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MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, 2011 5:30 – 6:30PM & 5:00 – 6:00PM

MARAMTA REGIONAL CONFERENCE
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Agenda topics

I. Approval of the Agenda

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	Gary Verhagen was added to Item III., L. Report from Assembly Chair. E. Abbott requested the removal of Point V, A. Finances. Flossie Ierardi was added as the provider of International Relations Report.	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to approve the agenda as amended; G. Verhagen. Motion carries.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

II. Approval of Minutes (November 2010 in Cleveland, OH)

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION		
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to postpone the moving of minutes until April 1, 2011; E. Abbott. Motion carries.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None.	N/a	n/a

III.

Executive Board Officer Reports – A. President

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	D. Benkovitz welcomed New Professional Members. 19 individuals were recognized with certificates, applause and photographs. These are the final business meetings led under her presidency. She thanked the board members for their work in addition to Melissa King and Brigette Sutton. D. Benkovitz recognized board members that are new or soon-to-be parents: G. Benner, Mike Viega & Kristen O'Grady.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified.	n/a	n/a

B. President-Elect

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION	Her job assists board members transitioning their roles, and to submit proposed changes to the bylaws which will be addressed later during the business meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

C. Immediate Past President

BRIAN ABRAMS

DISCUSSION	One of the last responsibilities under the presidential arch is chairing the Nominations Committee. B. Abrams presented the slate of the 2011 – 2013 candidates. Candidates for President Elect were Melissa King and Julie Neal. The candidate for Vice President of Membership was Marie Gainsford. Candidates for Conference Planning-Elect were Mark Ahola and B. Sutton. The candidate for GR Chair was Maria Hricko Fay. The candidates for PR Chair were John Carpenente and Gabby-Ritter Cantesanu. The candidate for treasurer was Noel Anderson. The slate for AMTA Assembly of Delegates included 46 members. He thanked the nominating Committee Members Molly Griest, Nicole Hahna, Beth McLaughlin, K. O'Grady & G. Verhagen under his Chair Leadership. Members were reminded that the slate is open until tomorrow evening's business meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

D. Membership

GENE ANN BEHRENS

DISCUSSION	G. Behrens explained her position and tasks of tracking membership within the region. Additionally how her role can support members via telephone calls to individuals that are no longer members of AMTA. She reported that at the end of 2010 fourth quarter for the first time, there was a small increase in membership in comparison with prior year. There was a 17% increase in student membership. Professional membership still decreased by 4% and graduate student membership decreased by 1%. Approximately twenty new professional membership packets were distributed since last year's regional conference. There were 4 requests for the Regional Members' Support Fund to assist the payment of AMTA Dues. For the second year in a row new professionals were recognized during conference. Attendees applauded this new initiative. Her position also distributes cards for members needing support. She is organizing podcasts under the Members Only Section with four pilot sessions. All of the forms are accessible online in order to receive CMTE Credits. She thanked members for their support as she completes her service term.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send G. Behrens news for members that may need a card for support.	Members	As needed	

E. Conference

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION	N. Galerstein explained that her job includes overseeing the conference and assisting with the conference program. She thanked presenters and all of the individuals involved with planning the conference. M. Viega mentioned that the 2012 MARAMTA Conference will be held in Timonium, MD near Baltimore. The conference hotel has affordable room rates. Terel Jackson is the Local Host and members of the Local Committee stood for applause and recognition.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

F. FINANCES

ELAINE ABBOTT

i.

DISCUSSION	E. Abbott shared that MARAMTA is financially solvent. 27,104.83 . Bank of America 47000 FY 2011-2 012 Budget was approved with all of the budget line items requested were accepted. This conference should yield reasonable income.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CAROL ANN BLANK

DISCUSSION	C. Blank shared that there are now 4 state tasks forces within the region: NJ, NY (Headed by D. Polen), PA (Headed by Valerie Uschock), & VA (headed by _ Stewart). She encouraged attendees at tomorrow morning's advocacy session for increased involvement with the national push for a state recognition operational planning.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

H. Public Relations

MEGHAN HINMAN

DISCUSSION	M. Hihnman explained her job and the AMTA Materials are available for members. These items may be requested through the MARAMTA Website. New materials on the website include slide shows... a template and skeleton version for presentations.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

