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7:30-9:15

**AMTA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ATLANTA, GA**

MEETING CALLED BY	Kristen O'Grady, President
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR	Kristen O'Grady, President
NOTE TAKER	Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:32am. K. O'Grady thanks everyone for coming out so early and for the large turnout.

Agenda topics

I. Approval of the Agenda

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	K. O'Grady motioned for approval of the agenda.		
CONCLUSIONS	Agenda approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

II. Approval of Minutes (March 2011 in Saratoga Springs, NY)

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	K. O'Grady motioned for approval of the minutes (that were posted on the MAR website for members to access prior to the meeting).		
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None.	N/a	n/a	

III.

Executive Board Officer Reports – A. President

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	A. Awards: The Executive Bard has approved an adhoc committee to examine the way we give awards to members at conferences. K. O'Grady is looking for people to serve on the committee and help revisit the types of awards, guidelines, ways we disseminate info, etc. If anyone is interested and wants to get involved with the region, let K. O'Grady know. Hopefully this will get more member recognition going and on a more consistent basis at conferences.
DISCUSSION	

	<p>B. AMTA has several awards they give out. AMTA wants more applications and suggestions for awards because they don't get that many recommendations Educators: student scholarships hardly get any applications so please encourage students to apply because it's a really good opportunity.</p>		
DISCUSSION	<p>C. Hopefully everyone saw the Acronym Implementation Plan on the website. The assembly approved this plan last year. If anyone has lingering questions, ask K. O'Grady. The plan goes into place January 1st, 2012. At the regional conference, all formats for names on badges, program, etc. will follow the new plan. Also the website is compliant and you'll notice that change.</p>		
DISCUSSION	<p>D. Regional presidents have been tasked by Ronna Kaplan to examine the region in terms of educational programs that are offered and develop a list of underserved areas of the region where University programs should be established. If there are Universities you have in mind that could have an MT program and benefit the portion of the region, let K. O'Grady know. AMTA is not yet in the steps of approaching the school, but it is in the long term plans.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Let K. O'Grady know if you would like to serve on the awards committee. More applications and suggestions needed for AMTA awards. Names of Universities in underserved areas that could create MT degree programs to K. O'Grady.		Members.	As needed.

B. President-Elect

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION	<p>Thank you for being here this morning. It's early but we appreciate you coming and hearing what's going on in region.</p> <p>A. Constitution & Bylaw Changes: J. Neal is charged with heading up the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee. Current members are G. Verhagen, B. Caclelan, D. Benkovitz, B. Miller and N. Hahna. We have a list of tasks from the regional business meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Try and find a way to effectively attach our student organization to the region through our constitution and bylaws. 2. Whether or not graduate students can hold office 3. Clarifying the archivist position as it has not been separated from the historian position. <p>All revisions will be presented at the regional conference.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified		n/a	n/a

C. Immediate Past President

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Electronic voting: As past president, D. Benkovitz is responsible for the next elections. We are seriously considering going to electronic voting.</p> <p>There are two main concerns with this: Anonymity while voting and whether we can ensure only one vote. Thanks to M. Ahola and M. Phillips and others for researching it. Currently we use Constant Contact and they have a means for voting that ensures anonymity and one vote only. We are going to do a test run of some kind of voting or survey hopefully before the MAR conference in Baltimore so we can get a feel for what it's like and iron out any issues. There is concern about a paper ballot for people who don't want to (or can't) vote electronically. Only a hand full of paper newsletters going out at this time. We are thinking of ways to keep anonymity with paper ballots. If the test run works well, we'll be putting before members to vote for a bylaws change to reflect electronic voting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Question from member: Why aren't we using Survey Monkey? Because we are already on Constant Contact and all names are already in there. M. Ahola and M. Phillips (and others who are tech savvy) recommend Constant Contact. Anyone familiar with this, D. Benkovitz would love to have help. -Comment from member: AMTA board of directors investigated Survey Monkey and felt that wasn't as anonymous as we were comfortable with (looked at it for board ballots). <p>Electronic voting is greener and saves us money because paper ballots are expensive. Expecting higher voter turnout too.</p> <p>B. Nominating Committee's Efforts Still getting nominating committee together and will report on what it is at MAR Conference in Baltimore. Be thinking about candidates you think would be good in a particular role.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Let D. Benkoitz know if you'd like to be on nominating committee.	Members.	As needed.	

