



American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter

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MAR-AMTA Business Meeting

MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION
Saturday, November 23 rd	7:30am-9:15am	National Conference Jacksonville, FL

MEETING CALLED BY:	Julie Neal, President
TYPE OF MEETING:	General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR:	Julie Neal, President
NOTE TAKER:	Noel Anderson, Recording Secretary
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order at 7:40am.

I. Approval of the Agenda

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION:	J. Neal motioned for approval of the agenda as amended. Approval of MAR Business Meeting Minutes (April, 2013; Scranton, PA), will be approved in Buffalo.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	MAR Business Minutes will be published online
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	N. Anderson

II. Approval of the Minutes (April 2013 Scranton, PA)

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION:	Struck from agenda.
CONCLUSION:	Approved.
ACTION ITEMS:	Put Scranton minutes online
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	N. Anderson

III. Executive Board Officer Reports

A. PRESIDENT

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION:	Discussed highlights from President's meeting. Expressed need to encourage membership and knowledge of its benefits. Music therapy month will be in February. Send ideas to J. Neal about how you may celebrate music therapy month in the region. Email at maramtapresident@gmail.com .
CONCLUSION:	Send ideas for Music Therapy Month to J. Neal.
ACTION ITEMS:	Send ideas for Music Therapy Month to J. Neal.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	membership
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B. PRESIDENT-ELECT

GABBY RITTER-CANTESANU

DISCUSSION:	Two bylaw committee members Donna Polen and Molly Greist. Will present changes to bylaws at Buffalo conference.
CONCLUSION:	Bylaw changes will be presented in Buffalo at the regional business meeting.
ACTION ITEMS:	None.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

C. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

KRISTEN O'GRADY

DISCUSSION:	Goal as past president is to help current president as well as chair the nomination committee. K. O'Grady will be soliciting nominations for the MAR executive board in the near future. If you are interested talk to K. O'Grady.
CONCLUSION:	Send in your nominations or expressed interest in the Executive Board to K. O'Grady.
ACTION ITEMS:	Contact K. O'Grady if you're interested in running for a MAR EB position or have a nomination.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

D. MEMBERSHIP

ANITA GADBERRY

DISCUSSION:	On September 30 there were 918 AMTA members in the MAR region. This is a gain of 32 members since June. We have a gain of 16 professionals and 9 students. There will be a membership drive in Spring. A. Gadberry emphasized that there are benefits in becoming a member.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

E. ASSEMBLY REPORT

DONNA POLEN

DISCUSSION:	Assembly has 19 delegates at present conference. Academic program approval committee brought clarification to academic faculty in order to understand what one year of full time experience encompassed. Professional competencies task force presented revisions. Assembly sent document back to the committee. Ethics board added wording to new section for grievances.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

F. CONFERENCE

BRIGETTE SUTTON

DISCUSSION:	The 2014 regional conference will be in Buffalo, NY. If you have ideas send them to B. Sutton. Conference committee is hoping to change up the closing ceremony to find something that works better for the region. There may be a 7 hour training on Alzheimer's and Dementia. The session will be geared toward educators in the area. Most conference events will be at convention center in conference hotel. Call for papers just ended. One of the changes to conference planning is increased student involvement. Meaghan Bakey is the student representative. There will also be more collaboration with the Public Relations chair, Megan Resig. They are considering hiring AV support for first time. The "Green Team" will minimize resources and time needed to plan conference. New electronic programs for registration are being considered. The committee is scouting locations for the 2015 conference. The future Regional Event Planner will be Tina Myers.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	If you have ideas for 2014 conference send them to B. Sutton.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

G. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MARIA FAY

DISCUSSION:	<p>MAR has 6 active task forces. Working to updating MAR website with government relations information. Proposal at Buffalo conferences will have presentation on advocacy. Music therapists across the country are actively involved in advocacy on the state and federal level designed to increase access to quality services in healthcare and special education settings.</p> <p><u>MD State Task Force</u> (Co-Chairs - Gabby Ritter-Cantesanu and Niki Runge) Student Rep. Kayla Lyles need approval. She is a Graduate Certificate student from Shenandoah University. Anne Lipe recommended her to serve as the student member of the Maryland Task Force, and happily she agreed. She is from the Frederick area, and Anne thinks she will be a wonderful addition to the task force. Her email is klyles12@su.edu. The MDSTF is currently compiling information received from a statewide survey of MD music therapists and music therapy practice. Information received from that will be used to create a MD State Music Therapy Fact Sheet.</p> <p><u>NJ State Task Force</u> (Co-Chairs – Paula Unsal and Alecia Meila) The co-chairs have both been very busy gathering information and moving forward. Completing Fact Sheet Brochure. New Jersey Advocacy Workshop is set for February 23, 2014 in two locations: Northern NJ, Montclair State University; Southern NJ Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health at Gibbsboro from 10am - 4pm for 5 CMTEs to be sponsored by NJAMT. More details to follow: nominal fee for CMTEs. All MT's are encouraged to attend, students and non-NJ MT's also welcome.</p> <p><u>NY State Task Force</u> (Chair – Donna Polen) Conference calls continue with other NYS Creative Arts Therapy (CAT) representatives. Judy Simpson is helping to facilitate the work of a newly-forming group and Kristen O'Grady will be the MT rep to this group, tentatively called the NYS CAT Super 8. The main focus of the group will be to identify areas of common interest for advocacy efforts in Albany and to create</p>
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a new format for communicating with all NYS CATs. NYSTF has started the process of gathering information regarding the possibility of pursuing a true music therapy license in NYS. It is envisioned as an option in addition to the LCAT, not in place of it and not in competition with it. The NYSTF has compiled a survey for the NY music therapists to complete. All NY music therapists are encouraged to complete this and aid the task force in their efforts.

PA State Task Force (Co-Chairs - Nicole Hahna, and Melanie Walborn)

The task force along with Judy Simpson and Dena Register held an advocacy and hill day CMTE training with over 30 participants. The task force also planned for and held an advocacy Hill Day at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA. 6 groups of a total of 35 music therapy students, interns, and professionals met with over 45 senators and representatives to discuss the scope of music therapy within PA and possible ways to gain state recognition. There was an overwhelmingly positive response from this event. The task force will review hill day feedback forms from participants and plan for the next steps to attaining state recognition.

VA State Task Force (Co-Chairs – Michelle Westfall and Tom Gerni)

Michelle Westfall stepped down as task force co-chair due to demands of family, school and work. The VASTF met with music therapists at the Fall VA State Meeting on September 28, 2013. This meeting included a 1 hour advocacy training "roundtable" discussion which included Lynchburg area VA Delegate T. Scott Garrett, MD. Legislative overview and history of efforts towards the state recognition plan were reviewed together with language and discussion of levels of regulation to be considered going forward. Possible patrons or sponsors of a bill seeking recognition of the MT-BC credential in Virginia were identified. A survey to MT-BCs across Virginia was available for two weeks and has now been closed. One question included education about the levels of regulation through the Board of Health Professions. MT-BC's were asked to indicate their preference for level of regulation. Of the 25 respondents to that question, 83% indicated they believe full licensure should be pursued. Elizabeth Haley has continued to work on criteria drafts required by the Board of Health Professions in VA drafting a Sunrise Review. They are available for review and comment. On the last phone conference it was jointly agreed to put the pre-file of a licensure or regulatory bill off a year to focus on building relationships with representatives, allied professions and other stakeholders and to work on communication between VASTF and the state association. Planning a Hill Day 2014.

WVSTF (Chair – Amy Rodgers Smith)

The state task force in WV had their first conference call in October. They are currently in the process of researching state agencies/systems that regulate professions and deciding where they would like music therapy to be added. They are also in the process of designing a survey to investigate music therapy practice in WV. The task force is energized and excited to move the profession of music therapy forward in their state.

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1. There are 40 active state Task Forces working with AMTA and CBMT on the state recognition operational plan. Three additional states are ready to start task force work in the next few months. In 2014,

	<p>legislation is anticipated to continue in Iowa and Minnesota, with possible bills introduced in Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Rhode Island and Utah.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 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 Affordable Care Act. b) a balanced approach to budget negotiations that have been ongoing. Decisions must be made by January 15, 2014 to avoid the interruption of Federal Government business. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. In addition to committee members planning advocacy presentations during the 2014 Regional conferences, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Virginia, Indiana, Florida and Ohio are planning state Hill days. 6. Arts Advocacy Day 2014 will be held March 24th and 25th. AMTA would like for a larger music therapy contingent to be in attendance this year and will be sharing registration information with the membership in the coming month. 7. Plans for 2014 include continued networking with comparable professions in an effort to build support for state recognition efforts.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEGAN RESIG

DISCUSSION:	Public Relations mission is to support membership. The MAR booth at National Conference featured regional music therapists' work. The PR committee is working actively on improving the MAR website. Looking for PR committee volunteers. Email M. Resig at maramtapublicrelations@gmail.com if you are interested.
CONCLUSION:	None.