I. Student Affairs

KRISTEN VOGT & SUE HADLEY

DISCUSSION	S. Hadley and Kristyn Vogt talked about the student scholarships: Graduate – Rachel Sectata (Immaculata), 3 sophomores – Kelly Enza (Nazareth), Ashley Taylor & Megan Neal (Slippery Rock University (SRU)), Megan Robinson (Molloy), and Kristyn Maldune (Nazareth). Club awards were awarded to SUNY Fredonia & Temple University. She thanked the judges... E. Abbott, Flossie Ierardi & M. Viega. There were nine applicants for Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship with 3 judges... E. Abbott, N. Steele & _____. This year the students are canning for Japan. This year's fundraisers are tote bags for purchase in the Exhibit Hall for eight dollars, mugs, t-shirts & notebooks. This morning there were 36 students that participated in service project with children and older adults. There were a total of 11 groups supervised by music therapists. Finally MAR Passages was held by SRU in 2010 and next year it will be hosted by Molloy College on Saturday, October 15, 2011 (eighth annual conference)! Any student or early professional may present.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

J. HISTORIAN

CAROL SHULTIS

DISCUSSION	C. Shultis discussed a display that was created for the recent AMTA Conference to highlight the achievements of music therapy over the past sixty years. As a result, a submission to the regional newsletter requested older pictures of historical music therapists within the region for addition to the regional archives. Thankfully this resulted in the gain of additional historical information.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		

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

K. ARCHIVIST

SR. DONNA M. BECK

DISCUSSION	D. Benkovitz mentioned that Sr. Donna M. Beck is retiring as Archivist and received an award during the conference's Opening Session. Until 2005 Marywood University hosted the regional archives. They are currently housed by Duquesne University. For the several past years there have been student scholarships for individuals organizing the archives... Meredith Loudermilk, Emily Plassman & Katie Myers. An external hard drive was purchased for digital archive purposes.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

L. Assembly Business

GARY VERHAGEN

DISCUSSION	G. Verhagen reminded members that the Assembly Delegates are members' voice to the Assembly. The job is to represent interests to the policy making body of AMTA. As you read things and hear information, contact delegates in order for your voices to be heard on the subject matter. It would be helpful to know the interests of constituents from first-hand accounts. The AMTA Assembly met at the AMTA Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Whether it is fiduciary or policy it is brought to the AMTA Board of Directors. AMTA is fiscally sound and the dues recommendation for 2012 is to remain the same. The two important matters were motions to limit the use of training acronym: professional designations, credentials, degrees. For example spell out Neurological Music Therapy as opposed to merely NMT. In all AMTA related publications and members are encouraged similarly to limit the use of acronyms and follow the same policy. ETAB (educational training & advisory board) is to be the forward thinking body to think proactively about the next year. In the charge ETAB distributed a white paper to think about a master's level degree. ETAB will continue to discuss this at a planned meeting in July 2011. Other information is located in the national minutes. Members are encouraged to contact him and other delegates with questions and/or concerns.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

Approval of C & B Changes

Motion for V. B. to currently for them to be presented; B. Abrams. Motion carries.

The changes were distributed in Cleveland, OH, online through MARAMTA Website and they were also attached to recent regional newsletter. Section VIII, Article 3 & 5... G. Verhagen moved for the dispensement of reading them since members may read them; motion carries. Adding the title of Regional Event Planner as opposed to Regional Conference Coordinator. These will be voted during tomorrow's business meeting.

IV. AMTA Committee Reports

A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION	Evelyn Selesky shared that the Academic Program Approval Committee meets during AMTA Conference and works over the year. The responsibility is to receive applications for colleges and programs across the country that come up for reapproval or for new program approvals. Molloy College is one of the newer programs. The committee provides support and consultation in order for programs to make curriculum changes.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None identified	n/a	n/a

B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION	N. Galerstein shared that Affiliate Relations similarly meets at AMTA Conference. The job relates to AMTA's relationships with other organizations. The committee's major task is to establish website links with other organizations. Examples include Drama and Dance Therapies and Art Therapy. Approximately 25 organizations will be targeted such as American Psych. Association.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

C. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BRIAN ABRAMS ON BEHALF OF RUTHLEE ADLER

DISCUSSION	R. Adler was unable to attend. B. Abrams shared that a Diversity Committee is in the process of being formed.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

D. Association Internship Approval

THERESA MCMANUS

DISCUSSION	Terry McManus highlighted the CMTE on Internship Supervision and Approval with nineteen attendees. There was a lot of interest in reactivating sites or beginning new programs. Tomorrow is the open forum for clinical training simultaneously occurring while educators will meet together.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