D. Membership

MARIE GAINSFORD

DISCUSSION	<p>A. The numbers in region really reflect national numbers. Overall, professional membership is down 2% and the student numbers up. There was an overall increase in membership but it is mostly students.</p> <p>B. New membership packets will be moving to electronic form to make communication between us and new members easier.</p> <p>C. Nothing has been done with podcasting yet but M. Gainsford wants to have an update for the regional conference. She wants podcasts for CMTE credit.</p>
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	<p>D. M. Gainsford is trying to make disaster relief a more fluid experience by creating a committee. She is asking for representation from each state to be on this committee. Each person would keep contact with people from your state, being able to talk to them if there is a disaster and find out how they could be served. Email M. Gainsford or come see her if you want to be your state rep. The membership support fund is still there and available to help pay AMTA dues if you needed.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Let M. Gainsford know if you'd like to be on Disaster Relief Committee.	Members	As needed	
E. ASSEMBLY REPORT			

GARY VERHAGEN

DISCUSSION	<p>A. The Assembly-Elect voted for the Speaker of the Assembly (Brian Abrams), the Assistant Speaker (Annette Whitehead-Pleaux) and two additional Assembly members to serve on the AMTA Board of Directors (Michael Silverman and Ruthlee Adler). Note: Ruthlee has since resigned and Angela Snell has been voted in to take her place.</p> <p>B. Dues announcement: dues are being recommended to remain the same for 2013</p> <p>C. Council for Education and clinical training are changing the guidelines for National Roster Internships. Letters of recommendation were coming in without signatures because they were coming in electronically, so they are changing it to say the letters have to be signed.</p> <p>D. Ethics board: B. York and J. Shrideman were added</p> <p>E. The next assembly meeting is set aside for ETAB to come talk about their recommendation to move to Master's level entry for professionals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. There is a second paper in the assembly book this year. 1st paper went on AMTA's website this year. 2nd will go up after this meeting. This morning's meeting is just for discussion with the membership and you do not have to be on assembly to attend. The advisory board would really like anyone interested to be there. b. There will be a report in the newsletter with more information c. K. O'Grady: at MAR conference, there will be townhall meeting that is unopposed so membership can get answers to questions and for feedback for the move to Master's level. 		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

F. Conference

MIKE VIEGA

DISCUSSION	<p>A. 2012 Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicly thank the work of N. Galerstein for laying the groundwork. B. Sutton and M. Viega are set to be fluid committees. Working to make conference an exciting education event. 2. Plenary session on Friday and session focuses on honoring Helen Bonny and the work 		
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	<p>she's done in the Baltimore area. There will be a panel session with her son Eric bonny, Madelane Ventre, Sierra Stokes and Carol Bush who all knew her personally and her early days of Bonny Method. Carolyn Sonnen will provide music and help organize. We hope it will have nice balance of education and celebrating her memory and legacy.</p> <p>3. Preconference Institute is multicultural. Sung-a Kim: When a paradigm shifts: Therapeutic applications of MT across cultures. Nice group of presenters helping. Trimurthy Sairam-Nada, yoga instructor and MT in India. Dr. Sangeeta Swamy and Noah Shapiro: Receptive MT techniques, assessments and interventions for multicultural MT.</p> <p>4. Entertainment committee already has entertainment lined up. Opening will be Musicians of Mercy from the metropolitan DC area. They put on concerts and raise funds for victims of natural disasters. The Junkyard saints, with a full horn section will be at the dessert bar.</p> <p>5. Students service project March 22nd, Thursday morning, students at residential facility for advanced age and hospice care.</p> <p>6. Dates of conference: March 21st to March 24th. CMTEs Thursday and Saturday. Preconference on Wednesday. Email Mike at mikeviega@yahoo.com with questions.</p> <p>7. Question from members: Will there be an email going out to colleges for volunteers? A: Howard University has put together a volunteer list and we have so many volunteers we don't need any more and not looking for more.</p> <p>8. Also did not need to extend call to papers again this year because due to social networking and email blasts we were flooded with proposals this year. Thank you to everyone who sent in.</p> <p>9. Thank you to the regional committees and everyone working hard to make it happen.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

