



# American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter

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**MAR Business Meeting  
MAR Regional Conference  
Buffalo, NY  
Thursday, April 10th, 2014  
5:15-6:15 pm  
Friday, April 11th 2014  
11:00am-12:00 pm**

MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION
April 10-11, 2014	5:15-6:15, 11am-12pm	MARAMTA Regional Conference Buffalo, NY

MEETING CALLED BY:	<b>Julie Neal, President</b>
TYPE OF MEETING:	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR:	<b>Julie Neal, President</b>
NOTE TAKER:	<b>Noel Anderson, Recording Secretary</b>
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order at 5:44pm.

## I. Approval of the Agenda

**JULIE NEAL**

DISCUSSION:	B. Abrams motioned for approval of the agenda as presented.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

## II. Approval of the Minutes (November 2013, Jacksonville, FL & April 2013, Scranton, PA)

**JULIE NEAL**

DISCUSSION:	No changes.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

## III. Executive Board Officer Reports

### A. PRESIDENT

**JULIE NEAL**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The MAR region has a new historian, Lillian Eyre.</li> <li>2. Deb Benkovitz is the new regional president's representative.</li> <li>3. Amy Furman, president of AMTA is not able to be at conference due to illness, but is doing much better. In her absence Deb Benkovitz and Brian Hunter spoke at opening ceremonies.</li> <li>4. J. Neal asked that all attend the award ceremony on Friday at 5:30pm. It is important we honor and advocate for people who have supported music therapy.</li> <li>5. Barb MacLean was honored for her dedication to the board as parliamentarian. She will be</li> </ol>
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	resigning after this conference. Gratitude was shown for her service on the board. If interested in being parliamentarian contact Julie Neal at <a href="mailto:maramtapresident@gmail.com">maramtapresident@gmail.com</a>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	If interested in being parliamentarian contact Julie Neal at <a href="mailto:maramtapresident@gmail.com">maramtapresident@gmail.com</a>
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**B. PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**GABBY RITTER-CANTESANU**

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Kristen O’Grady, Donna Polen and Molly Griest are on the committee and have reviewed the constitution and bylaws. Several changes to the constitution and bylaws are needed. Changes were reviewed:</p> <p><b><u>Article I - Membership</u></b>  <b>CURRENT:</b>  <b>Section 3.</b> Only professional members in good standing, student members who have been professional members but have returned to graduate school and student status, and Honorary Life Members who are eligible for professional membership may hold office or vote.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b>  <b>Section 3.</b> Only professional members in good standing, <del>student members who have been professional members but have returned to graduate school and student status,</del> and Honorary Life Members who are eligible for professional membership may hold office <del>or</del> <b>and</b> vote.</p> <p><b><u>RATIONALE:</u></b> This is more consistent with AMTA Bylaws, which does not currently allow for student members of any kind to hold office and/or vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONSTITUTION</u></b></p> <p><b>No Vote Needed:</b></p> <p><b><u>Article II – Purposes</u></b>  <b>CURRENT:</b>  (f) to engage in any other lawful activity incidental to the forgoing purposes, except as restricted herein.  In order to accomplish the forgoing charitable and educational purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this organization shall also have the power to:</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b>  (f) to engage in any other lawful activity incidental to the <b>foregoing</b> purposes, except as restricted herein.  In order to accomplish the <b>foregoing</b> charitable and educational purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this organization shall also have the power to:</p> <p><b><u>RATIONALE:</u></b>  Typo correction.</p> <p><b><u>Article IV – Officers</u></b>  <b>CURRENT:</b>  <b>Section 3.</b> The officers elected by the Mid-Atlantic Regions Association of Music Therapy Students, hereinafter referred to as MARAMTS shall be the Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative and the Student Representative. The officer elected by the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall be the Assembly of Delegates Chair.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b>  <b>Section 3.</b> The officers elected by the Mid-Atlantic Region <b>Association</b> of Music Therapy Students, hereinafter referred to as MARAMTS shall be the Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative and the Student Representative. The officer elected by the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall be the <b>Assembly Chair.</b></p> <p><b><u>RATIONALE:</u></b> Correction of typo (changing “Regions” to “Region”) AND: Consistency of title of position throughout document, for all instances to read “Assembly Chair.”</p> <p><b><u>Article V - Executive Board</u></b>  <b>CURRENT:</b>  <b>Section 1.</b> There shall be an Executive Board consisting of eleven (11) voting members: President, President-Elect, Vice President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for</p>
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Conference Planning, Vice President for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative (elected by MARAMTS), Government Relations Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Student Representative (elected by MARAMTS). The Recording Secretary, Editor of the official regional publication, Historian, and Assembly of Delegates Chair shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 1.** There shall be an Executive Board consisting of eleven (11) voting members: President, President-Elect, Vice President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning, Vice President for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative (elected by MARAMTS), Government Relations Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Student Representative (elected by MARAMTS). The Recording Secretary, Editor, Historian, and Assembly Chair shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote.

**RATIONALE:** Consistency of title of position throughout document, for all instances to read "Assembly Chair" and "Editor".

**Article VI – National Assembly of Delegates**

**CURRENT:**

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Assembly of the American Music Therapy Association shall be elected by the Region. The number of Delegates is determined by directive of the AMTA Board of Directors. Their election and terms of office shall be specified in the Bylaws.

