



## MAR-AMTA Executive Board Meeting

MINUTES	Thursday, February 7, 2019	9PM - 10PM	MAR-AMTA Executive Board Meeting Video Conference via ZOOM
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	<b>Michael Viega, President</b>		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	MAR Video Conference Meeting		
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<b>Michael Viega, President</b>		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	<b>Shawna Vernisie, Recording Secretary (via Zoom Video Conference)</b>		
<b>PRESENT</b>	Mike Viega, President Ming Yuan Low, Membership; Brigette Sutton, Treasurer; Lauren Faggiano, Vice-President Elect for Conference Planning; CJ Shiloh, Government Relations Chair-Elect Jason Willey, MARAMTS Advisor; Julie Neal, Immediate Past President; Mark Ahola, Historian/Newsletter Editor (via phone); Amy Rogers-Smith, Government Relations Chair (via phone); Donna Polen (via phone, later in on call)		
<b>ABSENT</b>	Shawna Vernisie, Recording Secretary; Beth Deyermond, President-Elect; Jenny Swanson, VP for Conference Planning; James Maxson, Treasurer-Elect; Tara O'Brien, Public Relations; Gary Verhagen; Parliamentarian; Janet Spink, Archivist		
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>			
<b>II. AGENDA POINTS</b>			

Discussion

**1. NYSTF Request for Exemption from MAR Policy on State Task Force Student Representative Limits**

MAR Charge to NYSTF:

**CURRENT:**

**1) Task Force Membership, scope and length of term:**

f. The NYSTF will include at least three and no more than six professional voting members and **one Student Representative**. The NYSTF Student Representative(s), MARAMTS Student Government Relations Representative, MAR President, MAR Government Relations Chair, MAR Government Relations-Elect, AMTA Director of Government Relations, AMTA Government Relations Specialist, CBMT Regulatory Affairs Advisor and CBMT Regulatory Affairs Associate will serve as ex-officio members without the right to vote. Other non-voting members may be added as determined by voting members of the task force. In the event of a voting tie, the MAR Government Relations Chair will vote to break the tie.

\*\*\*\* It is important to note the (s) in the 2nd sentence, as there have been 2 instances in the past when NYSTF has had 2 student representatives.

**PROPOSED:**

**1) Task Force Membership, scope and length of term:**

f. The NYSTF will include at least three and no more than six professional voting members and **one no more than two Student Representatives**. The NYSTF Student Representative(s), MARAMTS Student Government Relations Representative, MAR President, MAR Government Relations Chair, MAR Government Relations-Elect, AMTA Director of Government Relations, AMTA Government Relations Specialist, CBMT Regulatory Affairs Advisor and CBMT Regulatory Affairs Associate will serve as ex-officio members without the right to vote. Other non-voting members may be added as determined by voting members of the task force. In the event of a voting tie, the MAR Government Relations Chair will vote to break the tie.

**RATIONALE:**

The situation in NYS is unique. We are the only state that currently has in place (through the LCAT and a Letter of Clarification) two tiers of practice. Moving forward, with the existing licensing law in which graduate-level music therapists are eligible for licensure as creative arts therapists (LCAT) and advocating for a new law which is tiered to provide for licensing at the undergraduate level (LPMT) and graduate level (LCMT) as music therapists, the voting members of NYSTF agree that it is appropriate for NYSTF to have 2 student representatives: an undergraduate student and a graduate student. Much of the LCAT-related material and questions are critical and immediate for graduate students yet so far in the future for undergraduates, and the MT licensure process is more immediate for undergraduate students. This structure would provide for more comprehensive communication and sharing of information to students at all levels of study in NY.

Discussion:

1. Amy gave brief history; always had 2, then had 1, and then made a student committee. Now, if task forces want more student participation, especially on calls, that they start a student committee.
2. CJ - NYS just got a bill sponsor in the senate - very busy - great step forward!
3. Needing two state reps because of the two different levels of music therapists in NYS (undergrad and graduate). There are some schools that aren't as supportive of licensure, so there's a hope that a student representative that was already an MT-BC could help navigate relationships with schools that are not on board with licensure.
4. The reason why it's important to have small task forces and only one student is that it makes for ease of communication for all on the task force.
5. Jason met with Donna previously, and with having two student reps, he explained that the problem with the system that was created was that it doubled some of the lines of communication that already existed within MARAMTAS, thus making things more confusing.
  - a. Amy asked how this was conflicting - Jason explained that it created an additional line of communication, where there was already streamlined communication happening through chapter reps. When two people are designated with the same job, on the student level, that lead to confusion about job responsibilities and delineation of tasks. (Student NYSTF rep → student GR chair → school chapter rep). There was also a Student Council rep, which blurred lines with school chapter reps, etc.
  - b. Amy said this could potentially affect the other states TFs (communication difficulties).
  - c. For schools where there is only a graduate program (with no undergrad program attached), there are also non-active programs (NYU is now becoming an active program again), however a graduate student's participation/experience in MARAMTAS may be different than an undergraduate's experience, often because they are at different places at life (specifically, developmentally). Because of that, this would be a better system, especially for New York State.
  - d. Jason will create a flowsheet of communication before he transitions out of his position that can be given to all the state task forces, in terms of student reps.
6. Donna Polen joined the call at this point.
7. Julie feels that this is a good idea with the condition that there be one graduate level and one undergraduate level, if there will be 2.
  - a. Donna expressed that this change was only for NYS, as this is not just two levels of education but two levels of *practice*.
  - b. Amy mentioned that we should leave it as that, with NYS, and if other states want changes, that they can come to Amy and CJ; Julie mentioned that NYS historically has been one to set an example for the other states, and that the board has looked at that over the years, and how that informs what happens with the other states. We can be forward-thinking about if and when this comes up in other states, being prepared for that.
8. Ming Yuan asked if we need to define if the masters level student is equivalency or masters-level-entry, for example, do we want someone with an MT-BC as the graduate student?

	<p>a. Donna expressed that at this time, the NYSTF wasn't looking at that, but was only looking at the different levels of study.</p> <p>9. <i>CJ Shiloh made the motion as written by Donna Polen, 2nd, all in favor, motion carries.</i></p> <p><b>2. New Business</b></p> <p>a. Julie mentioned that we will soon have a vote on accepting the members of the nominating committee (still waiting on one person). Julie will send all information out. If anyone would like to re-run for a position or another position, or know anyone who may be good to serve on the board, let Julie and Beth know!</p>
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<b>CONCLUSION</b>	See "Discussion" segment points.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b> No action items noted		

<b>MOTION TO ADJOURN</b>	J. Neal motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd, motion passed
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	February 7, 2019 @ 9:39 PM
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	MAR-AMTA Regional Conference Executive Board Meeting 3/7/19 @ 7PM, Reston, VA