G. FINANCES

NOEL ANDERSON

DISCUSSION	<p>A. According to our policies and procedures, we are completing a financial review of our operating budget, student account and passages.</p> <p>B. Operating budget: 67,972.59</p> <p>C. Vanguard account: 27,115.89</p> <p>D. If you qualify for reimbursement through your work for MAR, see Noel for forms (if you attended all meetings appropriate for your position)</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

H. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MARIA FAY

DISCUSSION	<p>A. New Jersey: NJ is on hold right now. Anyone in NJ wants to start back up again, let us know.</p> <p>B. Virginia State Task Force Barbara Stewart</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Recently began as a task force and received charge from MAR at beginning of week. Actively involved. In beginning stages of researching regulations and beginning a survey of their members that will be out soon.</p> <p>C. New York State Task Force Donna Polen</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Task force members, AMTA and CBMT have responded to questions regarding MTs practicing creative arts therapy without license. Let Donna know if you've run into that. There's a task force in mental health and mental practitioner's board. If you need help with the corporate practice waiver application process, contact Donna. There's a temporary suspension of fees for duplicate documents as a result of recent disasters.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Task force held session yesterday and questions and concerns were exciting. Student representative is needing to step off task force so looking for a student who might be interested in being the student rep.</p> <p>D. Pennsylvania State Task Force Valerie Uschock</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Researching regulations and seeking policy qualifications under office of medical assistance. Questions of billing.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Preparing a new information gathering survey so be on look out if in PA</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Looking for more task force members, if interested, call Valerie or Maria Fay.</p> <p>E. For regional conference: CMTE on advocacy and going to Capitol Hill to raise awareness of MT.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
If you would like to be on a state task force, contact the appropriate task force representative or Maria Fay.	Members.	As needed.	

I. Public Relations

JOHN CARPENTE

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Still learning the position. Main initiative trying to figure out new ways to help members promote and advocate for MT. Got about 700 friends/fans on FB page. Other people can join even if not MT. Please post things that are going on with you, give a little review of good MT books, or start a dialogue on something you are working on. Great for MTs and also great for non MTs to get a sense of what we're doing and where we're doing it. Even job openings too. For people who don't get emails from listserv, great way to get info out.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>B. Created a large committee of MAR members throughout region, to get people throughout region to support those in your area. A contact sheet was created: where they work, client group/approach, etc. and once together in a data base John is going to forward it out to all members and also post it on FB so if you need help/support in presenting, etc. you can hopefully find that support, or even find someone to present for you. If you want to be on the list, email John and he can send out the contact sheet and you can be included.</p>

	C. Contact John if you know of other ways to promote the field in our region.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
If you want to stay further in contact, join the MAR Facebook page f you would like to be on the PR committee, contact John. If you have PR ideas, contact John.	Members.	As needed.	

J. Student Affairs

NICOLE HAHNA AND EMILY WALSH

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Nicole serves as advisor for the student board and Emily is from Duquesne.</p> <p>B. Passages: Thank you to all who supported and helped with that. Almost 100 students and professionals attended. Please do come to the next one, we are pretty certain it will be at Marywood (Scranton, PA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Emily: fund raising: entirely new student EB this year. Exciting but a little challenging. Transitioned from Yahoo to Google and along with that made officer emails so they could be passed down. Some bylaws changes are also in the works. b. Fund raising: selling tote bags and tshirts tote: \$8, shirt \$5. At Regional will have water bottles with the same symbol. Pay for them at MAR booth. c. Might try to connect passages with the Executive Board Meeting. 		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

K. HISTORIAN

CAROL SHULTIS

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Working on contacting past presidents and getting that into archives</p> <p>B. Will repeat request to all of you, if you have been around a while and have photographs you can scan and send digitally, would love to add to archives. Consider looking in your files for these. If you have other things and aren't sure if of historical value contact her or Barb Wheeler.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send old photographs and info to Carol or Barb.	Members.	As needed.	