**PROPOSED:**

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Assembly of the AMTA shall be elected by the Region. The number of Delegates is determined by directive of the AMTA Board of Directors. Their election and terms of office shall be specified in the Bylaws.

**RATIONALE:**

Streamline and simplify language.

**Article VIII- Regional Councils and Committees**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 3.** The Conference Council shall be chaired by the Vice President for Conference Planning and shall include the Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning; the Regional Event Planner, the Exhibits Coordinator, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator and Registration Chair for Regional Conferences.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 3.** The Conference Council shall be chaired by the Vice President for Conference Planning and shall include the Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning; the Regional Event Planner, the Exhibits Coordinator, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Registration Chair for Regional Conferences, Public Relations Chair, and the Vice President of MARAMTS.

**RATIONALE:**

The PR Chair works in close contact with the VP for Conference Planning, when planning conferences. The VP of MARAMTS is added to reflect changes voted on by MARAMTS.

**Article V - Executive Board**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 3.** Notice of all meetings shall be given to all members entitled to vote at the meeting by mail or email not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

**PROPOSED:**

We recommend removing this section, and relocating it to **Article X – Meetings** as Section 2, with the following language:

**Section 2:** Notice of all regional business meetings shall be provided to members entitled to vote not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

**RATIONALE:**

Relocation: All other information related to meetings is in Article X.

Language: We want to eliminate how notice is given (mail or email) to allow for other types of notice, such as future notice that might be given through a social media, etc.

**Article X – Meetings**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 2.** A meeting of the Region may be called at the National Conference at the discretion of the Regional Executive Board.

**Section 3.** Additional meetings of the Region shall be called by the President, if requested by seven (7) members of the Executive Board or upon signed petition by thirty-five (35) professional members of the Region.

**Section 4.** A minimum of two (2) meetings of the Executive Board shall be held annually. The dates of these meetings shall be set as far in advance as possible and be open to all regional members in good standing. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or upon the joint written request of no less than seven (7) members of the Executive Board.

**PROPOSED:**

Renumber sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 to reflect the above Section 2 addition to Article X.

**Section 2:** Notice of all regional business meetings shall be provided to members entitled to vote not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

**Section 3.** A meeting of the Region may be called at the National Conference at the discretion of the Regional Executive Board.

**Section 4.** Additional meetings of the Region shall be called by the President, if requested by seven (7) members of the Executive Board or upon signed petition by thirty-five (35) professional members of the Region.

**Section 5.** A minimum of two (2) meetings of the Executive Board shall be held annually. The dates of these meetings shall be set as far in advance as possible and be open to all regional members in good standing. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or upon the joint written request of no less than seven (7) members of the Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** With the relocation of Article V-Section III to this area, items will need to be renumbered.

**BYLAWS**

**Article III - Duties of Elected Officers**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 2.** The President-Elect shall: assist the President as requested; study the duties of the President in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of this office; assume all duties of the President in case of resignation or removal of the President; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; be a representative to the Assembly of Delegate during the 2nd year of the President-Elect's term; seek input, lead on-going study and propose changes in the Constitution and Bylaws as may be deemed necessary; *etc.*

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 2.** The President-Elect shall: assist the President as requested; study the duties of the President in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of this office; assume all duties of the President in case of resignation or removal of the President; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; be a representative to the Assembly of Delegates ~~during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the President-Elect's term~~; seek input, lead on-going study and propose changes in the Constitution and Bylaws as may be deemed necessary; *etc.*

**RATIONALE:** Correction of typo (changing "Delegate" to "Delegates"). AND: The current procedure for having the President-Elect join the Assembly as a Delegate during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their term is cumbersome, and makes it difficult to track the assignment of Alternates for only a portion of the full term.

**Article III - Duties of Elected Officers**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 3.** The Vice President for Conference Planning shall: assume the duties of the President in case of absence of both the President and President-Elect; succeed to the presidency in case of the resignation of both the President and President-Elect; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; chair the Conference Council; serve as Program Chair, taking complete charge of program planning for the annual regional conference, conferring on all details of management with any committees appointed to arrange for conference programs; develop and send out conference publicity; work with the Regional Event Planner, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Education Coordinator, and the Exhibits Coordinator; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 3.** The Vice President for Conference Planning shall: assume the duties of the President

in case of absence of both the President and President-Elect; succeed to the **Presidency** in case of the resignation of both the President and President-Elect; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; chair the Conference Council; serve as Program Chair, taking complete charge of program planning for the annual regional conference **and** conferring on all details of management with any committees appointed to arrange for conference programs; develop and send out conference publicity; work with the Regional Event Planner, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Education Coordinator, the Exhibits Coordinator, **and the Vice President of MARAMTS**; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** Correcting typos and adding VP or MARAMTS to the list of conference committee members, as listed in the MARAMTS bylaws.

### **Article III – Duties of Elected Officers**

#### **CURRENT:**

**Section 5.** The Immediate Past President shall: endeavor to effect a smooth transition of power by assisting and advising the new President as necessary; chair the National Services Council; chair the Nominating Committee appointed by the President; present the slate of nominees to the membership; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a member of the Assembly of Delegates for the first year of the Past President's term; serve as a member of a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee; *etc.*

#### **PROPOSED:**

**Section 5.** The Immediate Past President shall: endeavor to effect a smooth transition of power by assisting and advising the new President as necessary; chair the National Services Council; chair the Nominating Committee appointed by the President; present the slate of nominees to the membership; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a member of the Assembly of Delegates ~~for the first year of the Past President's term~~; serve as a member of a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee; *etc.*

**RATIONALE:** The current procedure for having the Immediate Past-President sit as a Delegate during only the 1st year of their term is cumbersome, and makes it difficult to track the assignment of Alternates for only a portion of the full term.