ACTION ITEMS:	Contact M. Resig if you are interested in serving on the PR committee.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

I. STUDENT AFFAIRS NICOLE HAHNA FOR CONIO LORETTO AND MEAGAN BAKEY

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Region News: After an extensive search and application process (that included an increased number of applicants), the Jenny Shin Memorial Scholarship was awarded to three deserving students at the MAR regional conference in Scranton. Congratulations to: Kallie Enser (Nazareth College), Melinda Korte (Marywood University), and Cassandra Summers (Elizabethtown College). A few changes were made to the MARMATS Executive Board. The current slate of officers is as follows: President, Logan Everhart - SUNY Fredonia. Previous President Ashley Taylor changed her major out of Music Therapy, which did not allow her to continue to hold the position. The MARAMTS Board is extremely grateful to Ashley for her efforts in ensuring a smooth transition for President Elect Logan Everhart, who assumed the Presidency at the Summer Business Meeting. Logan's promotion to President will leave the President Elect position open until the MAR regional conference next year. Vice President: Meaghan Bakey – Duquesne University. The Board sadly accepted the resignation of previous Vice President Nicole Dadey, at which time a review of nominated candidates was carried out and current Vice President Meaghan was appointed. Secretary: Alicia Drexel - Molloy College. Treasurer: Brooke Pantalena - Shenandoah University. Government Relations Chair: Kayla McNamara – Marywood University. Parliamentarian: Kara Whipple – Shenandoah University. Student Affairs Advisor: Conio Loretto, MS, MT-BC, LCAT – The Center for Discovery.</p> <p>2. The MARAMTS Executive Board held their Summer Business Meeting in early August at The Center for Discovery in Harris, NY. A lot of ground was covered during the meeting, including the transferring of responsibilities to new Board members. The Board met again in mid-September with chapter representatives from around the region at Elizabethtown College. At the meeting, many decisions were made for the year, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fund raising plans – i.e. lanyards and bumper stickers · Naming of the Fender Music Foundation as the organization to benefit from the canning fund raiser held at regional conference · The formation of a committee to explore the needs of graduate students within the region (how they are similar and different from those of undergraduate students), with a goal of increasing the participation of graduate students in MARAMTS · Participation of student representatives on the regional conference planning committee (invited by the professional MAR Board) · Student Service Project will once again occur, bringing Music Therapy students to a facility in the area of the regional conference (Buffalo, NY – Spring 2014). <p>Additionally, SUNY New Paltz reinstated its Music Therapy Club and had representatives at the meeting.</p>
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	<p>3. Passages 2013: PEACE, LOVE & MUSIC THERAPY This year's Passages Conference for MAR's students and new professionals was held on October 5, 2015 at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Center at The Center for Discovery. Just short of 100 conference attendees participated. Co-chairs for the event were new professional Ashley Bonilla, MT-BC and SUNY Fredonia student Liz Anstead. Both worked hard to create an exciting conference program, which included a keynote speaker (Eric Wills of the Jamaica Field Service Project) and a number of very diverse concurrent sessions. Added this year was an optional visit to the Museum at Bethel Woods, the site of the original Woodstock concert. As such, the conference was aptly named "Peace – Love - Music Therapy."</p> <p>4. 2013- 2014 Scholarships Once again this year, the MAR and MARAMTS will be awarding scholarships to students and interns in the region.</p> <p>Scholarships to be awarded, together with their deadlines are:</p> <p>Sophomore Scholarship – November 15, 2013 Junior Scholarship – November 15, 2013 Graduate Scholarship – November 15, 2013 Music Therapy Club Award – December 6, 2013 Jenny Shinn Scholarship – January 24, 2014</p> <p>MAR-AMTS Vice President Report Meaghan Bakey</p> <p>5. Can still purchase fundraising items online.</p> <p>6. Will be raising money for the Fender Music Foundation at the Buffalo conference.</p> <p>7. Service project will be Women & Children's Hospital in Buffalo.</p> <p>5. Water bottles and mugs will be sold online. New fundraiser will be lanyards and bumper stickers (design to be determined).</p> <p>9. Looking at adding Graduate chapter representative or Graduate position on the executive board.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

J. HISTORIAN

JULIE NEAL

DISCUSSION:	MAR does not currently have a historian. If you are interested in being historian contact J. Neal. Carol Schultis, past historian, is willing to share information regarding this position.
CONCLUSION:	MAR is in need of a historian.

