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AMTA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
CLEVELAND, OH

MEETING CALLED BY	Deborah Benkovitz, <i>President</i>
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR	Deborah Benkovitz, <i>President</i>
NOTE TAKER	Brigette Sutton, <i>Stand-in Secretary</i>

Meeting was called to order at 7:35am.

Agenda topics

I. Approval of the Agenda

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	E. Abbott suggested moving Finances to the end of the agenda. G. Verhagen suggested adding a report from the Assembly. M. Phillips requested for his item to read Technology without "communications and." Jason Baker's Reimbursement Report was added to the agenda.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve the agenda as amended; Kathy Murphy, motion carries.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

II. Approval of Minutes (March 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA)

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	The Government Relations Report was given by Carol Ann Blank not Elaine Abbott.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve the minutes as amended—N. Galerstein; motion carries.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send the minutes to the website for posting.	G. Benner	ASAP

III. President

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	D. Benkovitz thanked B. Sutton for filling in as Secretary. Mike Viega and his wife just had a baby. members in attendance at meetings and the national conference. She expressed gratitude to the Board, Parliamentarian and others in region who have been resources. The AMTA Board created a new position – Regional President Representative. Piper R-L was chosen to represent regional presidents – she is the Western Region's President. Piper is an excellent facilitator of communication amongst the presidents. After the new year, president-elects will be added to the communication forum. This new position has been very helpful. The Education Training and Advisory Board (ETAB) is recommending the consideration of master's level entry to profession. No formal discussion or votes at this time. ETAB will hopefully meet again this summer to flesh out the program. It will soon be available on the AMTA Website and ETAB web page. D. Polen clarified the recommendation as white paper from ETAB – exploration of idea of moving to master's level entry to field. On the website there will be a table of potential implications. Comments will be accepted by ETAB.
CONCLUSIONS	None.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

IV. President-Elect

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	There were three changes all related to the changed title of Regional Conference Coordinator to Regional Even Planer to avoid similar acronyms. This affects Article VIII, Section 3; Article III, Section 3; and Article V.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

V. Immediate Past President

I. NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS

BRIAN ABRAMS

DISCUSSION	B. Abrams requested suggestions for nominations.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Inform B. Abrams or Nominating Committee of suggestions for nominations.	n/a	n/a

VI. Membership

GENE BEHRENS

DISCUSSION	G. Behrens shared that at the end of third quarter (10/4 report) was 890 members. This is the first time since 2008 that numbers are coming back up. We are at exact same numbers as this time last year. This is due to student numbers increasing. Professional membership is still down about 5%, due in part to NY. How do we support new membership in organization? G. Behrens is continuing to send out new membership packets, but relies on educators and internship directors to remind students to send in applications. She created student fliers that were sent out at beginning of this semester advertising that if you spend \$80 then you can save more money by becoming student member. The regional mentor program will retire this program due to lack of momentum in running and maintaining it. We will be thinking of other ways to support new members. G. Behrens continues to mail cards as appropriate. Let's keep sharing accomplishments and opportunities to support members via newsletter, etc. There were no applications for the Membership Support Fund. We're finding the membership still is not aware of this opportunity. G. Behrens writes about this in the newsletter and tries to communicate. If people need support getting memberships next year, still fill out the form because money is still available even though it is past the deadline. We are going to start setting up podcasts on the member section of AMTA's Website for CMTE credits. We'll record six people initially and the posting will include posttest, etc. CMTEs will not be preapproved. The national committee announced that regions need to do another call-a-thon. G. Behrens is looking for volunteers to help. She is continuing with PR work and newsletters. Members were reminded that G. Behrens needs information from all of region, and relies on region to disburse information. D. Benkovitz expressed extra thanks for G. Behrens keeping membership up when all regions are struggling with membership. There is a 2% drop in membership across AMTA, but the region has held steady.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