### **Article III - Duties of Elected Officers**

#### **CURRENT:**

**Section 6.** The Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning shall: study the duties of the Vice President for Conference Planning in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of the office; assist the Vice President for Conference Planning as requested; maintain communication with the Vice President for Conference Planning; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; maintain handbooks that outline the duties of the regional conference local host committee; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

#### **PROPOSED:**

**Section 6.** The Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning shall: study the duties of the Vice President for Conference Planning in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of the office; assist the Vice President for Conference Planning as requested; maintain communication with the Vice President for Conference Planning; attend Regional Executive Board meetings **and regional conferences during their term of office**; maintain handbooks that outline the duties of the regional conference local host committee; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

#### **RATIONALE:**

The VPECP is learning the role of VPCP. It makes sense for that position to attend conferences while in tenure to learn about conference planning.

### **Article III - Duties of Elected Officers**

#### **CURRENT:**

**Section 11.** The Student Representative shall: hold the current office of Vice President of MARAMTS; communicate with other music therapy students in AMTA affiliated schools; report student views and concerns to the Board; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

#### **PROPOSED:**

**Section 11.** The Student Representative shall: hold the current office of Vice President of **MARAMTS**; communicate with other music therapy students in AMTA affiliated schools; report student views and concerns to the Board; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; carry out

such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board; **and serve on the Conference Council.**

**RATIONALE:**

Added for consistency since we are listing VP of MARAMTS as a member of the conference council in Article VIII.

**Article IV, Section II – Duties of Appointed Officers**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 2:** The Editor shall: edit, supervise, and publish the official regional publication, which shall be published **tri-annually** pending availability of funds; and submit a report at the annual conference. The Editor shall: attend Regional Executive Board meetings; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and communicate with, advise and guide the corresponding student officer. The Editor shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 2:** The Editor shall: edit, supervise, and publish the official regional publication, which shall be published **quarterly** pending availability of funds; and submit a report at the annual conference. The Editor shall: attend Regional Executive Board meetings; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and communicate with, advise and guide the corresponding student officer. The Editor shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

**RATIONALE:** The newsletter could be published quarterly to allow for an after conference newsletter with pictures and videos highlighting events and presentations from conference.

**Article V - Appointed Positions**

**CURRENT:**

Appointed positions shall consist of the following: Parliamentarian, Registration Chair of the Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, Government Liaisons, Archivist, Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, Assembly Chair and Exhibits Coordinator and Assistant Editor of the Regional Publication, should there be one.

**PROPOSED:**

Appointed positions shall consist of the following: Parliamentarian, Registration Chair of the Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, ~~Government Liaisons~~ **State Task Force Members**, Archivist, Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, ~~Assembly Chair and Exhibits Coordinator~~ and Assistant Editor of the ~~Regional Publication, should there be one.~~ **should one be needed.**

**RATIONALE:** Clarification of who is being referred to regarding legislative work, correction of duplicate listings of some positions, removal of Assembly Chair as this is not an Appointed Position, and clarification that there is not always an Assistant Editor.

**Article VII - Assembly of Delegates**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 3.** The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by secret ballot as outlined in Article VI, Section 4. By January 15th following the national conference in odd-numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall elect on Delegate to serve as Assembly Chair. Current voting members of the Executive Board shall be deemed ineligible to serve as Assembly Chair.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 3.** The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by secret ballot as outlined in Article VI, Section 4. ~~By January 15th~~ **Immediately** following the **Assembly-Elect meeting at** national conference in odd-numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates **present** shall elect on ~~a~~ Delegate to serve as Assembly Chair. Current voting members of the Executive Board shall be deemed ineligible to serve as Assembly Chair.

**RATIONALE:** Correction of typo (changing “on” to “one”), and clarification of when this vote actually occurs.

**PROPOSED SECTION ADDITION TO THIS ARTICLE:**

**Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees**

**Section 5:**

Prospective appointed committee and council members shall submit a short biography to the Executive Board for consideration before approval.

**RATIONALE:**

	<p>In order to vote on members, the board should have an idea of whom they are voting for or against. This is an attempt to ensure transparency in the process of appointing members to positions. This process was discussed at the Fall EB meeting. We are offering this as a revision based on that discussion.</p> <p>2. G. Ritter Cantesanu will allow for discussion and call for a vote during tomorrow's meeting.</p>
CONCLUSION:	Will vote on changes to bylaws during tomorrow's meeting.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

### C. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**KRISTEN O'GRADY**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The past-president is continuing to support the president as well as solicit nominees for the next executive board. She is also seeking individuals who wish to serve on the nominations committee. If interested contact Kristen O'Grady at <a href="mailto:maramtapastpresident@gmail.com">maramtapastpresident@gmail.com</a></li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	Send in your nominations for the Executive Board to K. O'Grady <a href="mailto:maramtapastpresident@gmail.com">maramtapastpresident@gmail.com</a> . If you're interested in being on the nominations committee, please contact her as well.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