ACTION ITEMS:	Contact J. Neal if you are interested in being the regional historian.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

K. ARCHIVIST

JULIE NEAL FOR PHIL MAUSKAPF

DISCUSSION:	No new report.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

L. FINANCES

BROOKE CARROLL

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Account balances (as of November 18, 2013):</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Conference</td> <td>\$3000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating Budget</td> <td>\$103,420.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Passages</td> <td>\$1.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students</td> <td>\$7,389.20</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Assembly members, executive board, and national committee representatives are eligible for reimbursement if they attend all meetings.</p>	Conference	\$3000	Operating Budget	\$103,420.11	Passages	\$1.51	Students	\$7,389.20
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ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.								
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:									

IV. AMTA COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Programs Re-Approved: <i>pending documentation of official NASM re-accreditation</i></p> <p>Immaculata University - Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy, Master of Arts in Music Therapy</p> <p>Slippery Rock University - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy</p> <p>Colorado State University - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, Master of Music in Music Therapy</p> <p>Utah State University - Bachelor of Science in Music Therapy</p> <p>Eastern Michigan University - Bachelor of Music Therapy</p> <p>University of Kansas - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, Master of Music in Music Therapy</p> <p>University of Missouri, Kansas City - Bachelor of Arts with Emphasis in Music Therapy, Master of Arts in Music Therapy</p> <p>New York University</p> <p>Berkeley</p> <p>University of Alabama</p> <p>2. Initial Program Approval</p> <p>Colorado State University - Master of Music in Music Therapy, Distance Learning Program</p>
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	<p>3. 12 Programs are currently under review</p> <p>4. APAC consults all year long with program directors regarding program development, curriculum changes, preparing for AMTA approval. Currently considering giving a concurrent session or CMTE on academic & clinical training program development and incorporating the AMTA Standards for Education & Clinical Training for all educators.</p> <p>5. Application forms are being revised.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

B. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

NINA GALERSTEIN

DISCUSSION:	Currently building connections with affiliate organizations. Holding a competition to get the most non-music therapist presentations at conference. Email blast will have more information.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Email blast will be sent.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	N. Galerstein

C. AMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BRIAN ABRAMS

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. Board has been meeting since Tuesday. B. Abrams encouraged members to consider a board position on the AMTA board. Motion was presented at AMTA business meeting, for appointing vice president elect. The board is in agreement that moving an appointed person to an elected position on the board is not fulfilling democratic process. Rationale for new motion does not allow membership's option to have a vote. B. Abrams presented a motion that coincides with MAR region's bylaws. B. Abrams encouraged attendance at business meeting. An increase in dues was presented and approved by the assembly. In 2015 a \$15 increase will occur for professional members.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

2. ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIP APPROVAL

MATT PHILIPS

DISCUSSION:	<p>1. From the National Committee: 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.</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Remember to send in all internship paperwork – the Annual Report, acceptance letters, and site evaluations to the AIAC representative. 3. The Competency Task Force presented their work to the Assembly of Delegates during this conference. Pay attention to changes in the AMTA Professional Competencies. This will affect competency-based clinical training. 4. You do NOT want to miss next year's CMTE! <p>REGIONAL REPORT TERI MCMANUS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Total National Roster Internship Sites in MAR: 32 Currently Active: 28 Currently Inactive: 4 Total Closed in the past 12 months: 1 Newly Approved in the past 12 months: 2 6. The CMTE for Intern Development and Supervision was presented by T. McManus at the Scranton MAR conference. It was well attended (36 enrolled) and the interest was in both developing the internship and in supervision. 7. T. McManus thanks the membership for many years of allowing her to serve on this committee. She also thanked Matthew Phillips for taking on this role.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

8. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Laurie Keough & Clare Arezina

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional report: In addition to conference CMTEs, sponsored 4 CMTEs throughout the region in 2013 2. New job share roles: <i>Laurie Keough</i>- lead coordination, national representation, coordination of regionally sponsored CMTEs, assist Clare with conference CMTE coordination <i>Clare Arezina</i> - coordinating regional conference CMTEs Regional in Buffalo; Call for papers ended on Sunday 3. National report: 29 CMTEs, 4 institutes 8 advocacy workshops across us this year AMTA offering on-line CMTEs 4. CBMT visit: have noticed an increase trend in multiple presenters; all presenters need to be on the same topic and addressing the same learning objectives
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	5. Lisa Swanson and Victoria Vega are stepping down at the end of the December.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION

MEGAN RESIG

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Significant discussion about the enormity of the two areas of concentration in this committee – workforce development and employment retention. 2. Issues related to retention: (5800 CBMT current recipients – AMTA current membership 2100) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of AMTA membership • Cost of conference attendance • Cost of/access to health insurance • Lack of advancement opportunities • Lack of benefits – retirement plans, etc. • Low salaries • Feeling powerless to influence/affect change • Gender inequity • Helping professionals – finding it difficult to self-advocate 3. We request that the Board of Directors create a Public Relations committee to create a unified image and craft the message and vision of AMTA to both its members and the community.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	We request that the AMTA Board of Directors create a Public Relations committee to create a unified image and craft the message and vision of AMTA to both its members and the community.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	AMTA

10. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MARIA FAY

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

11. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FLOSSIE IERARDI

DISCUSSION:	Global perspective session will be this afternoon, by 14 presenters. This will highlight service opportunities that have occurred. 40th Conference of the Canadian Association for Music Therapy will be June 23-24, 2014 in Toronto, Canada. For more info email info.musictherapy2014@bell.net . The 3rd
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	<p>International Conference of the International Association for Music & Medicine: Music Medicine Through the Lifespan is June 24-27, 2014 in Toronto, Canada. For more info visit http://www.iammcanada.com. The 14th World Congress of Music Therapy is July 6-12, 2014 in Vienna/Krems, Austria. For more information visit www.musictherapy2014.org.</p> <p>Brian Abrams was involved in Ecuador initiative service project calling for students and professionals. Looking at establishing MT as profession. Thanks SER for donating \$500 toward today's sessions. Suggested international student support meetings/tables at regional conferences and state meetings.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

12. JUDICIAL REVIEW

EVELYN SELESKY

DISCUSSION:	Met yesterday. No grievances under review.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

13. MEMBERSHIP

ANITA GADBERRY

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met yesterday and today. Membership has an action plan. We have 6,000 certified music therapists. About 2000 are members of AMTA. This is a large number compared to most trade associations. Will focus on support of membership. AMTA website, "what is AMTA" lists benefits of membership. Stressed the community you get from being a member. To increase awareness we will try new hashtag for twitter and possibly YouTube videos and Pinterest. Will be doing call drive. Student numbers continue to increase. 2. Ethics committee does not directly support you if you are not a member of AMTA. This is a discussion between AMTA and CBMT. Reasons for lack of membership is being investigated. More information needs to be disseminated to music therapists who are not connected to the music therapy community. 3. There is another level of membership known as "inactive". You get all benefits of dues, except journal. Discussed: Has CBMT been looking at independent certified body, similar to ASHA? 4. Starting the culture of being a member as a student is important. B. Abrams asked if there was a systematic way to present concerns. It was suggested to direct concerns to AMTA office or board of directors. K. O'Grady shared that historically have not had many applicants to AMTA scholarships. G. Ritter suggested advocating scholarships through state organizations. D. Polen suggested that disgruntled individuals will not want to talk to AMTA. Need to make changes in order to value membership. T. Winter suggested to decrease membership price during month of February, MT month. M. Resig said cost of membership is not large compared to other professionals. However, MT's salary is smaller.
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	With committee shift we are planning to intentionally build community.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

14. PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

NOAH POTVIN FOR LEAH OSWANSKI

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two main issues the committee looked at this week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of transparency. Not enough information being sent to regional community. • Streamline communication. Cloud-based spreadsheet detailing the report of issues. Big issues have been seen in Hospice, with individuals saying there is a MT but there is not. Tasked to maintain communication through presentation. 2. Free CMTE offered about self assessments and misrepresentation. Regionally, committee will be doing presentation each year. 3. Rarely do reports come in about successful advocacy; therefore it is encouraged to do so.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Members are encouraged to submit successful stories of advocacy.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	Membership

