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**MAR Business Meeting
National Conference
St. Charles, IL
Saturday, October 13th, 7:30-9:15am**

MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION
October, 13 th , 2013	7:30-9:15am	MARAMTA Regional Conference St. Charles, IL

MEETING CALLED BY:	Kristen O'Grady, President
TYPE OF MEETING:	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR:	Kristen O'Grady, President
NOTE TAKER:	Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu, Recording Secretary
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order at 7:32am.

I. Approval of the Agenda

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION:	K. O'Grady motioned for approval of the agenda as presented. Technology would like to be moved up on the agenda so due to a meeting and T. Meadows also would like to be moved up. Motion to approve as amended, so moved.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

II. Approval of the Minutes (March 12th, Timonium, MD)

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION:	No changes. Thank you to Gabby for doing a nice job with the minutes.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

III. Executive Board Officer Reports

A. PRESIDENT

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before we begin, time is limited so go through content needed but go through as quickly as possible so everyone has time to speak. 2. Hopefully reading newsletter and getting regular updates on our work. 3. When people email the website, the email goes to K. O'Grady. People are mostly looking for servicers so she is filtering requests to people living in those areas. People are also looking for assistance in terms of
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	<p>finding research (students) and K. O'Grady also receives any other info membership would like to reach AMTA and they're not sure who the appropriate person is to contact. She is trying to respond to all emails in a timely fashion.</p> <p>4. Last Spring we held an open forum on masters level entry and that was held at all regional meetings and the format was the same throughout other regions. This was an opportunity to get info from ETAB about masters level entry and the ideas discussed so far. It was also an opportunity to get feedback and ask questions/clarification. Members still wanted more opportunity and there was no vote in assembly this year so we're going to have another opportunity for members to ask question, discuss and offer feedback at regional. Look for it at regional. Probably different format. Might be concurrent session, so be on lookout and take that opportunity because the masters level subgroup is really gathering info and the feedback important.</p> <p>5. From National Office: we continue to have services by Barb who provides assistance and information in times of natural disasters and other disasters and had opportunity to work with her and she's a great resource to members. She gets all Red Cross alerts and her role is to let us know about disasters and such. Trained in psych first aide and can provide training to intervene on local level and we can contact her and K. O'Grady if we need that level of assistance. Other ways AMTA assists in natural disaster is by helping members replace instruments if business destroyed, assistance with evacuating from home, etc., so it really is available to use and the more we understand the variety of benefits, the more we can advocate this to nonmembers so they see some of AMTA's benefit.</p>
CONCLUSION:	Look for a Masters Level Entry discussion at MAR in Scranton.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

B. PRESIDENT-ELECT

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Good morning. As you may or may not know, I am charged with reviewing and updating the constitution and bylaws. The committee and I are making appropriate proposed revisions for you to review and vote on at the Spring conference so look for those in the newsletter. Also offering a goal planning session so you can offer input on what direction we want the region to head towards and what's important to you. Also I am serving on the nominating committee, financial advisor committee and assembly delegates. And most importantly, I'm learning from K. O'Grady on how to serve you so I'm looking forward to that. Feel free to contact me with any questions.</p>
CONCLUSION:	Changes to the Bylaws and Constitution will be out in the Spring for vote.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

C. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**K. O'GRADY for DEB BENKOVITZ**

DISCUSSION:	1. For her role as chair to the Nominating Committee, Deb is gathering people willing to serve on committee. If you are interested in a committee see J. Neal. Also, we are looking for full slate of candidates by regional conference, so if you're interested in running for something see Julie and she'll collect that info.
CONCLUSION:	Send in your nominations for the Executive Board to D. Benkovitz or J. Neal. If you're interested in a committee, please contact them as well.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

D. MEMBERSHIP**KRISTEN O'GRADY for MARIE GAINSFORD**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since AMTA moved to an online system to manage your own account, it's even easier for you to pay your membership in installments. So if you know people who find a one-time chunk too difficult, it's an option and may work for some people, so let people know. Can also email Angie at national for questions. 2. You'll hear more specifically on membership from Adam who sat in on AMTA's Membership Committee. 3. Our membership trend mirrors AMTA with an increase in students and a decrease in professionals. Help reach out to people who are nonmembers and if it's a financial problem, there is a membership assistance fund for MAR members to assist in paying membership. Small application process and on website, anonymous app and only treasurer knows. We've never maxed out that fund, always have money left over to apply. So if know of people let them know.
CONCLUSION:	There is assistance in paying your AMTA dues (installments, membership assistance, etc.) so please encourage non-members to join.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