### D. MEMBERSHIP

**ANITA GADBERRY**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A call-a-thon was undertaken to encourage those who used to be members of MAR to join again. Two volunteers assisted and focus was placed on those in New York since the conference will be in Buffalo.</li> <li>There are currently three affiliate members, seven associate members, 139 graduate student members, six honorary life members, one life member, 424 professional members, fourteen retired members, and 165 student members in our region. Differences from last year at this time: decrease of three affiliate members, increase of fourteen graduate student members, increase of twenty-two professional members, increase of two retired members, and decrease of thirty-eight student members. Thus, promotion of undergraduate student membership will be a priority in the year ahead. Letters will be sent to all university program directors asking for their assistance in promoting the benefits of membership to their students. We would like to cultivate a culture of association membership. As many of us know, membership facilitates networking and continuing education opportunities. In addition there are monetary benefits to being a member as well: scholarships, reduced rates on conferences, reduced rates on publications, and membership support. Encourage others to join AMTA and be a member of our region! AMTA now offers payment plans for membership; if someone lives in our region and joins AMTA, s/he is automatically a member of MAR.</li> <li>Speaking of support, four individuals solicited and were awarded assistance via the Membership Support Fund for the 2014 calendar year. Yet only three of the individuals submitted the paperwork in time; thus three members received aid.</li> <li>Two additional member benefits will be added in time for next year's regional conference. Previously, the board approved a professional conference scholarship and a student conference scholarship. Each one is a value of \$300. An ad hoc committee will be formed to determine requirements and adjudication of the scholarships.</li> <li>The Membership Spotlight continues by highlighting a member in the region within an issue of our newsletter. Gene Ann Behrens was the first person to be nominated and highlighted. The spotlight shines again in this newsletter and is focused on Melanie Walborn. Submit your nominations for the Membership Spotlight to <a href="mailto:maramtamembership@gmail.com">maramtamembership@gmail.com</a>!</li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.

ACTION ITEMS:	Submit your nominations for the Membership Spotlight to maramtameembership@gmail.com
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	All members

**E. ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**DONNA POLEN**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**F. CONFERENCE**

**BRIGETTE SUTTON**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conference Thank You <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Welcome to Buffalo to "Spread Your Wings With Music Therapy!" Thanks to our local and regional conference committee team members for all of the planning and ideas!!</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Conference Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We have over 500 people registered for conference!</li> <li>b. Highlights of Special Conference Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Wednesday featured the David Ott Pre-Conference Institute: "Community Music Therapy," with Mendelt Hoekstra, Canadian music therapist and director of the "Momentum Choir," and others.</li> <li>ii. NEW Special Forum for Students: This is a panel presentation organized by Conio Loretto to address recent student requests.</li> <li>iii. NEW Special Presentation to Administrators: This is an advocacy effort targeted local administrators to encourage support and initiation of MT programs.</li> <li>iv. Evening events including Exhibit Hall Spectacular, Silent Auction, Yard Sale, Dessert Bar &amp; Dancing, and Drum Circle</li> <li>v. NEW Awards Ceremony: To address much of the business and ceremony of the traditional closing session at perhaps a more preferred time. Includes appetizers and brief entertainment.</li> <li>vi. NEW Conference Farewell: A new approach to closing involving a very brief and informal musical experience as attendees exit the last concurrent session. Led this year by Joni Milgram-Luterman.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. We've introduced many changes to the Conference Planning Process this year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. RegOnline: Online registrations. Look for your conference evaluations and CMTE certificates for general attendance to arrive via email through RegOnline!</li> <li>b. Online CMTE Course Evaluations</li> <li>c. AV Support: This year we hired Indigo Productions for AV rental and tech support. This has saved much time and effort for the local committee, especially as regards hunting down difficult items like LCD projectors, and allowed them to focus on primarily instrument needs.</li> <li>d. Special thanks to Lauren Bevilacqua of the WRAMTA for all her help in these new initiatives with resources and assistance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. 2015 Conference <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Get excited for Ocean City, MD!! The current working theme is "Riding the Sound Waves."</li> <li>b. Niki Runge will be local host and is already busy putting together a local committee.</li> <li>c. Conference dates are March 19-21, 2015. Location is the Princess Royale Hotel &amp; Conference Center.</li> <li>d. We hope to continue our "green" efforts by moving to electronic "Call for Papers" and exploring e-program options.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None.



PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

**G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**MARIA FAY**

DISCUSSION:

**MDSTF** (Co-Chairs - Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu and Niki Runge)

- The MDSTF is in the process of completing the Music Therapy Fact Sheet. They are currently gathering testimonials and quotes from professionals, clients, etc. to include in the fact sheet.

**NJSTF** (Co-Chairs – Paula Unsal and Alecia Meila)

- Completed the Sate Fact Sheet Brochure
- The New Jersey Advocacy Workshop was held February 23, 2014 in two locations: Northern NJ, at Montclair State University and Southern NJ at The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health in Gibbsboro. It was sponsored by NJAMT. Judy Simpson from AMTA attended the northern NJ training at the Montclair State University location and Dena Register from CBMT attended the southern NJ training.
- NJSTF has begun a *15 Minutes for Advocacy* grassroots letter writing campaign. 5 emails are being sent once a week asking NJ music therapists to take 15 minutes a week to support advocacy efforts for state recognition of the MT-BC credential in New Jersey. The emails provide information and support for NJ music therapists and ask them to perform tasks that take 15 minutes at a time. At the end of the series, the NJ music therapists will have all the information to write an introductory letter on behalf of music therapy to 3 state legislators.

