead of a formal committee, might be better to invite M. Hinman to bounce ideas around. Keeping it casual, no real Ad Hoc committee needed.
  3. At March meeting will hopefully have some suggestions.

CONCLUSIONS
J. Carpente will present more information of PR job duties, etc. at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
Ongoing discussion of PR job duties and alternatives to the projector
PERSON RESPONSIBLE: J. Carpente (with the assistance of Megan Hinman)
DEADLINE: March Conference

G. STUDENT AFFAIRS ADVISOR
NICOLE HAHNA

DISCUSSION
A. A report was emailed out (page 14 of this document)
  a. Scholarship deadlines are coming up.
  b. Passages was very well attended.

B. Student Report: Emily Walsh:
  a. Bags for sale ($8) and tshirts $5 or both for $10.
  b. Need to change bylaws to reflect they are part of MAR-all regions are looking at that right now AMTAS
  c. We have best budget and very involved students.

CONCLUSIONS
ACTION ITEMS
None identified.

H. NEWSLETTER EDITOR
DEBBI BENKOVI TZ FOR MARK AHOLA

DISCUSSION
A. Report in Board Book (page 11 of this document)
  a. M. Ahola is new to this position.
  b. Contacting a lot of advertisers and potential advertisers. One advertiser was complaining that she was buried too deep so he wants to move advertising around.
  c. Looking at the possibility of imbedding video into the newsletter in the future and live links w/hyperlinks. It can be on the Facebook page and a link on the newsletter to go to the MAR facebook page.

CONCLUSIONS
ACTION ITEMS
None identified.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. CMTE PAYMENT POLICY
MIKE VIEGA & KRISTEN O’GRADY

DISCUSSION
A. Update on committee to look at CMTE policies as far as payment, 3 hour vs. 5 hours
  a. No new news. K. O’Grady will work on getting more information on this topic.

CONCLUSIONS
More clarity is needed on the CMTE policies for payment 3 vs. 5 hours
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**More clarity on CMTE payments.**

**B. MASTER’S DEGREE**

**DISCUSSION**

A. At the MAR General Business meeting, we will get an idea as a region of how we feel about moving to Master’s Degree. How will it benefit our members, etc. The presentation to the Assembly will be Saturday at 11:15.

B. There will be a town hall meeting in March at Conference to discuss this issue with ETAB and get more clarity on the issue.

**CONCLUSIONS**

There will be a townhall meeting about this issue at the March MAR Conference (and at all regional conferences as well).

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**DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**DISCUSSION**

A. At the President’s meeting, one other region has formed a Disaster Response Committee, one member representing each state in the region, so that person knows how to check in appropriately and get in contact with the regional president so the president can contact the AMTA Disaster Response. K. O'Grady feels this is a good idea.

b. B. Maclean: Feels it could fall under auspices of membership/member services. K. O'Grady will work with M. Gainsford for something to present in March.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Appears to be a good idea. More information will be presented in March.

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**GOOD AND WELFARE**

**A. RECOGNITION**

K. O'Grady would like to thank everyone for their hard work and working towards the conference. Everyone is doing a wonderful job and great ideas. So many new people but everyone working very hard to hit the ground running.

**CONCLUSIONS**

- None identified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

K. O’Grady

**MEETING CLOSED**

At 7:23 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Conference in Baltimore in March
Members of the board: I continue to examine electronic voting and programs that might permit us to hold electronic elections. Mark Ahola and Matt Phillips have generously been helping me sort out the process. It seems that continuing with Constant Contact may be the best plan, and Mark is checking out the additional costs and other issues. Constant Contact guarantees confidentiality for each voter, and assures us that each member will get only one vote. We need to figure out how to select from the Constant Contact list ONLY paid voting members of the MAR (which excludes students and others who may receive our emails but are not voting members) in order to ensure that the correct people receive email ballots.