E. Continuing Education

TRACY SOUHRADA

DISCUSSION	T. Souhrada mentioned that the best CMTEs in regions may be offered nationally. The course evaluation forms at CMTEs are important to be completed in order to provide feedback and recommendations to the national office. Over 200 attendees at conference for institute and CMTEs. For the first time CMTEs were allowed to last for 3 hours. There was an Ethics Course offered by C. Shultis which is a new requirement. There are some regulation changes so beware with recertifying. On Saturday, April 2 nd there are several CMTE Courses. If you are interested in presenting please talk with T. Souhrada via person or e-mail. She thanked CMTE Committee for their assistance reviewing the sessions.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

D. Benkovitz thanked attendees and assisted with distributing door prizes. Meeting recessed at 6:35pm. Meeting reconvened on April 1, 2011 at 5:08pm. Motion to add the Approval of Constitution & Bylaw Changes to the agenda; Carol Shultis. Motion carries. Motion to approve the minutes from General Business Meeting in Cleveland, OH; K. Murphy. Motion carries. Motion to open up the floor for nominations for candidates; K. O'Grady. Motion carries. Motion to vote on all of the C & B Changes in a block; E. Abbott. Motion carries. Changes carry by consensus.

F. EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEGHAN HINMAN

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

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CAROL ANN BLANK

DISCUSSION	C. Blank invited D. Polen to share information about NY. D. Polen shared that the NY StateOffice of the professions approved the process for corporate practice settings to apply to mental health law. The NYSTF sent information or members an access the web site to check the umbrella's process. The		
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	applications were posted in February 2011 and they are due by June 16, 2011. If a setting is concerned about violations than the video is recommended. The NYSTF received phone calls from practitioners about unlicensed practice related to title protection. David Hamilton led a pre-conference CMTE with approximately twenty attendees. He is willing to be contacted directly. There is a NY State Meeting at 7am tomorrow morning with his contact information. On a national level, AMTA has several Tweets through Tweet. Judy Simpson has kept the organization involved. May 3 will be Children's Mental Health Awareness Day for the second year in a row. SAMPSA.gov has additional suggestions for how to advocate for children's mental health awareness. If members choose to participate in awareness days then they may be reimbursed if they contact GR Chair. Beth Schwartz shared that Creative Arts Therapists provided presentations last year. This year FACT Sheets were provided for children experiencing trauma. Autism Acceptance Day and Light it up Blue Day is today and tomorrow is Autism Awareness Day.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

H. International Relations

FLOSSIE IERARDI

DISCUSSION	F. Ierardi shared upcoming conferences that are available on the VOICES Website. In chronological order there is the Canadian Association of Conference, Norwegian, 3 rd InternatioanL Music Therpay Research Conference, Music Symposium in Minneapolis and World Congress in Seoul. Also is the Scandinavian Conference for Psychotherapy. The annual networking luncheon is well received though it is scheduled conflicting with Assembly of Delegates Meeting. Also an idea is for international projects to be exhibited at an upcoming conference. Contact F. Ierardi with interest in a research poster session.		
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

GENE ANN BEHRENS

DISCUSSION	G. Behrens shared that the committee met to review projects occurring regionally. MARAMTA is the only region with Vice President of Membership and most organized with membership initiatives. The next representative will continue the call-a-thon.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

K. Professional Advocacy

LEAH OSWANSKI

DISCUSSION	L. Oswanski offered her support for handling professional advocacy. AMTA Website lists music modalities comparison chart in addition to other resources.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

L. Reimbursement

DISCUSSION	There was no representative to give a report. D. Benkovitz shared that under the Membership Area of the AMTA Website changes are regularly listed.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

M. Research

ANTHONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION	A. Meadows shared the Research Track that will be at next year's conference Research & Implementation of Client Assessment in Music Therapy. Additionally there is a research grant available for clinicians and recently MARAMTA Students. Information for the research award will be available online next week with a June deadline. <i>Music Therapy Perspectives (MTP)</i> and <i>Journal of Music Therpay</i> will soon have an online site for abstracts and editorial features. Both JMT and MTP will proceed with online submissions. Submission guidelines have been updated and are available on the current website. The criteria for <i>MTP</i> have been expanded to include critical analysis, position papers, expanding on qualitative research, etc. Also cross-journal collaborations may expand methodology of quantitative and qualitative research. He is the new editor of MTP and Sherry Rob is the new journal of JMT.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

N. Special Target Populations

BETH MCLAUGHLIN

DISCUSSION	B. McLaughlin attended several of the meetings in Cleveland, OH and is the new representative.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