**NYSTF** (Chair – Donna Polen)

- **NYSTF member survey** - The results of the survey are currently being tabulated and discussion is focusing on which findings will be included in a fact sheet or brochure for use in advocacy efforts, both toward gaining recognition of the MT-BC credential as well as exploring the establishment of a true MT license in NYS. A follow-up survey is also under discussion at this time.
- **Work with legislative consultant** - Following approval of the MAR Executive Board, Diana Georgia, Esq., Of Counsel, is on retainer to support the legislative and regulatory efforts of NYSTF in Albany. Specifically, Diana will be helping to continue to monitor changes in the LCAT law, and putting forth new initiatives to gain state recognition for the MT-BC and pursue the creation of a true music therapy license in NYS. NYSTF had an initial “kick off” conference call on March 27, which included NYSTF as well as our government relations cohorts from MAR, AMTA, and CBMT, along with MAR President Julie Neal. NYSTF is working on creating an ‘advocacy support network’ of music therapists and students across the state to strengthen our grass roots advocacy efforts.
- **Two New Laws** - Two new laws that impact LCATs and limited permit holders were signed into law in mid-November. One mandates continuing education (CE) for all licensed mental health practitioners and the other extends the time period for limited permits. NYSTF continues communicating with David Hamilton, Executive Secretary of the Mental Health Practitioners Board, and will be actively involved in contributing to the regulatory process, to insure that the interests of LCAT music therapists are an integral part of the process.
- **NYSTF at National and Regional Conferences** - NYSTF facilitated the NYS meeting at the spring MAR conference in Buffalo, NY. We also presented a free 5-hour CMTE on the NYS Practice Guidelines for Licensed Mental Health Practitioners to 14 enthusiastic participants. The NYSTF will be presenting a concurrent session at the 2014 AMTA conference in Louisville, KY.
- **Creation of a NYSTF Advocacy Support Network** – The NYSTF wants you!!! NYSTF is in the early stages of developing a plan for the creation of an Advocacy Support Network (ASN). The NYSTF ASN will include music therapists and students from across NYS, including representatives from each of the five licensure-qualifying degree programs. The ASN will work closely with the task force on a variety of advocacy efforts, from rallying people for calls to action to presenting advocacy training courses to visiting with representatives in Albany and in their home offices. Much more information on this new initiative will be coming out soon – but there’s no need to wait if

you want to be involved! Please contact Donna Polen, marassemblychair@gmail.com, to learn more or to get on board!

**PASTF** (Co-Chairs - Nicole Hahna, and Melanie Walborn)

- The PA Task Force had a successful Music Therapy Hill Day in Harrisburg in October 2013, with 18 MT-BCs attending and 19 MTSS attending the Hill Day. The task force and PA Music Therapists met with over 21 PA Senators and Legislators that day advocating for music therapy. As a result of the Hill Day, the PASTF has found a sponsor and co-sponsor for a PA MT Resolution and are currently working on language for the final resolution as well as planning for our next MT Hill Day. In some states, a resolution filed prior to legislation is helpful. The resolution would be read on the floor in the House and Senate and PA Music Therapists would be there when it is read. This is a low-time investment first step.
- Paul Nolan stepped down from the task force.

**VASTF** (Co-Chairs – Tom Gerni)

- Becky Watson – now a professional member
- Elizabeth Haley voted as co-chair to replace Michelle Westfall.
- The VASTF is currently planning regional advocacy trainings throughout the commonwealth in its continuing effort to connect individual music therapists in Virginia with their local Delegates and Senators, and other stakeholders.
- The proposed Hill Day in Virginia that was scheduled for February was put on hold for a future General Assembly session.
- In coordination with Virginia Music Therapy Association at VMTA's Spring meeting in Williamsburg in March, 5 regions within the state have been identified for regional advocacy trainings to be conducted by VASTF over the summer and autumn to generate grass roots advocacy by music therapists.
- Communication with the VMTA Executive Board and the VASTF continues to be fine-tuned. It is hoped that the additional MAR Board approved task force member Briana Priester will serve as the liaison between the VASTF and VMTA Executive Board resulting in better communication between the two organizations.
- Elizabeth Haley has been busy compiling and editing the Sunrise Proposals for presentation to key lawmakers and the Department of Health Professions in Virginia.

**WVSTF** (Chair – Amy Rodgers Smith)

- The WV Task Force has all survey results in and they are working on putting together the WVSTF fact sheet.
- They are also putting together a packet of information to request inclusion on all 3 WV Medicaid waivers.
- They hope to have two advocacy trainings this summer; one near Charleston WV and one near Martinsburg WV. It will be an exciting year for the WVSTF!