E. ASSEMBLY REPORT**DONNA POLEN**

DISCUSSION:	1. We met yesterday and didn't conduct much business, had an orientation on Roberts Rules of Orders as a refresher. Had number of reports from National from Andy Farbman and President Elect, VP for Conf planning and sec/treasurer. Sec/treasurer did submit proposal regarding dues and the only change that was considered was an increase in the rate for student membership. Lively discussion and ultimately did not pass the motion. So that's going to be coming back to the assembly with revised motion today. Council coordinators gave brief reports. Meeting today 11:15-1:15 for additional business and will keep you in the loop.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

F. CONFERENCE

MIKE VIEGA/BRIGETTE SUTTON

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2012 was a great success and thanks to those who attended. Highest attendance ever at 650 and more than we expected. Profit was \$43,491.16. Part of the reason was our AV committee Leanne and Irv who were able to get \$10,000 worth of donated equipment. Mike thanks the local conference committee for great work. Mike also thanks members for conference evaluations and we do look over those and great way for feedback or email mviega@temple.edu if have thoughts on conference. 2. 2013 will be in Scranton, PA April 4-6, Preconference on the 3rd. Theme is "On Track with Music Therapy". Hoping will be big conference and special because it's the 60th anniversary of MAR. Barb Wheeler reports that MAR was formally recognized by NAMT on March 21, 1953 and we want to incorporate this into the conference and celebrate. Hilton Scranton Conference Center is \$105 per night. Discounted rate available if you book 3 days before or after conference so can spend time in Scranton. Conference committee planning an exciting conference. Call for papers for conference is on website deadline, Nov. 18th so please start planning if not already and Mike encourages you to submit proposal for concurrent or CMTE. Often get feedback that looking for more with MT with people in advancing age. Look forward to submissions. And plans underway for location for 2014 been visiting and recommendations sent to board, so excited to announce when ready as well.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

BETH MCGLAUGHLIN for MARIA HRICKO FAY

DISCUSSION:	<p><u>Overview Statement:</u> Music therapists across the country are actively involved in advocacy on the state and federal level designed to increase access to quality services in special education and healthcare settings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Congratulations to the Georgia State Task Force for their advocacy in obtaining state licensure for music therapy! 2. There are 38 state Task Forces actively working with AMTA and CBMT on the state recognition operational plan. In 2013, legislation might occur in the following states: Arizona, Hawaii, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Indiana, South Carolina, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Minnesota. 3. AMTA and CBMT are in communication with national organizational staff and representatives from American Occupational Therapy Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians regarding state recognition efforts. 4. AMTA continues its national advocacy and professional representation with Congress and multiple Washington DC-based coalitions and alliances. Issues discussed included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Implementation of state-level health insurance exchanges that are part of the healthcare reform process.
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	<p>b) Meeting held with National Endowment for the Arts staff involved in the federal Arts and Human Development Interagency Task Force, to present music therapy research.</p> <p>5. National Alliance for Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP): held a briefing at the US Department of Education located in Washington, D.C. Music therapist Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu, MMT, MT-BC testified on behalf of music therapy.</p> <p>6. National Alzheimer's Plan: Released in May 2012; AMTA developing an operational plan that involves related AMTA committees and programs to address the five goals of the national plan.</p> <p>7. In addition to committee members planning advocacy presentations during the 2013 Regional conferences, the Western and Great Lakes regions are also planning state Hill days.</p> <p>8. Plans for 2013 include: collection of examples of evidence of harm and reasons for music therapy referrals to assist with state recognition.</p>
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS

ANITA GADBERRY for JOHN CARPENTE

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee report for Workforce Development and Retention Committee: They are continuing to investigate career databases and advocating MT as career and getting it included. Committee wants to challenge everyone to increase MT awareness as a career choice and points will be awarded for making presentations at high school or work with students. At next AMTA conference will celebrate those with most points in the region. They then would like a round table on the challenge and those who won can share their experience. 2. Finalizing AMTA weblink with basic info MT, Reimbursement, job descriptions, etc. within year. 3. Discussed a need to survey former and current MTs to ID trends and involve significant invest of committee time. Why people leaving and try to counter. 4. Also gathering names of presentation mentors to help others who are giving presentations, but not sure how to do it. Contact John and let him know if you are interested in this. 5. Members can request PR materials through us and we pick up the cost for AMTA materials which is a MAR benefit.
CONCLUSION:	<p>Earn your points as advocates for MT as a career. Contact John if you would like to be on the presentation mentors list. You can request AMTA materials through Public Relations for free.</p>
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

