



<p>DRAFT</p> <p>MAR Membership Business Meeting</p> <p>Fall Meeting</p> <p>Virtual Platform</p>		
MINUTES	<p>Sunday, January 8, 2023 7:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>MAR-AMTA Membership Business Meeting Fall Meeting Virtual Platform</p>
MEETING CALLED BY	Bob Miller, <i>President</i>	
TYPE OF MEETING	MAR Membership Fall Business Meeting	
FACILITATOR	Bob Miller, <i>President</i>	
NOTE TAKER	Lauren Stoner, <i>Recording Secretary</i>	
PRESENT	<p>Bob Miller, President Beth Deyermond, Immediate Past President; Audrey Hausig, President Elect; Tim Doak, VP for Conference Planning; Donna Polen, Assembly Chair; Tatyana Martin, Government Relations Elect Stephenie Sofield, Government Relations Chair; Clarissa Lacson, VP for Membership Mark Ahola, Newsletter Editor; Historian; Liz Stevenson, Parliamentarian Amanda Montera, Treasurer; Lauren Stoner, Recording Secretary</p>	
ABSENT	<p>Cheyenna Eagle, Public Relations; Mary Holiday, Continuing Education; Mel Srolovitz, Assistant Editor <i>Vacant , Treasurer Elect</i> Janet Spink, Archivist Ian Vereen, VP of Conference Planning Elect Meghan Smith, Student Affairs Advisor</p>	
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order January 8, 2023 at 7pm	

I. Shared Agreements		
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speak honestly. 2. Believe people if they voice that they have been harmed. <p>The MAR EB acknowledges the stark difference between: 1) legitimate harm, which elicits and compounds the trauma of lifetimes and generations of oppression; and 2) feelings of discomfort, which may result from being held accountable for causing harm. We acknowledge that likening the two is oppressive and unethical.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Have a moment of reflexivity and consider “Why am I saying this?” before speaking. 4. Be aware of time. 5. Leave room for other voices. 	
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II. Housekeeping/Procedures	
DISCUSSION	<p><i>President</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Call to Order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob called the meeting to order January 8, 2023 at 7pm B. Welcome <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happy New Year. Welcome to the general business meeting. This is one that we meant to do at the end of the year and then it overlapped with so many things and honestly on my end I was bad about getting communication out for it, so we just postponed it for a couple of weeks. So thank you for being here tonight at the start of 2023. C. Be aware of how the chat is being used. Use the raise hand function if you would like to speak. Try to not have conversations in the chat.

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III. Approval of Draft Agenda		
DISCUSSION	<p>Motion: Beth D. moved to approve the agenda. Bob M stated this did not need a second. Motion Passed.</p> <p>Tim D. asked and clarification was offered that voting will be completed by the general membership.</p>	
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IV. Approval of Consent Agenda		
DISCUSSION	<p>Approval of Consent Agenda . 1.8.23 Consent Agenda MAR Membership Business Meeting</p> <p>Motion: Tim D. moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Liz S.</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i> Members indicated that they were not able to see the minutes. "Anyone with the link can view." A new link was offered. Members were agreeable to move forward with the vote. Motion passed.</p>	
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V. Executive Board Officers' Reports		
DISCUSSION	<p>A. President - Bob Miller</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I don't have a lot. I have been giving general updates from AMTA. There is not a lot that has happened most recently since AMTA updated in November. In general, it is transitioning away from the chief restructuring manager and shifting toward making other changes. They are putting positions out. We are waiting for new updates at the start of the year. 2. I know we are getting ready for the conference really soon. It will get busy, but hang on and let's go! 	

B. President-Elect - Audrey Hausig

1. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. We are in discourse analysis using the 16 characteristics of white supremacy by Tema Okun and applying this to the constitution and bylaws
2. Combining the constitution and bylaws into one document
 1. Donna P. did the majority of this on her own with her breadth of knowledge. They are now in one document.
 2. Rationale for combining the 2 documents
 1. offered (stated below)
 2. We would like to ask to vote early, so we would vote on voting early related to the combination of the two documents.
 1. We normally only vote on the constitution and bylaws at the regional meeting per the constitution and bylaws. But we would like to vote early to combine and then the other changes we would make (that are needed) would start from there (the combined document) at the regional meeting. Otherwise we are looking at the 2 huge documents and trying to determine what's what.

