



November 12, 2016
MAR Membership Meeting
National Conference, Sandusky, Ohio

Informal meeting in open forum format

- **Becky - Private practice – student shadows. How can I help keep in touch with them so that they can stay enthusiastic. She wants to see them flourish.**
 - Membership chair created scholarships – professional and student for both national and regional conferences
 - Students can also serve on ad hoc committees. State task forces also have a student rep.
 - Clare – idea – student scholarship info – go ahead and email it to the students who have visited you
 - Kristen – also connect with parents of the students to help put their mind at ease
 - Elaine – connect through AMTA
 - Brigitte – invite interns, students back for special events
 - Conio – student scholarships – extending deadlines. Be sure to apply and encourage students to apply.

- **MAR Research Awards – (Joke) Don't usually get a lot of applicants. Several different awards for different reasons. Announcements going out later this week. Looking for suggestions as to how we can spread the word better or asking if there are other reasons for lower application rates.**
 - Michelle Muth - perhaps it is the word “scholarship” or “award” is a deterrent. People don't think they will “win”
 - Gene Ann – applying and submitting for the research poster at MAR. Numbers are increasing but we would love to have much more. Region is unique in relation to research – committee doesn't really exist in other regions.
 - Becky – very excited about possibilities

- **Gary – How do you get info to and from MAR?**

- Gabby – info blitz at the MAR conference – info about awards/scholarships at the beginning of every sessions. Also use the app to do an alert
- Scott – and then how do you get this info out to the non-MAR members?
- Melanie Walborn - How do we connect MAR with CBMT to reach out to non members?
- Gene Ann - Can we keep a consistent list of non-members as well?
- Clare – use MAR Facebook page
- **Government relations**
 - One of the ways to get people more engaged and involved is doing a small step such as responding to a survey or participating on a task force. MAR has key states that if they become recognized, they will have significant
 - NJ - close still going and moving towards it
 - PA - keep hopefully and keep moving forward. Hill day was very meaningful to rest of the country as well and other states are trying to emulate it. Also, trying to get music therapy listed in the waiver and there will be a call to action to have people support it.
 - MD - had a hill day and there is a bill starting there as well
 - Anyone who works in Special Ed - National education Association (NEA) launched an idea exchange to provide a private platform for collaboration among specialized support personnel. MT is considered to be one of them. 150 AMTA members working in school received an email about that. If you work in that setting and received the email, please respond to it.
 - Arts Advocacy days - looking to have MAR participate in those bigger events. Need to start thinking more globally.
- **Membership report**
 - Met with larger membership committee talking about doing some calling drives to help promote membership. New membership benefits section on the webpage
 - Membership concern regarding AMTA conference venue
 - Thank you to Marisol for her hard work
- **Multicultural and Diversity committee**
 - had first in person meeting yesterday
 - Reviewed goal, tasks, job descriptions and future plans
 - Goals
 - Encourage increased diversity within professionals and students
 - increase multicultural training and resources
 - provide support systems including tools and resources
 - monitor and recommend changes to AMTA documents

- Also working on creating non-discrimination letter
- How to promote multiculturalism in research
- **International Committee**
 - Global perspectives session in Mangrove room
 - A number of upcoming international conferences
 - Possible scholarship for international conference
 - International student concerns – Visa/politics (post elections concerns) Limits to visas and such. Wanted everyone to be aware.
- **Professional Advocacy Committee (Jenny) –**
 - Jenny stepping down so looking for a new member
 - Main duty is to address misrepresentations when they come up
 - Working on flowchart that will be posted on AMTA website that will give instruction on what to do when you find misrepresentation
- **Affiliate Relations Committee**
 - Interface MT with other affiliated professions
 - If you are presenting at non-MT conference or events, please consider including ways that others can use music but maintains boundaries w
 - Sent a list of who they would like to build relationships with. Feel free to talk to Scott if there are others you would like to suggest
 - Trying to gather info about dually certified MTs and when and where people were presenting at non MT conferences. Now there is a google form to be able to collect that data if approved by AMTA board
 - Updating fact sheets on AMTA website
 - Donna – Region has an exhibit that can also be used for various conferences
- **Briana Preister – Reimbursement Chair**
 - Continue to serve as resource
 - Updating existing members resources (HIPAA Guidance, ICD-10, etc)
 - AMTA working with MTM Inc. – transportation company that works with waiver recipients
 - Comments were submitted to DOD. in support of proposed rule MT was listed as covered ancillary therapy for medical, health and substance abuse disorder treatment under the tricare basic program benefits. Unfortunately it does not extend to their families, but is limited to active service members at this point.
 - Call to action for members – preparing for national reimbursement survey to help get updated info
 - For more info: briana@studiobmusicforliving.com
- **Judicial Review Board**
 - Not really had a lot of business lately, and most people don't know

what it is that they are there to do. In the process of figuring it out.

- **Research Committee**
 - Thanks Tony Meadows for all of his years of service
 - New committee members
 - Very active committee – develop research track
 - Grant writing, clinical notes as research, and networking, poster session are all happening at the MAR conference
 - Feature article or something in MTP highlighting what has happened after they received the award
 - Does anyone know who received the MAR Research award in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011?

- **CMTE**
 - 9 free CMTEs at conference
 - course evals are online
 - extend a thank you to the regional board for approving the application to the NYS Education for LCAT Continuing Ed providers (and on behalf of NYSTF)

- **Assembly Chair**
 - No dues increase
 - MLE gave extensive report and laid out timeline (present report a report to membership in 2017. 2017 – 2018 present it in town hall meetings and such to get feedback and questions and then put it before for consideration in 2018)
 - APAC proposed revision to the Ed and training standards. Task force appointed for grad and undergrad requirements

- **MAR conference locations**
 - Concerns regarding timing/location of conference in Rochester. Board is looking at revising policies