**National Updates**

1. There are over 40 active state Task Forces working with AMTA and CBMT on the state recognition operational plan. In addition to committee members planning advocacy presentations during the 2014 Regional conferences, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana, Florida and Ohio are planning state Hill days. There is active legislation currently in Minnesota, RI
2. UTAH GOVERNOR SIGNS MUSIC THERAPY LEGISLATION INTO LAW - On Tuesday, April 1, 2014, Governor Gary Herbert of Utah signed into law HB 277. This legislation creates a state certification designation for board certified music therapists granted by Utah's Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Utah Representative Rebecca Edwards sponsored the bill. This secures state recognition for music therapy and will serve to benefit Utah's citizens by allowing them to more easily access music therapy services provided by qualified practitioners.
3. ARTS ADVOCACY DAY - On March 24 & 25, 2014 AMTA participated in Arts Advocacy Day as a national co-sponsor. This annual event in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Americans for the Arts, is the only national event that brings together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations, along with hundreds of grassroots advocates from across the country. Attendees collaborate to communicate with Members of Congress the importance of strong public policies and public funding for the arts. Representatives from the co-sponsoring organizations form the Legislative Planning Committee (LPC). The LPC determine the Issue Briefs that will be the focus of discussions with Congress on Arts Advocacy Day. AMTA led the Arts in Healthcare Issue Brief. It was facilitated by Judy Simpson. She also provided

	<p>highlights of the Arts, Health, and Well-Being Across the Military Continuum – White Paper and Framing a National Plan for Action white paper released in 2013 and Music Therapy and Military Populations released in 2014. This briefing provided an opportunity to make great connections to increase awareness of the profession with Congress and with related organizations. MAR Member Becky Watson participated in this event.</p> <p>4. National Representation - AMTA has a relationship with a number of national organizations. This representation helps to ensure that music therapy is "at the table" when important health and education policy decisions are implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Psychiatric Association</li> <li>• CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) External Partners Group</li> <li>• Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</li> <li>• Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)</li> <li>• Consortium For Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)</li> <li>• Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition (DRRC)</li> <li>• Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition</li> <li>• Health Professions Network (HPN)</li> <li>• Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid Coalition</li> <li>• National Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations (NAPSO)</li> <li>• National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations (NCCATA)</li> <li>• National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education &amp; Related Services</li> <li>• National Medicare Education Partnership (NMEP)</li> <li>• Support Music Coalition</li> <li>• The Joint Commission</li> </ul> <p>5. AMTA is a member of The Global Alliance for Arts &amp; Health (formerly Society for the Arts in Healthcare). The Global Alliance for Arts &amp; Health is dedicated to advancing arts as integral to healthcare by demonstrating the valuable roles the arts can play in enhancing the healing process; advocating for the integration of the arts into the environment and delivery of care within healthcare facilities; assisting in the professional development and management of arts programming for healthcare populations; providing resources and education to healthcare and arts professionals; encouraging and supporting research and investigation into the beneficial effects of the arts in healthcare. The Annual Conference is in Houston TX and Andi Farbman will be involved in this event representing AMTA.</p> <p>6. Following many years of advocacy and collaborative work with other rehab therapy organizations, AMTA was recently offered seats on three Joint Commission Professional and Technical Advisory Committees, including Hospital, Behavioral Health and Home Care. As a result, music therapists will actively participate in the review of proposed standards for accreditation of facilities within these programs. Tom Gerni was selected as the AMTA Alternate for the PTAC (Professional and Technical Advisory Committee) Behavioral Health seat of The Joint Commission with Kathy Murphy serving as the primary representative.</p> <p>7. The Veterans Administration recently approved plans to move the music therapy job classification from Title 5 to Hybrid Title 38, which more formally recognizes the MT-BC, levels of education, years of experience, and specialized training.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Contact Donna Polen, marassemblychair@gmail.com, to learn more or join the NY State Task Force.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	All board certified music therapists in NY

## H. PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEGAN RESIG

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a booth at conference. All are encouraged to stop by and be interviewed about their experience of conference and being a member of MAR-AMTA.</li> <li>2. Website development committee: working to define and redesign website. Hope to present a new website at the 2015 conference.</li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

## I. STUDENT AFFAIRS

MEAGHAN BAKEY

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fundraising: MARAMTS is selling two new items in addition to the water bottles and mugs from previous years: lanyards and bumper stickers. We are also looking at establishing a website in order to sell these items year-round and to people outside of the MAR.</li> <li>2. Canning Project: The canning project will benefit the Fender Music Foundation. This organization provides money for underfunded music programs- afterschool, music education, and music therapy.</li> <li>3. Graduate Student Committee: The initial steps to welcome a graduate chapter (committee or representative) to the student board have been taken in order to better represent the needs of graduate students in the MAR. The newly elected student board will continue to work on this.</li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

#### J. HISTORIAN

**LILLIAN EYRE**

DISCUSSION:	Please send clippings and article about MT in the region. Send to leyre@immaculata.edu. The historian will work closely with the archivist.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Send clippings and article to historian.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	All music therapists in the region.

#### K. ARCHIVIST

**JULIE NEAL FOR PHIL MAUSKAPF**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	None.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

#### L. FINANCES

**BROOKE CARROLL-LEMCHAK**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Region is financially sound. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating budget: \$ 94,149.54</li> <li>• Conference Acct: \$31,515.36</li> <li>• Passages Account: \$1.51</li> <li>• Student Account: \$5,753.92</li> <li>• Vanguard account is \$37,136.42</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Budget is in good standing, as we have only spent \$15,000 so far this fiscal year. However, big budget items, such as the website remodel have not been used yet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Moved accounting and book keeping to QuickBooks, online and digital. Easier to keep track of, pass along to new treasurer, and it is also greener.</li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

### IV. AMTA COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL****JULIE NEAL FOR EVELYN SELESKY**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS****NINA GALERSTEIN**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report. N. Galerstein is resigning from position. Contact Nina if you are interested. The chair of affiliate relations cultivates relationships with other organizations.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Contact Nina if you are interested in being chair of affiliate relations.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	All MAR-AMTA members