We are considering a vote of some sort within the next year to “test drive” our process. Any advice or suggestions are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie
MAR-AMTA Ad-Hoc Committee:
Awards and Member Recognition

The goals and tasks of the Awards and Member Recognition Ad-Hoc Committee are related to the Mission and goals of the MAR-AMTA especially in the area of Advocacy and Member Retention:

I. Member Retention [MAR-AMTA Goals, 2011]:
   Goal Statement: “To explore the needs of the region’s music therapy professionals in order to increase and retain membership in the MAR-AMTA”

III. Advocacy [MAR-AMTA Goals, 2011]
Goal Statement: “To continue advocating for availability of, and support for, quality music therapy services”

X. Advocacy [MAR-AMTA Goals, 2011]
Goal Statement: “To recognize interdisciplinary collaboration with music therapy and to promote further opportunities for increased partnerships”

GOALS:
1. To enhance recognition of members and music therapy advocates through the development of regional awards.

TASKS:
1. To clarify and further develop award types and categories
2. To establish guidelines for the presentation of awards
3. To make recommendations for regional policies/bylaws regarding award presentations

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The committee member will:
1. Attend and participate in all committee meetings
2. Adhere to deadlines in completing committee assignments
3. Review committee materials and return and/or act on them by the specified deadline
4. Submit a report of work completed to MAR President prior to the MAR executive board meetings (committee chair)

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Professional member of AMTA
VP of Membership Report-AMTA Conference 2011 (Atlanta)

Total Members: 937
   Difference from last year: increase 12.22%
   Difference from last quarter: increase 9.26%

Professional Members: 565
   Difference from last year: decrease 2.25%
   Difference from last quarter: increase 7.01%

Student Members: 199
   Difference from last year: Increase of 33.56%
   Difference from last quarter: increase 6.42%

Graduate Student Members: 125
   Difference from last year: Increase of 52.55%
   Difference from last quarter: increase 28.87%

A Look at the Year in Review

I am the new VP of Membership for the MAR region. As such, I am still trying to figure out my role and the different initiatives started by Gene Ann Behrens.

So far this year, several members have requested and received financial support from our membership support fund. We will continue our efforts in advertising this initiative over the next few months.

After Hurricane Irene and the severe flooding in the Northeast, we sent out several cards to help
support our members through tough times. We also included information about our membership support fund to help those who will need financial support in the coming months.

**VP of Membership Continued:**

We are still sending out membership packets. We have sent out 7 packets since regional conference. I am going to propose that these packets be converted into a digital file. I believe that we will be able to be more responsive to our members, as well as reducing our costs, and helping our environment. We also congratulated about 20 new professional members at our final business meeting at regional conference with a certificate.

Projects that I will be continuing to work on include sending out information about AMTA to college professors and internship directors. Hopefully, this will continue to encourage student membership. I will also continue a podcasting initiative started by Gene Ann. Currently, I have not made any progress on this project, but am hoping to get it started back up. At our spring meeting, we discussed the need a call-a-thon to figure out why we were losing so many professional members. Overall, our numbers are up, but our professional members have decreased by about 20 members. I believe that we still need to explore why we are decreasing in professional members. Therefore, I will continue with a call-a-thon initiate. I am also going to take a look at the Membership tab on the MAR-AMTA website and revise the site to help visitors find membership information more efficiently.
Mark Ahola
RxEditor report

As new editor, Here are a few points:

1. You better watch out - I’m getting much more familiar with using constant contact format to send newsletter and for other regional business. I’ll be sure to contact you 2 wks before newsletter submission deadline in future. Let me know of any ideas for regular columns (e.g., PR spotlight on members, video that we can link, area trainings, etc.). I am also soliciting more for ads. We have different ad sizes, and Matt, previous editor, had mentioned perhaps just going to banner ads which open to MAR web page. This may be pursued in future, but I had one fall submission with the smaller size and we can see how ad submissions come for next issue.

2. Makin’ a list, and checkin’ it twice - If you receive more than one copy of the newsletter or mailings, it’s because you are on board/assembly list as well as general interest and/or MAR conference lists. These lists are primarily by email only without having names attached. So, don’t unsubscribe but just delete what you don’t need. This way we don’t need to add back on if you are off the board and that you get board specific mailings, etc.

3. He knows when you're awake - Deb Benkovitz and I are working on anonymous electronic voting for future MAR elections. She will present on this.

