



American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter

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MARAMTA General Business Meeting

MARCH 25 & 26, 2010

MARAMTA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
PITTSBURGH, PA

MEETING CALLED BY	Deborah Benkovitz, <i>President</i>
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR	Deborah Benkovitz, <i>President</i>
NOTE TAKER	Gretchen C. Benner, <i>Secretary</i>

Agenda topics

I. Approval of the Agenda

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Meeting was called to order at 5:56pm. The agenda for the MAR business meeting was provided to those present at the meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve the agenda; Carol Shultis, motion carries.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

II. Approval of Minutes

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Approval was postponed to the next board meeting so that proposed copies of the MARAMTA Business Meeting Minutes from November 2009 held at AMTA Conference in San Diego, CA could be provided to members during conference.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	G. Benner	ASAP

III. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENT

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	No report was provided.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	G. Benner	ASAP

IV. President

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	D. Benkovitz shared details on AMTA's progress such as projects for developing the website and furthering legislation. All of the budget items for AMTA are available online. The AMTA Board Meeting explained the logistics of the organization. The following reports will detail conference activities.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	

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

IV. President-Elect

A. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	Motion to dispense reading the revisions for the constitution; E. Abbott. Motion passes. K. O'Grady reminded members that the changes may be reviewed tonight and then voting will occur during tomorrow's meeting. Bylaw change suggestions were presented for the following bylaws: Article II, Section 3, Article IV, Section 3; Article V, Section 3; Article VI, Section 1 and Section 3; Article VI, Section 5; Article VIII, Section 1; Article VII, Section 3; Article XI; Article XII. These revision suggestions related to consistent wording, schedule changes, alphabetizing, selection of assembly chair, advocacy award. She thanked committee members D. Benkovitz, B. MacLean, K. Murphy, B. Abrams & D. Polen.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

B. POLICY MANUALS

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	No report was given.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

IV. Immediate Past President

A. Nominations

BRIAN ABRAMS

DISCUSSION	B. Abrams explained that <i>MAR Needs You</i> is a project recruiting volunteers. Positions range in size with various responsibilities. He also recruited nominations in one year for the new regional board. Contact D. Benkovitz with potential candidates or to report self-interest.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

V. Regional Reports and Action Items

A. Conference

i. Conference Update 2010

NINA GALERSTEIN & MELISSA KING

DISCUSSION	There are a record number of registrants thus far! She expressed gratefulness for the hosting city with the excellent turn-out of registrants. Thankfully an incredible number of the hotel rooms are reserved and being used. The money that is made on conference funds the region.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	-	-

ii. Conference Update 2011

DISCUSSION	The next regional conference will be hosted in Saratoga Springs, NY – Hilton Hotel from March 31 st –April 2 nd chaired by B. MacLean. The room rates are \$119.00 per night.	
CONCLUSIONS	The 2012 Conference will be hosted in Maryland – local therapists please contact M. King.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	-	-

B. ASSEMBLY

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ FOR GARY VERHAGEN

DISCUSSION	D. Polen is the out-going Assembly Chair and G. Verhagen is not in attendance. The Assembly Delegates' Report was read for attendees. The AMTA Board of Directors met in February 2010 to continue work of the previous board and orient new AMTA Board. The new position is regional president to the AMTA Board. Piper will represent the regions. Other highlights include the exploration of dispersing regional dues by an adhoc committee. The AMTA Website is being revised soon! This year we will celebrate sixty years in Cleveland, OH for the AMTA Conference. Any ideas for the celebration of this anniversary contact Marcia Humpel. The call for proposals is April 9, 2010. The regional presidents were solicited for feedback about the development of new music therapy programs. The AMTA Bookstore has success in addition to the donations of intellectual properties for published materials by member authors. Contact Mary Adamack for more details.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

C. Newsletter

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION	M. Phillips expressed gratitude to Lee Morris and Terry Bumantis as he is learning his new role. The newsletter recently transitioned to electronic forums. E-mail notification will now alert members of newsletters instead of mailed postcards. The hard work of webmaster Felice was also commended. Feedback is welcomed!	
CONCLUSIONS	Members were encouraged to send submissions for the next newsletter to M. Phillips.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