L. ARCHIVIST

BARB WHEELER

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Took over from Sr Donna Beck who did a fabulous job. Archives are housed at Duquesne. There are actual documents from our history and right now they are being scanned so we'll have digital copies also. We only have things because members save things that are important. If you have things let us know about them. We should be keeping important email communications, PR things, conference items (where there are, MAR</p>		
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	members presenting, etc.).		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send items to Barb for the archives.	Members.	As needed.	

IV. AMTA Committee Reports

A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Reapproved 12 institutions offering MT degrees, including 4 new programs.</p> <p>B. The committee has the leadership of 2 co-chairs now</p> <p>C. APAC is in full support for the process of moving towards Master’s level as proposed by ETAB</p> <p>D. 10:45 today any educators, internship supervisors, etc. can attend a roundtable discussion</p> <p>E. At MAR there will be roundtables for educators and internship directors</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION	<p>A. The committee works on positive and educational relationships with organizations that are not MT related, such as OT, PT, Psych, Medical, etc.</p> <p>B. We spent our meeting developing a survey that will be coming out on Survey Monkey and also looked at linking to websites of other organizations so they put us on their websites, etc.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

C. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RUTHLEE ADLER, BRIAN ABRAMS & CATHY MURPHY

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Board meetings throughout conference and will hear a lot of work at general membership meeting. We have voted to have a review panel for the Volts award?</p> <p>B. Podcasts are continuing-concerns voiced are being looked at by a workgroup</p> <p> a. This was a grass roots effort that came from membership so share your concerns so the board can act on it</p> <p>C. Diversity task force work will continue</p> <p> a. Ruthlee Adler is on this committee. If you have any input, please contact her.</p> <p>D. Looking at a long term financial planning task group working to ensure AMTA is financially stable and revenue doesn’t only come from members. Looking at current funds, grants, advanced giving, growing membership, etc., AMTA is in a good financial place. Contributions have stayed level despite the economic downturn.</p> <p>E. We would like to reiterate that assembly meetings and board of directors meetings are open to everyone and you can learn a lot</p>		
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CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Contact the Board with concerns and comments	Members	As needed.	

D. Association Internship Approval

THERESA MCMANUS

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Met and have some reminders for people: If you have a NRI and you're the director, you need to fill out annual reports at the end of the year and send them to your representative (Theresa). We are trying to get that moved to Survey Monkey.</p> <p>B. Encourage interns to get the "Welcome to Professional World Packet" and when they get the packet, they'll get a 6 month post eval form, ask them to keep it and fill it out.</p> <p>C. If teaching MT students, please encourage prospective interns to ask for philosophy of MT from the director and facility.</p> <p>D. Any site specific requirements (needing fingerprints, tb tests, etc.) please make sure you are very clear on the application: who would have to pay for these, etc.</p> <p>E. Elizabeth Haley had her internship site approved at Eastern Psychiatric Hospital- congratulations</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NRI directors, remember to fill out annual reports. Interns obtain Welcome to Professional World packets and fill out 6 month post evals.	Members.	As needed.	

E. Continuing Education

Laurie Keough

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Good year for continuing education: 77 proposals for continuing ed. at this conf. 29 accepted so we had 4 institutes and 28 CMTEs. When you sign in for CBMTs we ask for certification number. Please use your certification number. If you do not know it, you can use the last four of your social, but someone at CBMT has to manually look up your CBMT number in that case.</p> <p>B. CBMT came and visited and brought codes and scope of practice. No major changes for this year, minor wording changes only. The big thing is the new website and new forms on the website. We are moving to go green. Eventually we want to go towards all electronic so we can submit our credits online and keep track of where we are in our certification cycle. No deadline on that but we are moving towards it.</p> <p>C. Ethics requirement reviewed (3 credit within 5 year cycle). It's acceptable as long as it is related to the scope of practice, can't be related to your job. Teaching and presenting in ethics does not count. Has to be something you actually participate in and receive training in, not part of your job requirements.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

F. EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

JOHN CARPENTE

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Looking at how to best find someone and their qualifications. Materials to help MT promote and advocate. One of things discussed is revamping brochures and</p>		
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	<p>materials. Going to adopt some sort of mentoring presentation system and put it online. Potentially be a section on website for MTs and employers looking to hire MTs. Link will easily navigate them around the website.</p> <p>B. Targeting of high schools: talked about cold calling and going into high schools and turning them on to our profession. Have to get into the guidance counselors and going to their conferences and also attending conferences of other disciplines and setting up relationships with them. Maybe trade exhibit booths. Also trying to get college MT students now to create videos on how great it is to be an MT student and put them on youtube or AMTA sites so prospective students can see them. Student organizations of AMTA can do this.</p> <p>C. Question from members: One of the missing links with educators and recruiting is, have students seen an MT work? Response: Wants to foster community of MTs where potential HS students could come in and watch. Way to get a network together would be ideal. Not even limited to HS students, great idea and comes up all the time for prospective students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Some sort of database could be created through the membership so there is a list of places that can accept volunteers. Marie Gainsford will look into this. b. Comment from membership: It's kind of labor intensive to have visitors (confidentiality, liability, etc.). Could we invite people to watch MT videos, perhaps have hot spots around region where people can watch these videos. Also when a person goes on a visit, sessions can be cancelled and there can be lots of variables. Videos would make very private events less difficult. c. Comment: But that problem doesn't exist at all locations. But that can narrow it down to only a few settings. d. Brian Abrams: Membership sees pros and cons to both. Let Marie look into it. e. K. O'Grady: We would like to continue this discussion, but it should be moved to the FB page or other arena because we want to make sure everyone has time to present. f. Comment from members: If you're not on FB, is there a way for things on FB to go on the website rather than only on FB. Feels like there's a lot going on now on FB, and would like the board to consider a way for us still not on FB to stay connected. 				
CONCLUSIONS	None.				
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G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MARIA FAY

DISCUSSION	<p>A. ND and NV recently got licensure (big news). Senator Mo Dennis? came and very inspiring how he used music to get the bill to go through and sway people who were on the edge. Currently 35 active task forces in the nation and 2012 anticipating introduction of licensure regulations in, GA, HI, NC and OK. And introduction of legislature in CO, IN, NC and WA. Overall MT is being more recognized at the state level.</p> <p>B. AMTA continues its work with congress.</p>
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	<p>C. MT has been selected to receive standalone occupational classification with the Department of Labor. MT is actually now listed as a profession with the Department of Labor.</p> <p>D. 3rd annual Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration sponsored National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day, May 9th. Go into your community and advocate on that day.</p> <p>E. Advocacy day is April 16 and 17th – go to the hill and advocate.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Advocate for the profession	Members.	As needed.	

H. International Relations

FLOSSIE IERARDI

DISCUSSION	<p>A. New things: We’re working on welcoming international guests to conferences in appropriate ways. Small things: President’s reception now president’s international reception and international guests got a special invitation and welcome. First international poster session this year. Looking at making that an annual event at this conference.</p> <p>B. There may be a call for posters some time soon. International conference is coming up. Canadian Association’s conference is May 3-5. Others are on the World Federation website. Finland and Greece in June. Bangkok in July. European Congress in Norway in 2013. World Federation in Vienna Austria in July, 2014. August 9-11 Montclair State 2nd International Health and Humanities (music, health and humanities topic). Symposium on hip hop, counseling, and therapy at Fordum-in the Bronx on February 21st.</p> <p>C. Major task to assist international students and in the meeting that occurred, yesterday had some educators and supervisors in the committee and talked about how international students are supported at clinical placements. Put out an informal survey to educators about how they deal with this issue so soon internship supervisors could receive some guidelines about it. When there are serious issues with challenging populations (when students have to discuss these things with supervisors) this could be even more difficult to get support from supervisors.</p> <p>D. Also Encouraging programs and presentations, on diversity at conferences.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

I. Judicial Review

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION	E. Selesky shared that there is no new business at this time.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

J. Membership

MARIE GAINSFORD

DISCUSSION	A. Trying to compile video of people explaining why AMTA membership is important to them. So if anyone wants to be in video to represent MAR region, she needs your help.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
If you would like to create a video of why AMTA membership is important, contact Marie.	Members.	As needed.	