**M. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS****BRIAN ABRAMS**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**N. ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIP APPROVAL****MATTHEW PHILLIPS**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There have been several recent legal decisions and regulations that may have an effect on National Roster Internship Programs. These include state authorization agreements and unpaid internships. AMTA is aware of both of these topics and is examining how they may affect National Roster Internship Programs. Any additional questions or comments may be directed to Mary Jane Landaker, AIAC chair. Her contact information is available on the AMTA website.</li> <li>2. Remember to send in all internship paperwork – the Annual Report, acceptance letters, and site evaluations to the AIAC representative (me).</li> <li>3. The Competency Task Force presented their work to the Assembly of Delegates at the 2013 AMTA Conference. Pay attention to changes in the AMTA Professional Competencies. This will affect competency-based clinical training.</li> <li>4. The CMTE for Intern Development and Supervision was presented by me at this conference and was attended by 8 people. A new format was introduced last year in Scranton and had 36 enrolled participants. Since it was so well attended due to the new format last year, the lower attendance this year was not a surprise. At this conference, I will also participate in the open forums for education and training.</li> <li>5. Many thanks to Theresa McManus for her many years of service in this role. She made an important and valuable contribution to our region and has been very supportive of me during my transition into the role. J. Neal also acknowledged and thanked Terri, as she served on committee for 13 years.</li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.

ACTION ITEMS:	None.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**O. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**CLAIR AREZINA FOR LAURIE KEOUGH**

DISCUSSION:	<p>There are now co-coordinators for regional continuing education, Clare Arezina and Laurie Keough.</p> <p><b>CBMT visit:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Major Shift in Course offerings with regard to number of presenters (more sessions with multiple presenters) and an increase of online courses</li> <li>2. CBMT Forming a sub-committee to work with non-traditional APs (approved providers)</li> </ol> <p><b>AMTA related CEC news:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 8 advocacy workshops were sponsored throughout US this year (Government Task Force)</li> <li>4. AMTA is offering online CMTEs courses</li> <li>5. Both Lisa and Vicki stepped down as CEC Co-chairs on December 31, 2013. Co-Chairs replacements were to be replaced by January through AMTA Presidential appointment, but we have not yet heard who the replacements will be.</li> </ol> <p><b>MAR news:</b></p> <p>For regional conference in Buffalo, we had a total of 24 submissions for CMTEs. We chose 14 CMTEs for this year's conference (11 5-hour, 3 3-hour), and 11 had sufficient enrollment to run (9 5-hour and 2 3-hour). We are able to offer 2 CMTE courses that meet the CMTE Ethics requirement, including a free 5-hour CMTE for AMTA members, given by the NY State Task Force related to ethics with the LCAT. We also are offering the AMTA 5-hour required course for internship supervisors for free to our members.</p> <p>For the first time this year, we are offering online course evaluations through Google Forms and digital CMTE certificates through the conference registration website. Process improvements related to presenter contracts and remuneration are being discussed as well.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION**

**MEGAN RESIG**

DISCUSSION:	The committee met at the National Conference. The tasks we were looking at did not reflect key needs of membership. We have had meetings to develop new tasks. These need to be reviewed by the board. Once reviewed, they will be provided to AMTA.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Present new tasks to AMTA.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	Workforce development and retention committee.

**P. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**MARIA FAY**

DISCUSSION:	Covered earlier. See AMTA Newsletter for more details.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**Q. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS****FLOSSIE IERARDI**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aware of and working with other committees on idea of international internships. If you have students interested look to the world federation website.</li> <li>2. Global Perspectives 2013 (at AMTA conference) included 13 flash presentations about a variety of international music therapy activities.</li> <li>3. The New England Region reports that student involvement in international music therapy service projects is continuing and increasing.</li> <li>4. Our committee has received inquiries about international internships. They are currently redirected to the WFMT web site, but we will make efforts to meet with APAC and Internship Approval committees to discuss options, e.g. those who have received the MT-BC credential and have returned to their home countries.</li> <li>5. The committee has included a call for presentations at the Global Perspectives Session on the AMTA web site.</li> <li>6. The following conferences are being held this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>40th Conference of the Canadian Association for Music Therapy</b> June 23-24, 2014 Toronto, Canada <a href="mailto:info.musictherapy2014@bell.net">info.musictherapy2014@bell.net</a></li> <li><b>3rd International Conference of the International Association for Music &amp; Medicine: Music Medicine Through the Lifespan</b> June 24-27, 2014 Toronto, Canada <a href="http://www.iammcanada.com">http://www.iammcanada.com</a></li> <li><b>14th World Congress of Music Therapy</b> July 6-12, 2014 Vienna/Krems, Austria <a href="http://www.musictherapy2014.org">www.musictherapy2014.org</a></li> <li><b>40th National Conference of the Australian Music Therapy Association</b> August 28-30, 2014 Brisbane, Australia <a href="http://www.austmta.org.au">www.austmta.org.au</a> &lt;<a href="http://www.austmta.org.au">http://www.austmta.org.au</a>&gt;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	If interested in international internships see the world federation website.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	Music therapy students

**R. JUDICIAL REVIEW****JULIE NEAL FOR EVELYN SELESKY**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**S. MEMBERSHIP****ANITA GADBERRY**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**T. PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY****JENNY SWANSON**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**U. REIMBURSEMENT****JULIE NEAL FOR SUSAN KNECHTEL**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**V. RESEARCH****TONY MEADOWS**