D. Government Relations

CAROL ANN BLANK

DISCUSSION	The Health Care Reform was recently passed in the country. C. Blank explained her regional role and activities paired with MARAMTS GR Representative. If you would like more information contact her or student representative, Elaine Vuong. She co-authored an article for <i>Rx Music</i> .	
CONCLUSIONS	If members know students interested in this topic then send their names to C. Blank.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

i. New York

CAROL ANN BLANK FOR DONNA POLEN

DISCUSSION	D. Polen is thorough and distributes a list serv that people may benefit from joining. The State MH Practitioners' Meeting convened in February 2010. The NYCAT will host a workshop this summer in Rochester, NY. E. Selesky shared that an e-mail from D. Hamilton related to new amendments that will be posted next Wednesday. The updated information relates to unintended consequences that are positive. This information will be discussed at the roundtable tomorrow at 1:45pm.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

II. PENNSYLVANIA**VALERIE USCHOCK**

DISCUSSION	V. Uschock explained a change in the task force with two new members, Nicole Hahna and Caroline Servinsky. The biggest project since October 2010 is the House Bill 1250. This title bill will soon be a practice bill in the state. This bill is supposed to protect consumers specifically with psychotherapy in individual work. Also the supervision hours decreased by 600 hours. For more details check the MARAMTA Winter 2009 Newsletter. There will be a follow-up survey of members within PA to the survey completed three years ago. There will be a legislative assistance from Rep. Matt Smith's office during this regional conference. There was a nice proclamation from Mayor Luke Ravenstahl for the entire week as Music Therapy Week in Pittsburgh, PA.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

III. NEW JERSEY**KRISTEN O'GRADY FOR KATHY MURPHY**

DISCUSSION	A new governor changed legislative the climate in New Jersey. Our legislative consultant was maintained. <i>Music Therapy Day</i> is on hold until after the budget talks conclude. Once the date is selected then it will be announced via listservs. Currently there are issues in one public and one private school.	
CONCLUSIONS	If music therapists in NJ are having difficulties or if a school administrator is forcing music education services then they should contact njtaskforce@yahoo.com .	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

IV. NATIONAL UPDATES**CAROL ANN BLANK**

DISCUSSION	No updates were provided.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

E. Membership**GENE ANN BEHRENS**

DISCUSSION	There are currently 899 members within the first quarter of 2010. The greatest increase occurs prior to the MARAMTA Conference. Within the region there are decreases in comparison with the prior year's membership. The largest decrease is still within the student membership. She requested assistance distributing a one-page flier she created to advertise reasons for students becoming AMTA Members. The Membership Support Fund is available to pay for membership. The deadline is November 1 st . The New Professional Membership Packets are still being distributed and there were thirty new members. Next year the new professionals will be recognized during the closing session instead of opening sessions because of people's availabilities during local conference. School professors are reminded to encourage students and interns to access application. Cards are continued to be distributed to members for condolences, support, etc. A new flier was created to advertise membership to students. There will be another call-a-thon this year. One of her future projects is receiving CMTE Credits for Podcasts and a combined list of members with the assistance of Brigette Sutton, Regional Registration Chair. G. Behrens expressed appreciation for serving members needs regionally and internationally through WFMT as North America Representative.	
CONCLUSIONS	Any potential volunteers that are mature members may contact G. Behrens. Provide details to G. Behrens related to members' accomplishments, celebrations, etc.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

F. PUBLIC RELATIONS**MEGHAN HINMAN**

DISCUSSION	The Exhibit Hall portrays the new slideshow created for conference usages. New pictures are requested with proper authorization. Additionally there is a music therapy display within the conference host hotel	
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	to educate other guests. The AMTA PR & Employment Committee will present a session in Cleveland, OH during the AMTA Conference about advertising. The MARAMTA Website has a page for requesting brochures. Additionally there is an electronic version of a presentation titled "What Is Music Therapy?"	
CONCLUSIONS	Any other feedback or potential volunteers may contact M. Hinman.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

Motion to move remaining agenda to tomorrow; N. Galerstein. Motion passes.
Door prizes were distributed by Bonnie Buzzard. Recess at 6:51pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:00pm on March 26, 2010.

G. STUDENT AFFIARS

SUE HADLEY

DISCUSSION	S. Hadley provided details about scholarship winners and fundraiser items. J. Arture introduced MAR Passages Conference "Your Stepping Stone" for new professionals and upperclassmen or equivalency students. More information is available online and within conference folders.	
CONCLUSIONS	Members were encouraged to share details about the 2010 MAR Passages Conference with students, supervisees, etc.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

H. Academic Program Approval

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION	E. Selesky talked about improving internship programs. There will be new guidelines for distant learning. J. Creagen was asked to directly e-mail program directors. There was a revision to the Advanced Competencies. There was a roundtable discussion of the Academic Internship Approval Committee and the clinical training people connected with educators.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