4. So be good for goodness sake - goes without sayin’!
I am making slow progress in understanding some of the issues involved with the MAR Archives. I hope to have some of these things sorted out and have a clear plan for moving forward in the near future but think that it is important to be clear on certain things before proceeding. As was reported by the previous Archivist, Sister Donna Marie Beck, and by me at the Fall meeting, substantial work has been done on the archives, which are housed at Duquesne University. The work has been done by Duquesne students, supervised by Sister Donna, over the past few years. What they have accomplished is impressive!

The things that I am currently investigating, and how I am doing this, include:

- The exact contents of the archives at Duquesne, including what has been catalogued and how it is labeled. We have a comprehensive list of the categories but it is not completely clear (to me) what exactly is there. I will be getting this information from someone who will look at the archives before long.
- To the best of my knowledge, the student who did the archival work last year has not completed the work or filed a report. I do not plan to request additional funding for this project until last year’s work is accounted for. I have been in touch with Sister Donna about this.
- Items in the archives are currently being scanned (into digital format) by the student worker. This will not be completed yet so should be continued by the next student. It seems that we should be saving hard copies as well as having the digital copies.
- The student who does the archives has a contract, although I do not believe that this has been finalized. I will check (more) on this and write or revise a contract if necessary. There is no job description other than to scan the items, which seems reasonable. The student is responsible for documenting the time spent using time sheets. I will take over this responsibility when a new student is assigned (assuming that the Board will continue to support this way of working on the archives).
- It seems to me that the MAR archives should be similar to the AMTA archives in many ways, although of course there may be ways in which they should be different. I expect to meet with William Davis, AMTA Archivist, during the Atlanta conference to get his insights on this.
- It is not clear to most of us what should be saved for the archives and, even some things that people should save are probably not saved, either because of lack of awareness or not making the effort. I will be developing guidelines on what MAR members and others should be saving for the archives and distributing them.
- We discussed at the Fall meeting the changes that had apparently been suggested for the MAR Bylaws in 2002, splitting the Historian and Archivist positions. The minutes from that meeting say, “Minutes from 2002-2003 will be pulled from the archives to see how it
was integrated so the information can be integrated into the bylaws.” It will be helpful to have this in the Bylaws.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Wheeler
Student Affairs Advisor Report
MAR-AMTA—AMTA Conference 2011
Respectfully Submitted by
Nicole Hahna, Ph.D, MT-BC

Events:
Since the last Student Affairs report, the MARAMTS E-Board successfully held their Fall Business Meeting at Marywood University in Scranton. At this meeting the students worked on bylaws revisions, discussed upcoming service projects and sister school events, and chose a fundraiser for MARAMTS. Additionally, the MAR-AMTA Passages Conference held at Molloy College was a success with almost 100 music therapy students and professionals in attendance.

Upcoming Service Projects
The MARAMTS E-Board will take part in the AMTAS Project "Drums for Jamaica." MARAMTS and AMTAS are teaming up to raise money to purchase instruments for a homeless shelter in Port Antonio, Jamaica through the Jamaican Field Service Project. Also, the MARAMTS E-Board will be taking part in regional service project at the MAR-AMTA Conference in Baltimore at Stella Maris.

Fundraising
MARAMTS is selling their "Music Frees the Soul" totebags online, for $12. Contact Ashley Carlise (MARAMTStreasurer@gmail.com) to purchase these bags. They will also be selling tote bags, t-shirts, and water bottles at the AMTA and MAR-AMTA Conferences.

Scholarships
This year's MAR-AMTA scholarship deadlines will be as follows:
- Sophomore, Junior, & Graduate Scholarship: November 18, 2011
- Music Therapy Club Scholarship: December 2, 2011
- Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship: January 27, 2012
Students can find additional information on the MAR-AMTA scholarships at the following website: http://www.mar-amta.org/students/scholarships.html. Information on AMTAS scholarships can be found at: http://www.amtas.org/AMTAS/Scholarships.html.

Miscellaneous
The MARAMTS E-Board sent Welcome Packets to new students in the MAR-AMTA and distributed their Fall Newsletter to students in the MAR-AMTA via email as well as via the MARAMTS website (http://www.mar-amta.org/students/) The student organization has also successfully created Gmail accounts for the E-Board and set up a Google Site and Google Docs for the MARAMTS E-Board.