O. Standards of Clinical Practice

ROBERT MILLER

DISCUSSION	Bob Miller was unable to attend and as a result passed a report to D. Benkovitz. The committee is working on supervision standards that explain explanation/guidelines of supervision and vicarious liability. Also, they are updating their language to include major changes of developmental disabilities --- intellectual & developmental disabilities. Instead of geriatrics we now use older adults. Also there are changes in medical standards as they relate to NICU with an upcoming survey to be presented at 2011 Assembly. If you would like to remain updated then members are encouraged to check the committee's link through AMTA Website's Members Only Section.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

P. STUDENT AFFAIRS

SUE HADLEY

DISCUSSION	S. Hadley introduced AMTAS President: Jessica Jarvis. There has been a new website for AMTAS to include details about music therapy... amtas.org . AMTAS is now a member of WFMT. AMTAS has a
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	<p>timeline with January to January. The new advisor is Allyson Wendell. <i>The Student Handbook</i> is being re-written. There are 14 standing committee members. There was ongoing discussion about the definition and roles of student representatives. Andrew Knight is creating policies/procedures with communication of the student standing committee members.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified.	n/a	n/a	

Q. Communications and Technology

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION	<p>M. Phillips talked about the three concurrent sessions held at AMTA Conference. The committee is accepting new ideas for content on sessions. If you need assistance with particular areas then contact M. Phillips to be connected with a Technology Assistant. The newsletter is now electronically based delivered to member's e-mail addresses. There were 3 uses of Constant Contact System. There are three copies of the newsletter that are still mailed in paper copy. The newsletter is still accessible online through MARAMTA Website. One of the challenges with three-times-a-year system, a committee was recently formed to analyze frequency/content of newsletter.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

XXVI. Other Business

DISCUSSION	<p>Nominations Slate: Move to close nominations for President-Elect; G. Behrens. Motion carries. Vice-President for Membership, there were no nominations from the floor. Move to close the slate for nominations for VP for Membership; G. Behrens. Motion carries. There were no nominations from the floor for VP for Conference Planning-Elect. Move to close nominations for VP for CP-Elect Slate; D. Polen. Motion carries. There were no nominations from the floor for Government Relations Chair. Move to close nominations for GR Chair Slate; K. Murphy. Motion carries. There were no nominations from the floor for PR Chair. Move to close nominations for PR Chair Slate; K. Murphy. Motion carries. There were no nominations from the floor for Treasurer. Move to close nominations for Treasurer Slate; K. Murphy. Motion carries. Karen Jasko, Jill Lucente and Andy Hunt were added to the slate for ATMA Assembly Delegates. Motion to close nominations for AMTA Assembly of Delegates Slate; K. Murphy. Motion carries. Paul Nolan was nominated to run as AMTA President -Elect. He requested input for visions of AMTA, further improvements with the membership organizations. He also requested problems and concerns. Brian Hunter spoke as AMTA Board Member and Historian. AMTA recently celebrated sixty years of music therapy in Fall 2010. Last year Charles Barswell, Don Shell & Helen Bonny. Norman Goldberg passed away yesterday after battling pneumonia. The funeral will be held in St. Louis. He was the founder and president of MMB Music... one of the first products that supported music therapy. MMB Catalogue contained every publication at the time in music therapy. He was a full supporter and organizer/founding members of American Orff Schullwork Association. He leaves behind a legacy as a kind and gentle man. ... <i>St. Louis Dispatch</i> has a guest book. B. Abrams wanted to recognize the retirement of Dr. Kenneth Bruscia as a region, supporter of the profess from his mind and heart. B. MacLean reminded members about the Dessert Bar with 8:30pm Dessert Bar and 9:00pm Concert. The MARAMTS is selling tote bag for eight dollars. The music therapists of Maryland will host a concert on May 22 at 4pm at Hoard Community College to fund Japan. Molly Griest N. Galerstein reminded members to recycle name badges. K. Murphy shared that 3 of 4 Assembly Delegate Representatives are from MARAMTA. Please convey them in order to be addressed at upcoming June Meeting.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None identified	n/a	n/a	

XXVII. Good and Welfare

DEBORAH BENKOVITZ

DISCUSSION	K. Murphy commended the outgoing Executive Board. G. Dougherty shared electronic guest book for recently deceased individual _____. D. Benkvoitz recognized Parliamentarian as well as supportive membership. Door prizes were distributed.
MOTION TO ADJOURN	G. Verhagen; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED	6:03pm
NEXT MEETING	November 2011, AMTA Conference in Atlanta, GA