K. Professional Advocacy

LEAH OSWANSKI

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Assist members in responding to misrepresentations of MT and better advocate. We are the most active region. If we contact someone about misrepresentation, CC her because they have archive.</p> <p>B. If already have clinical self assessment guide, it's based on 2007 standards so check back soon for most current revisions.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

L. Reimbursement

SUSAN KNECHTEL

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Look at the AMTA online because we will have some helpful hints for you</p> <p>B. For members only so invite people to be a member that you will get stories on a new online bulletin</p> <p>C. National-they're keeping up monitoring regulations.</p> <p>D. Seeking clarification about MT within the Medicare perspective payment system</p> <p>E. She will have presentation about reimbursement at Spring meeting</p> <p>F. Webinar will get 3 hour CMTE credit</p> <p>G. Check out the new Website, there's info there for educators</p> <p>H. Planning presentations and exhibits to the insurance industry</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

M. Research

KATHY MURPHY FOR ANTHONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION	<p>A. There is a research and special projects grant. Educators should have gotten email from me announcing that. Please let grad students know if they need help with their thesis or dissertation there is money available. Applications are due by February 15th and awards at regional conference. Guidelines also on MAR website. Guidelines and application are on MAR website. Also a research poster session at MAR conference so if completed research and want to submit an abstract that should go to Gene Berens and is on the website. And session will run different this year, posters will be out throughout the</p>		
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	entire conference. B. Christian gold will be joining us and doing a presentation related to research and something special for educators also.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Grad students interested in money for their research should apply.	Members.	As needed.	

N. Special Target Populations

GRETCHEN CHARDOS BENNER

DISCUSSION	A. There was a special target populations luncheon yesterday and we will see if there is interest for one at regional as well. Lots of online networking for clinicians with special target populations and you can contact people to network with online. Get in touch with Gretchen if you need anything.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

O. Standards of Clinical Practice

ROBERT MILLER

DISCUSSION	A. Charged with exploring medical standards in NICU. Received feedback before last year's conference and at conference did lots of work reviewing and making changes to standards, some of which were sent back. Looking at updating language to standards of practice, making changes for short/long term. Mostly cosmetic language. B. Standards are available online and you can look at those. Not the most up to date version but working on getting most recent up there.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

P. STUDENT AFFAIRS

NICOLE HAHNA

DISCUSSION	A. If you are interested or know a colleague who would like to evaluate the E. Gaston scholarship, let her know. Looking at some regions doing Passages online through an online video conference. B. Some regions are having officers sign a code of contact.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

Q. Communications and Technology

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Use of technology in clinical setting: Working on increasing awareness of how technology is used and provide support. Have a list of tech experts and have it available on the AMTA website under the committee's section.</p> <p>B. At this conference have 15 concurrent sessions and 2 CMTEs all related to tech.</p> <p>C. Develop a survey of AMTA membership (Survey Monkey) to assess the membership's comfort in using technology and exploring the relationship between technology, practice and ethics. Encourage considering presenting on tech.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

XXVI. Other Business

DISCUSSION	<p>A. Gene Ann Behrens: with all of the floods and all that has happened, one of the things the World Federation wrote up is how to clean and disinfect equipment, cd's etc. and that is available on AMTAs website and if not, email Gene Ann.</p> <p>B. Ruthlee: Cathy Mcmillan is having major surgery next Tuesday and has no insurance (one of Arthur Hull's original drum circle facilitators). See Ruthlee if you'd like to contribute. She trained a lot of MTs.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
See Ruthlee if you'd like to donate to Cathy McMillan.	Members.	As needed.	

XXVII. Good and Welfare

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	A. Centers for disease control and prevention will be at exhibit hall and will discuss infection control.
MOTION TO ADJOURN	B. Abrams; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED	9:13pm
NEXT MEETING	March 2012, MAR Conference in Timonium, MD