I. STUDENT AFFAIRS

NICOLE HAHNA AND EMILY WALSH

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have co-chairs for the Passages conference. 2. All of the student scholarships for MAR are online, please check for
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	<p>deadlines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. New England region has a mentoring program for students so we want to start in MAR one. Working with PR to identify MTs interested in working with students to set up a pool of names of potential contacts. A <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member: I tried that 5 years ago and tried to set it up but couldn't get enough professionals and many new professionals didn't follow through and professionals got frustrated. b. Nicole: It is a difficult task but would love to contact you learn about some things you did. In particular talked with team rainbow and willing to mentor LBGQA community. 4. At SAB motion Allison submitting to AMTA President for student rep for subcommittee on masters entry level. Not sure how received. 5. MARAMTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Projects working on is headed by Gov relations Melinda, Rock Across Region so every school involved hosts an event like a drum circle, jam session, etc. as way to reach out to committees and advocate and planning on having them around the same time frame as way to unite whole region as well. b. Working on updating links to schools on website. If you are head of MT at a program, you will receive an email from us. c. Student service project in Scranton is at St. Joseph center, does a lot of services for community and one service is working with developmental disabilities so students volunteer in leading MT sessions there before conference. d. At MAR booth and selling water bottles \$5. Regional will sell travel coffee mugs blue with bird logo that will say "Ask me about MT". 6. Passages taking place Oct. 27th at Marywood. Free all day conference for students and new professionals in first 5 years. Great opportunity. Please spread the word. Online registration form on MAR passages site. 62 registered. Internship directors or people who might have info want available for students, see Nicole and Amy Myers and would take brochures and display them. Masters programs, internships, certifications, etc. think about if great school like Marywood to host next year or know student or few students to co-chair let Nicole know. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member: no advisor recommendation on online form? Nicole will contact advisors directly.
CONCLUSION:	<p>Passages at Marywood on Oct. 27th Students will sell travel coffee mugs in Scranton Check the MAR site for student scholarship deadlines</p>
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

J. HISTORIAN

CAROL SHULTIS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Been able to get taping with Mary Boyle last year off of digital file and transferred to DVD and now will try to edit it herself. Hoping to get Sister Miriam on tape as well.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	
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K. ARCHIVIST

BARBARA WHEELER

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward with archives at Duquesne. Have finding aide for general categories there. Working with student archivist to make listing by category of what's there. Also scanning materials to last longer and putting more interesting things on web so we'll have access by all of our members to those things. Please submit materials to Barb. We can make decision if can really use them. We're in good shape when compared to the national archives. Everyone saw request to help the national archives financially so they can be preserved and I encourage you to do that. Very worthy cause. You might be reluctant to send materials due to postage, but if paying \$10 or more for shipping we can reimburse you. 2. Question from member: how do we know if a material is worth sending to you? Barb: ship it and we'll decide once we receive it.
CONCLUSION:	<p>Please contribute to the MAR archives. Please donate to help preserve our National archives.</p>
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

L. FINANCES

KRISTEN O'GRADY for NOEL ANDERSON

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full update of budget in next newsletter. Great financial health and largely due to efforts of conference committee. They exceeded our expectations. 2. If you served region during conference as national committee representative, delegate or EB, please get your reimbursement form.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

IV. AMTA COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asked to reaffirm two goals: support establishment and maintenance of standards of excellence through collaboration with appropriate bodies. Utilize standards as evaluative criteria for recommending approval of academic institutions and review NASM reaccreditation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Past year been working on approval of new and re-approval of programs. Some are still in process. b. Two new masters in review. 1 new equivalency masters at Kennesaw State in Georgia. c. Also proposed an addition to standards for Ed and clinical training regarding supervision of pre-internship training being sent to assembly of delegates and received unanimous support and will go to assembly later <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Addition: qualified credentialed MT must provide direct supervision to pre-internship student for minimum of
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	<p>40% sessions. Direct supervision: observation of clinical work with feedback provided to student (this is addition to standards).</p> <p>2. Judicial review: met yesterday also and decided everyone in association behaves well. No new cases and chair has stepped down b/c moved so electing new chair.</p>
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Manages relationship with other organizations. Redoing portion of website on AMTA's site. Sent out survey two days ago from committee meeting. Very easy to answer so please do survey, just a few questions of your connections to affiliates. We want to find out how to encourage these organizations to link to ours if possible. Want presence on their site.</p>
CONCLUSION:	Please fill out the survey
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

C. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KRISTEN O'GRADY for BRIAN ABRAMS

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Not every region has a rep, but we have Brian so he's a speaker of the assembly so fortunate to have members of MAR in board of directors.</p> <p>2. But you do have representation of regional presidents. Kristen O'Grady sat in as rep for regional presidents. Encouraged to come to board meetings and ask questions to board. Good way to continue tradition of transparency.</p>
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

D. ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIP APPROVAL

KRISTEN O'GRADY for THERESA MCMANUS

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Be current and clear on internship requirements. Be clear who is responsible to pay for required items such as background checks and insurance and have a clear timeline as to when things should be completed/occur.</p> <p>2. Committee will no longer offer the "how to write an internship" info during the free CMTE offered, instead will focus on supervision concerns and information. The "how to" will be electronic.</p>
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

E. CONTINUING EDUCATION**LAURIE KEOUGH**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met this year at conference and CBMT comes and meets with us and keeps line of communication open and this year making changes and good news is done making changes and focusing on clarifying new ethics requirement. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member: thrilled to hear this. Are planning on refining their ethics code? b. Laurie: planning on giving presentations about how we can meet the ethics requirement, what will count, things like that to help us learn how we can meet that goal. Basically we have a lot of questions. 3 credits required. Also clarification: ethics requirement becomes effective Jan 2011. When certified or recertified. If recert Jan 2010 or Dec 2010 encouraged but not required. Also clarification: AMTA competencies vs CBMT ethics: AMTA based best practices, CBMT are requirements and mandatory for board cert. 2. Just had a report from each regional rep as far as number of CMTEs areas of interest in regions. MAR has had a lot going on and had 16 at regional. We also had one institute and advocacy CMTE and throughout year also sponsored 3 additional. Several topics requested. 3. Here we had 4 institutes, 29 CMTEs and 2 trainings. Reminder from ETAB: ETAB is a visionary board that gives recommendations to AMTA. The subcommittee was formed to make recommendation for masters level entry. Really encouraged to go learn about what's happening and give feedback. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brian Abrams: what was recommendation for those currently in registry but not MT-BCs? b. Laurie: no clarification but good question.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

F. EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**JOHN CARPENTE**

DISCUSSION:	Covered earlier.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**MARIA FAY**

DISCUSSION:	Covered earlier.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

H. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**FLOSSIE IERARDI**

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to point out local conferences that have international contributions and one happened in August, The 2nd International Health/Humanities at Montclair. Another 3rd annual symposium MT and Disorders of Consciousness on November 9th. Others: on World Federation website: Panama Jazz Festival in January and Berklee sponsoring MT workshops there. Canadian in May. International Music and Brain in Korea. European congress is in Norway in August. 14th World Congress is July in Vienna, Austria. 2. One thing did this year is sent out a questionnaire to find out what kinds of supports are there for your international students in academic programs/campuses and got great responses we reviewed. Hopefully will report those to you in future. Thank you for those responded. Had 25 responses. 3. International networking lunch 12:15-1:15, please join us. 4. This year 2nd global perspectives poster session, runs 24 hours and networking time. Was yesterday and hoping to make annual event and talked about ways to make it more accessible in future. 5. May have seen stickers saying they speak particular language, although not specific task, members are concerned about welcoming international guests. So talking about ways to welcome guests even more next year and continuing stickers to ID guests and also ID you if speak another language.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

I. JUDICIAL REVIEW**EVELYN SELESKY**

DISCUSSION:	Covered earlier.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

J. MEMBERSHIP**ADAM STAUB for MARIE GAINSFORD**

DISCUSSION:	N/A
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

K. PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY**NOAH POTVIN for LEAH OSWANSKI**

DISCUSSION:	N/A
CONCLUSION:	

ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

L. REIMBURSEMENT

SUSAN KNECHTEL

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in reimbursement in questions 2. Regional conference in Scranton make sure to watch for reimbursement session 3. Advocating of music therapy and the definition of rehabilitation at state exchange benefit plan as part of health care reform process at national level. AMTA communications with centers of Medicare and Medicaid. 4. In process of working towards MDS (minim data set) and trying to get them to listen to us to put us on that process 5. 5 hour CMTE course is soon going to be available to you on AMTA website 6. Educator packet for presenting reimbursement 7. Goals 2013: committee developing 1 page support doc include diagnosis specific research citations to assist reimbursement process 8. Going to go after the insurance companies and going to attend their conferences 9. K. O'Grady: Did you know can call AMTA National Office and speak with Judy Simpson and you can get a free half hour consultation on reimbursement?
CONCLUSION:	Members can call AMTA National Office and speak with Judy Simpson and you can get a free half hour consultation on reimbursement?
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