E. Assembly Report

GARY VERHAGEN

DISCUSSION	MARAMTA is well represented by delegates. Assembly elects four people to serve on the AMTA Board; three of these people are from MAR (K. Murphy, B. Abrams and Ruth Lee Adler). Thanks to Donna Polen
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for preparing delegates to serve well as representative. Members were reminded to take concerns and questions to delegates for them bring to the Board. The Assembly Meeting began with orientation to Assembly, Parliamentary procedures, and state of association. Ronna Kaplan reviewed AMTA's 60th anniversary including a pin and three new publications of intellectual property donations. There are plans for complete renovation of the website. It will be presented to Assembly at next meeting and the goal is for the new website to be running by the spring. Members will be able to update their own information online and the website will be more interactive. Treasurer Adamec shared that AMTA is financially sound. Dues recommendation is to keep same dues in 2012 as in 2011. President-elect Mary Ellen Wiley shared recommendation to remove ETAB from Council Structure and put it under Board structure. VP Furbman shared that attendance numbers for this conference are great. The next national conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. We are creating a culture of giving. External organizations look at how many members of own organization give as reflection of how much members value the organization. It is not important how much is donated, but how many people donate. Members are encouraged to donate if possible. Council reports and business included a passed revision to ETAB. Motion passed to limit the number of training acronyms beyond degrees, license, professional designations (until 2020) and credential information. Training information would be typed out in narrative form. This increases and clarifies the meaning of trainings. AMTA will adhere to this in publications and communications; members are strongly encouraged to adhere beginning in January of 2012. Sherry Robb shared updates to Standards of Clinical Practice. Old Business from last year, Assembly asked Board to review process of disbursing regional dues to regions to change from dollar amount to percentage to allow for proportional increase. It was approved to change to 6.5% instead of \$15, which reflects small increase. Assembly realized that handling fee (10% per member) has not been discussed. Information on processing costs will be presented to Assembly. New Business included Ethics Board member, Carol Shultis, re-appointed.

CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

A. CONFERENCE **NINA GALERSTEIN**
i. 2011 Update

DISCUSSION Conference registration is now fully online, thanks to B. Sutton and Felice, Webmaster. Reminder that Monday at midnight is the deadline for regional conference proposals. Mike Viega, Melissa King and N. Galerstein are working on changing the system from passing boxes on information from year to year to passing a flash drive. If a person is only taking a CMTE Course then she or he no longer has to register for a day of conference. Pittsburgh's regional conference was a good conference with good income. Barb MacLean shared that Saratoga has limited committee, but Albany Music Therapists are helping. It is a great city, good hotel, walking distance from good restaurants, and has an artsy/musical culture. The regional conference will include a concert open to the public featuring a singing group called Libana. Libana is comprised of six women singing mostly a cappella world music, from Boston, MA. The concert will include a dessert bar. Public can stay for the drum circle. This is an opportunity for some PR about Music therapy. She recognized committee members at the meeting. More help is needed with student volunteers – someone who can coordinate volunteers during conference. Marie Louise Gainsford volunteered for this initiative. D. Benkovitz thanked B. MacLean for hosting her third conference. N. Galerstein was commended for stepping into VPCP position without being VCPC-elect. Ginger Dougherty volunteered to help drive students in larger vehicle, and suggested to others with similar abilities to help.

CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS **CAROL ANN BLANK**

DISCUSSION	Public relations documents are all online for easy access instead of re-writing them each time. Both AMTA and CBMT launched Facebook pages.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

i. New Jersey State Task Force **KATHY MURPHY**

DISCUSSION NJ currently has an unpopular governor making work for the task force difficult. The task force is looking at the Department of Education to encourage parents to write to support music therapy. Music therapists were told that they could not contact parents. There is animosity is between educators, county school

	boards and Trenton. The NJSTF is changing directions to avoid political battle and is focusing public relations to raise general support and awareness before renewing legislative efforts. K. Murphy will step down as NJSTF Chair at the end of this year after a difficult decision. She will not have the time to dedicate to the role anymore is will be working to help with a smooth transition. She thanks people for their support. D. Benkovitz thanked K. Murphy for her time and energy in this role.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

A. NYSTF

DONNA POLEN

DISCUSSION	D. Polen introduced the task force members. A few task force members were able to attend the Mental Health Practitioners Board Meeting held in September. The items for discussion included corporate practice. Hopefully there will be concurrent sessions in Saratoga Springs for updates program was approved by the state's department of education.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

B. PASTF

VALERIE USCHOCK

DISCUSSION	There were lots of questions regarding crossing state lines and supervision requirements for LPC. A <i>Code of Ethics</i> was introduced. The PASTF will probably distribute another survey with the help of G. Behrens. There was interest in a session on reimbursement at conference.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

H. Public Relations

KRISTEN O'GRADY FOR MEGHAN HINMAN

DISCUSSION	Members were reminded that brochures from AMTA are provided to MARAMTA Members free of charge by MARAMTA. If a member would like some they may order them through M. Hinman.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

I. Student Affairs

KRISTEN VOGT & SUE HADLEY

DISCUSSION	The students' meetings are going well with projects rolling. The scholarship applications were due last night. There were no applicants for a Graduate Scholarship so this needs to be encouraged in the future. MAR Passage will be held at Molloy College next year. Not many professionals attended the recent conference. There was discussion about having seasoned professionals attend to provide feedback. Other discussion included the idea of having MAR Passages held as a day during regional conference in order to facilitate this initiative. S. Hadley will not renew her positions as Student Affairs Advisor. Anyone interested in position may contact S. Hadley.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