I. CONTINUING EDUCATION

TRACY SOHRADA

DISCUSSION	During conference there are eleven, successful CMTEs and 1 institute with over 200 registrants. In preparation for 2011 MARAMTA Conference consider providing CMTE Course in Saratoga Springs, NY. There is a variety of material in the trainings. All CMTE Presenters will receive a stipend for time and energies preparing materials. T. Souhrada offered to help with new presenters. There will be training on April 12 th at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Center in New York, City related to music therapy and disorders. The Scope of Practice and Provider Manual from CMTE will be revised and available soon on the website. There is a charge to provide greater accountability with post-testing at the conclusion of a CMTE Course.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

J. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FLOSSIE IERARDI

DISCUSSION	F. Ierardi provided details about the 13 th Annual World Federation of Music Therapy Conference to be held in Korea. www.musictherapy2011.org has more information for submitting proposals due in August, 2010. There are ten complimentary student registrations available for applicants. There was a networking luncheon at the recent AMTA Conference with nine countries represented. One of the committee tasks is	
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	to send international experiences to F. Ierardi for announcement within <i>Music Therapy Matters</i> and regional electronic newsletter. Another task is to submit proposals relating to clinical work with people whose native or first language is not English. D. Benkovitz shared that the Korean Conference she attended as the 10 th National Conference was neatly organized.
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CONCLUSIONS	None.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

K. RESEARCH

ANTHONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION	No report was given.
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CONCLUSIONS	None.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

L. INTERNSHIP APPROVAL

TERRI MCMANUS

DISCUSSION	There are changed national roster internship training regulations. For example regional representatives must receive evaluations prior to the AMTA Office. A “sufficient amount of time” is redefined as one year. Additionally “an internship director’s responsibility includes apprising applicants and academic advisors... legal affiliation agreement’s criminal background checks and drug screenings.” There is a list serv available for people wanting to communicate with other internship supervisors. AMTA Website has a link to join list serv for internship supervisors via Career, educations, and trainings. Lastly, the acceptance letter must be CC’d to regional representative.
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CONCLUSIONS	None.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

M. FINANCES

ELAINE ABBOTT

DISCUSSION	This year the region budgeted to spend over \$50,000. Within the operating budget we have approximately \$10,000. The bad news is that the Vanguard Account only grossed approximately \$100 in dividends. The Financial Committee amended the budget via conference call and the EB approved the next year’s fiscal year balance of approximately \$82,000.
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CONCLUSIONS	None.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

X. VOTE ON CONSTITUION & BYLAWS

KRISTEN O’GRADY & DEBBIE BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Motion to dispense reading of changes of constitution and vote as a block of revisions; E. Abbott. The rationale is that they are largely grammatical changes. Motion passes. Motion to consider separately Article VI, Section 5 and Article VII, Section 3 and dispense from reading the remaining articles and vote on the remaining articles as a block; E. Abbott. No discussion; motion passes. Article VI, Section V – K. Brennan read the current and proposed bylaw relating to the new fiscal year following the election. The rational was for succession of terms that may facilitate increase ease of transition. No discussion. Motion passes. The current and proposed changes to Article VII, Section 3 was read aloud related to the appointment of a Delegate appointed to be Assembly Chair. The rational was to bring consistency to the placement and description of the position, and to insure a smooth transition
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	between Assembly Chairs across terms of office. Motion carries. Vote on block – motion passes.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

XI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (AMTA CONFERENCE in San Diego, CA – November 2009)

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Copies of the proposed meeting minutes were made available to members during conference.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve the minutes; K. O.Grady. Motion passes.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

XII. FINANCES

ELAINE ABBOTT

DISCUSSION	No new information was reported.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

XXVI. Other Business

DISCUSSION	No business was reported.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

XXVII. Good and Welfare

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	N. Galerstein reminded people to attend the Closing Session that will feature local music therapists. B. MacLean shared potential trip to Ireland August 16 th to Ireland with flights from New York. If interested in attending as a group of music therapists then contact B. MacLean. G. Benner reminded people to recycle plastic name badges. V. Uschock provided feedback about the high school student session. There is a PR Session that will be presented tomorrow for community members, new professionals and students. N. Galerstein shared that the Great Lakes Region may copy the high school outreach idea. Allyson Zadnick was commended for her work. MARAMTA Member Leah Kmetz attended Autism One Conference in Chicago in 2009. She will present at this year's conference to thousands of attendees. If you are close to Chicago then contact her on May 30 th or check online via AMTA Journal. D. Benkovitz thanked the board and national representatives in addition to committee members. Door prizes were distributed.	
MOTION TO ADJOURN	G. Behrens; motion carries.	
MEETING CLOSED	5:49pm	
NEXT MEETING	November 2010 at AMTA Conference in Cleveland, OH	