M. RESEARCH

COMMITTEE MEMBER for TONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to congratulate Trish Winter who won MAR research award this year and encourage everyone to apply for it on website. Be awarded at Conference next year: research and/or project. 2. Busy working on sessions for next year's regional conference from research committee. Last year Christian Gold. 3. Poster session move to during lunch so no excuse for people not to go because won't conflict. Undergrad, students, professionals all can submit abstracts. Will be a call on mar website and will be sent to educators.
CONCLUSION:	Trish Winters won the research award. Research track going well and getting good speakers such as Christian Gold.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

N. SPECIAL TARGET POPULATIONS

GRETCHEN CHARDOS BENNER

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinating/networking among practitioners and populations. National luncheon yesterday and one of 3 regions that follow up regionally with luncheon. Hoping to increase access to special target clinicians through our region. Counsel coordinator Andrew Knight tried to emphasize how fact sheets out of date so hoping to update. Email Gretchen if need
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	anything.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

O. STANDARDS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE

ROBERT MILLER

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No new charges but committee noticed there seems to be a disconnect between new clinicians/students and how to use standards and how to incorporate them and what they mean. 2. Doing 2 sessions, one yesterday and one this afternoon/evening for educators on how to incorporate teaching the standards. 3. Updated medical standards 4. Updated language to stay current
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

P. STUDENT AFFAIRS

NICOLE HAHNA

DISCUSSION:	Covered earlier.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

Q. TECHNOLOGY

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to Gabby for attending for me earlier this week. 2. Ongoing project is maintaining a specialist list and continues to be available in committees area on AMTA website and working on getting that info out. 3. Considering help desk or outside vendor next year in exhibit area to assist members with tech related questions 4. Earlier this year completed survey how using tech in practice, thanks to who participated, and using info to guide direction of committee. Can contact them for more info. 5. Areas identified: recording, notation software, use of iPad, and how tech relates to ethics. Seeking continuing Ed on these so looking for people to provide this education. 6. Also working on compiling a list of how to resources for members and have available on AMTA website.
CONCLUSION:	Contact Matthew for your tech needs.
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

V. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you to everyone who sits on standing committees, the business is so important. Also thank you to those who subbed in. 2. AMTA strategic plan: autism support group gathering info from AMTA members and disseminating info of value to MTs for those who serve ASD. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ASD survey study starting Oct 15th all are invited to participate in this national survey: evaluating current practices and trends with those who are diagnosed with autism. b. Look for an invitation starting Oct 15th via social media and email. c. Your input needed and please provide info and insights. 3. Session 3:45-4:45 autism speaks and sings. Presentation describes initial contacts, publicize, etc. please attend. All will get prototypes handouts and access to entire presentation online. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If can make sure someone from our region who attends this session can serve as point person and continue to share that info through the region. And give update at regional conference. b. Christy Joy Shiloh is this contact to report in Spring. 4. In newsletter but collecting nominations of awards to present at regional conference. Nomination forms on website and more info on website. 5. Ruthlee Adler: please purchase pins and stickers to support archives. 6. Gene Ann: wondering about where the podcasts are? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. K. O'Grady: believe it is still in exploration how to capture best quality of sound/video. Idea is really wonderful, but concerned about quality of sound/video capture. Marie can give more info.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

VI. GOOD AND WELFARE

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize Ruthlee Adler as lifetime achievement award winner from our region 2. Recognize Carol Shutis in her new position in South East region. Send her congrats and gratitude for years of service. 3. Let you know Deb Benkovitz not here as her husband passed away from a quick illness. See Bob to sign the card. AMTA board of directors sent an arrangement to the service as well as MAR board. Also sent her something when he was ill. Local Pittsburgh reaching out to her as well. Deb appreciates your good thoughts and prayers. Let others in the regions know about card so they can sign as well. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member: welcome Barb Wheeler back to Mid Atlantic region b. Member: Donna won the Award of Merit. c. Member: Diane Austin won the Professional Practice Award.
CONCLUSION:	
ACTION ITEMS:	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

VII. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:	K. O'Grady; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED:	8:58am.
NEXT MEETING:	National conference in Chicago, October 2012.