15. REIMBURSEMENT

JULIE NEAL FOR SUSAN KNECHTEL

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional conference presentations were well received and the committee plans to provide sessions at the 2014 conferences. 2. Music therapy is now recognized within Colorado's Workers' Compensation TBI Guidelines and in Texas' Youth Empowerment Waiver in the Houston area. 3. Wisconsin members have been actively working to maintain music therapy state funding coverage for individuals diagnosed with autism. Efforts have increased recognition of the quality of music therapy research, but more advocacy is needed from constituents to insure coverage continues. 4. ICD-10 will be implemented in October 2014. AMTA National Office staff is exploring resources to assist members with the transition. 5. AMTA National Office staff is developing language for members to utilize as state exchange programs are implemented in 2014, to advocate for coverage of music therapy services. 6. AMTA continues communication efforts with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, seeking revisions to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) manual that will clarify music therapy documentation in Skilled Nursing Facilities.
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	<p>7. Goals for 2014:</p> <p>Outreach to Case Managers Society of America (CMSA) to provide music therapy information during CMSA state or regional meetings.</p> <p>Development of one page support documents that include diagnosis specific research outcomes and citations to assist with reimbursement efforts.</p> <p>Encourage members to utilize resources on AMTA website; encourage non-members to join AMTA to receive access to reimbursement documents; and support professional ethics within discussions and sharing of reimbursement information when using social media.</p>
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

16. RESEARCH

TONY MEADOWS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gene Ann Behren and Joke Bradt are on research committee. Acknowledged Gene Ann Behren's service. Wendy Magee received research award. Research track was well received. National committee has now used the MAR 2014 research track and has been finalized. This year the focus is on regional members: Mike Viega and John Carpentre. Thanks to Mike Viega for highlighting the research track. National research committee will focus on collaborative research. Looking to put together a CMTE writing workshop for those interested in writing research. B. Abrams congratulated T. Meadows for winning the Flagler Fultz Research Fund for 2013.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

17. SPECIAL TARGET POPULATIONS

CLAIRE GHETTI

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Special Target Populations Committee hosted the Networking sessions on Friday at the conference. Thanks to Twitter and Facebook advertisements people were present even prior to the end of the Business Meeting. Please continue to join in networking with music therapists and share your ideas. We would love to have this content for each population/setting along with any other ideas that you have for what networking structures would be supportive for you:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. List of music therapists working with each population B. Mentors for music therapists working with each population C. Speakers to represent music therapists working with each population D. Newsletter for music therapists working with each population E. Information from clients and significant others related to music therapy with each population F. Helpful resources for music therapists working with each population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bibliography, discography, videography, weblinks b) Government relations issues of special importance to each population G. Continuing Education opportunities for each population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Specialty trainings b) Upcoming conferences – for attendance or for proposals for a music therapist to present c) International involvement with each population d) Grant resources e) Population-specific Facebook and Twitter groups
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

18. STANDARDS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE

ROBERT MILLER

DISCUSSION:	The committee met this year. Small changes were presented and passed by assembly. Referral, acceptance, and assessment were reviewed. Several small changes were passed. Facebook has allowed for increased sharing of ideas, questions, and concerns.
CONCLUSION:	Several small changes were passed in assembly meeting.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

19. STUDENT AFFAIRS

NICOLE HAHNA FOR CONIO LORETTO

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

20. TECHNOLOGY

MATTHEW PHILLIPS

DISCUSSION:	The technology committee maintains a list of members who are technology specialists. The committee discussed on-going maintenance of the list and increasing its visibility and accessibility for the membership. Priorities for the clinical application of technology were identified and include iPads, Android tablets, smart instruments and obtaining funding to purchase technology hardware. The committee also discussed plans for the 2014 AMTA conference including concurrent sessions, vendors, and the possibility of a
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	tech meet-up.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

V. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nina Galerstein: conference in Buffalo will have yard sale. Bring items you want to give away or sell. You will keep profit. 2. Karen Jasko: silent auction will need donations and door prizes. Early bird registration is coming soon. You will need a special license, \$26, to have an exhibit table. 3. B. MacLean will donate her yard sale proceeds to AMTS.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	Silent auction needs donations and door prizes.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	Membership.

VI. GOOD AND WELFARE

DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Neal: S. Kinechtal was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. 2. Acknowledged Jim Borling for his Professional Practice Award. 3. Acknowledged Barb McLean, for her incredible guidance, support, and knowledge. 4. Keep Kathy Murphy in your prayers as she was not able to be here due to family illness. 5. Undergraduate research award went to a student in the region, Monica Caluda. 6. Purchases can be made at Amazon.com through the AMTA website. This will give a 5% donation to AMTA. 7. B. Abrams acknowledged the great work of President Julie Neal.
CONCLUSION:	None.
ACTION ITEMS:	None indicated.
PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	

VII. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN:	J. Neal; motion carries.
MEETING CLOSED:	9:18am
NEXT MEETING:	Regional conference, April 2014, Buffalo, NY