DISCUSSION:	Committee has been busy planning research track for conference. Two main foci: MAR research award and research track conference. Acknowledged hard work of presenter of the research poster session.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**W. SPECIAL TARGET POPULATIONS****CLAIRE GHETTI**

DISCUSSION:	Met at national conference and scheduled networking luncheon there. MAR has excellent reputation as they have networking luncheons each year. Encouraged face to face meeting as well as communication throughout the year through social media.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**X. STANDARDS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE****ROBERT MILLER**

DISCUSSION:	Nothing new to report.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**Y. STUDENT AFFAIRS****NICOLE HAHNA FOR CONIO LORETTO**

DISCUSSION:	Gaston Award will include mixed methods and qualitative research. Students are working hard to remove gender references in the bylaws.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	



PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	
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**Z. TECHNOLOGY**

**NOA ELIMELECH**

DISCUSSION:	Nationally the committee is expanding upon regional and national technology specialist lists. This will include names of individuals who are familiar with particular technology. We are recruiting vendors for regional and national technology as well as collaborating with the PR committee to redesign the MAR website.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

DISCUSSION:	<p><b>A. AMTA Diversity Task Force survey</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kristen O’Grady for Ronna Kaplan</b></span></p> <p>i. AMTA Diversity Task Force has developed a survey to gain a status report on the diversity of its members. This group, chaired by Ronna Kaplan, was begun in order to (a) develop a status report on the diversity of our membership, (b) study successful models from other organizations to increase diversity, and (c) determine suggested ways to increase diversity in the membership and leadership of the organization. Your responses to this survey will help us with portions (a) and (c) of the charges to us from the AMTA Board of Directors. Please fill out the survey and forward the link to music therapists who do not receive the AMTA eNews.  <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RP327M">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RP327M</a></p>
	<p><b>B. MAR Constitution and Bylaws</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu</b></span></p> <p>i. Includes all bylaws as a block except bylaw concerning membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hearing no discussion, J. Neal motioned to approve bylaws as a block with exception of one item. Motion passed.</li> <li>2. Motion to approve changes of bylaws as presented. Motion passed.</li> </ol> <p>ii. Article 1, section 3 is proposed to be changed in order to match AMTA’s bylaws.</p> <p>iii. J. Neal motioned to entertain this motion. So moved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion ensued regarding positive and negative aspects. Trish Winter does not support. Elaine Abbott does not support. Brian Abrams does not support change, as alignment with AMTA is not a sufficient reason for making change. Joke Bradt does not support change as this makes possibility of holding office based on monetary reasons rather than knowledge and skill. Gene Ann Behrens does not support language, and wished to distinguish terms regarding graduate student status. Beth agrees and does not support changes. By changing this bylaw it would lessen the volunteer pool. Brigette Sutton questioned Anita Gadberry if student members can apply for membership scholarship. Suggests credential may be a better way to distinguish between appropriate executive board members. Poleen Jarvis does not support change, as many NY music therapists continue to need to further education for the LCAT. Bob Miller questions if adding credentials would limit volunteers. Elaine Abbott supports Brigette Suttons suggests regarding credentials. Donna Polen addressed Poleen’s concern, not all NY MT will require Masters. Claire Arezina addressed two issues regarding voting members and those holding office. These are intertwined within this bylaw. She questioned if voting is the concern with the use of this language? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hearing no more discussion J. Neal called for a vote. Motion failed. E. Abbott motioned to send bylaw back to committee. B. Hunter noted this motion is not in order. If someone has suggestions on how to reword the original bylaw send them to Gabby Ritter- Cantesanu  <a href="mailto:maramtapreselect@gmail.com">maramtapreselect@gmail.com</a></li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<p><b>C. Media From Conference</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Megan Resig</b></span></p> <p>M. Resig is looking to solicit media items taken at conference. Send media to Megan Resig at <a href="mailto:maramtapublicrelations@gmail.com">maramtapublicrelations@gmail.com</a>. 2015 conference will have a flash mob at opening ceremonies. This will predominantly involve students, but would like to have members as well. This is in response to cultivating a culture of membership.</p>
CONCLUSION:	<p>J. Neal motioned to approve bylaws as presented as a block except Article 1, section 3 (see Section B. President Elect). Motion passed.</p> <p>J. Neal called for a vote for proposed changes to Article 1, section 3. Motion failed. Motion does</p>

	not pass.
ACTION ITEMS:	If someone has suggestions on how to reword the original bylaw send them to Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu <a href="mailto:maramtapreselect@gmail.com">maramtapreselect@gmail.com</a> Send media from Buffalo conference to Megan Resig at <a href="mailto:maramtapublicrelations@gmail.com">maramtapublicrelations@gmail.com</a> .
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	All members

## VI. GOOD AND WELFARE

DISCUSSION:	<p>A. Elizabeth Swartz: send card or letter to Molloy for Evelyn Selesky as she continues to heal.</p> <p>B. Brian Abrams: recognize good work of Paul Nolen as many years of service to Hahnemann and Drexel, as he is retiring.</p> <p>C. Secretary position is open come end of summer. Please contact Julie Neal (<a href="mailto:maramtapresident@gmail.com">maramtapresident@gmail.com</a>) or Noel Anderson (<a href="mailto:marsecretary@gmail.com">marsecretary@gmail.com</a>). This is a good way to get involved in the executive board.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

## VII. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:	J. Neal; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED:	11:55am
NEXT MEETING:	Fall Business Meeting