J. HISTORIAN

CAROL SHULTIS

DISCUSSION	She helped to create a display of six decades of music therapy. It will be displayed during the next regional conference. for If anyone has photos of people in the region, please share with regional archives. Currently there are no photos of most of MAR icons in the archives. G. Behrens offered to take portraits of people.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

K. ARCHIVIST

SR. DONNA M. BECK

DISCUSSION	It is difficult to determine how to archive due to rapidly changing technology as scanning may become obsolete. Her recommendation is to decide who we are, what we are doing and where we are going. Sr. D. Beck will step down from position at the end of the term. She is open for questions from anyone interested in the position.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

L. FINANCES

ELAINE ABBOTT

DISCUSSION	Finances are good.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

IV. AMTA Committee Reports

A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION	The Bachelor of Music Therapy Programs were reapproved at Elizabethtown and Molloy Colleges (BSMT).		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION	The committee is establishing links with other arts therapies and related organizations.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

C. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RUTHLEE ADLER

DISCUSSION	On the website membership dues may be renewed and information can be changed. Within the culture of giving members can find ways to give that are not financially related. There will be a work group for podcasts and the creation of guidelines for podcasts.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

D. Association Internship Approval**DEB BENKOVITZ ON BEHALF OF
THERESA MCMANUS**

DISCUSSION	Internship Directors were encouraged to continue sending site evaluations to T. McManus. Directors may join the internship director's listserv. There are new internship sites. Remember to send Letters of Acceptance to T. McManus for interns. Also, AMTA can provide Letters of Deferment.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

E. Continuing Education**DEB BENKOVITZ ON BEHALF OF TRACY
SOUHRADA**

DISCUSSION	None.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

F. EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**KRISTEN O'GRADY ON BEHALF OF MEGHAN HINMAN**

DISCUSSION	The committee did not meet.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**CAROL ANN BLANK**

DISCUSSION	None.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

H. International Relations**FLOSSIE IERARDI**

DISCUSSION	There will be an International Relations Networking lunch later today. The World Congress will be held in July 2011 in Seoul, South Korea. Check the newsletter for other conferences. The committee is looking for academic programs that offer international opportunities for students. S. Hadley shared that students trying to look at internship internships and/or pre-internship opportunities for international students in home country.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

Motion to extend meeting by five minutes; K. O'Grady. Motion passed.

I. Judicial Review**EVELYN SELESKY**

DISCUSSION	No new business was reported. A reason to go to the Judicial Review Board is for issues that are unresolved.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

J. Membership

GENE ANN BEHRENS

DISCUSSION	See previous report.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

K. Professional Advocacy

DISCUSSION	No report because there was no regional representative.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

L. Reimbursement

JASON BAKER ON BEHALF OF VAL USCHOCK

DISCUSSION	Information will be passed on via newsletter and minutes.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

M. Research

GENE ANN BEHRENS ON BEHALF OF ANTHONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION	G. Behrens shared that the committee is working on six presentations for regional conference with a focus on the topic of assessment. D. Benkovitz mentioned that Tony Meadows is the new editor for <i>Music Therapy Perspectives</i> .	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

N. Special Target Populations

DISCUSSION	There is no regional representative for this committee.	
CONCLUSIONS	Interested members may contact D. Benkovitz or executive board members.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

O. Standards of Clinical Practice

KATHY MURPHY ON BEHALF OF ROBERT MILLER

DISCUSSION	Revisions were passed by The Assembly. Stay tuned for further revisions.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

P. STUDENT AFFAIRS

SUE HADLEY

DISCUSSION	S. Hadley encouraged educators to nominate students for awards.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

Q. Communications and Technology

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION	There are twenty presentations at national conference about technology. More sessions are welcomed for the upcoming MARAMTA Conference. Contact M. Phillips with any input or suggestions as he continues to gather information on vendors, etc. There are over thirty people self-identified as technology specialists and it will be on the website. AMTA is looking to expand technology section of website to include tutorials, etc. The next deadline for newsletter is January 15, 2011. There will be a new edition coming out on the website and M. Phillips is looking towards switching to electronic version.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

D. Benkovitz reminded representatives and board members to submit reports to Gretchen Benner, MARAMTA Secretary.

XXVI. Other Business

DISCUSSION	There was none.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

XXVII. Good and Welfare

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Mary Boyle and Cheryl Dileo are AMTA Lifetime Achievement Members.
MOTION TO ADJOURN	G. Behrens; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED	9:26am
NEXT MEETING	March 2011, Saratoga Springs, NY