Motion: The Constitution and Bylaws committee moves to have the membership vote on a change to the Constitution and Bylaws both in January 2023 as well as in March 2023 at the regional conference. The January vote will be limited to voting on whether or not to consolidate the Constitution into the Bylaws.

Rationale: To avoid voting on both consolidation and other changes, which could be confusing both for voters and for the work of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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3. Thank you Donna for writing the rationale and helping with finding that part of the constitution
4. Clarity: If we vote yes to have an early vote today then we would send the proposed changes out which is a merged document and everyone would have 2 weeks to look at that, and then we would send out electronic ballots out after those 2 weeks. The results would need to be shared with the membership sooner than the Regional Meeting via email and social media.
 1. Discussion:
 1. Barb MacLean: Do we have quorum? They would need to be AMTA members for the beginning of the year. I'm going to assume that

we do not. We could have the membership vote on this. The membership was not told that at this meeting this issue would come up; therefore we couldn't vote on it anyway.

1. Audrey: It was shared in the Fall Newsletter and was also sent out in a separate email.
2. Barb: "Without quorum we cannot vote; and, I am guessing we don't have quorum, but what you could do is send out that we want to change that we want to combine the documents. We could get that sent out to the members with the rationale. I don't know if it has to be at a meeting. I have to look into it more for that. Because just combining them doesn't change the constitution things or any of the bylaws things, so that doesn't have to happen at the meeting. It can happen elsewhere. Like now or as soon as people join. But it has to be the members. And since I am talking a little about quorum, I noticed, I think it was last year when the results were sent out and quorum was listed. We had this many members there, this many voting board members and there was confusion there." She offered education about quorum. Offered the suggestion of putting the title names of the voting members of the board to offer clarity during voting on if quorum with board members are reached.
3. Kathy Murphy: "I never got any notification or email that we were going to be voting tonight and that is something I pay attention to." Discussed that the email situation should be looked into. Maybe also posting on the MAR Facebook Page

to let them know to check their email.

1. Bob M: Our practice has been when we send out an email to also post on the website, but we recognize that things are getting missed and it is important information.
4. Barbara Wheeler: Discussed that the ending date of membership might be flexible since it is the 8th day of the month. There may be a span where people still have their rights from the previous year. "I would question if it is only a member this year as few people might have joined at this point."
5. Liz: This seems to be the reason why we have our membership meeting not at the beginning of the year. I don't have an answer. However, we have already voted on several things, accepting the draft agenda; have voted to accept the consent agenda.
6. Barb: "I recognize that people have not become a member yet. But even if everyone in here was a member right now, we still don't have quorum. 30 members plus quorum of the board. I don't recall getting all the notices that you mentioned so I feel like membership did not get notice that there was going to be voting. As far as voting on the agenda and the consent agenda those are inconsequential and I wouldn't worry about that."
7. Cheryl Cotton: Would it be possible if you gave us a date before you send out that email on election process and then we can try to get as much quorum as possible by then. But give a date so we know when to pay; like how long would it

take to get the email for the elections out.

8. Tim D: Discussed the overlap for AMTA, we do have 30 participants
9. Beth D: We are getting away from what we are hoping to do. We wanted to cover our bases. We wanted the body to approve this going out, run it by everybody before we send it out. It is just getting approval to send it out to membership, not to actually merge the two documents together.
10. Kathy M: When I was on the AMTA, it was made very clear that December 31st was the cut off for the membership.
11. Clarissa L: It was my understanding that membership does end at the end of December. But, I have not received a list of membership.
12. Barb: "What you might want to do is when you send out the ballot to clarify who is eligible to vote and vote on the honor system. If we can't get the information any other way.
13. Discussion: Can you put the AMTA member number in? The member number doesn't change.
 1. Mark A: the ballots only go out to members, but there is a bit of an honor system. Always good to be aware of for sure.
14. Liz: It sounds like we are moving away from the question on the table- can we send this out? There is a motion on the table.
 1. Bob: while it was presented as a motion, it might just not actually be a motion, but information to be given. Because, content is not being changed, it is more editorial.

1. Liz: The bylaws don't say we can't vote at another time.

15. Barb: "I call the question now."

Vote on the motion: There was a question as to who could vote. If we do it in good faith that you are planning to update or have already.

Motion Passed.

Discussed emails and communication. MAR uses constant contact, which is different from what AMTA uses. Asked Mark if there are other ways to make sure people get the emails. Mark discussed that whatever email you use for AMTA is the email we use. Members can sign up through constant contact. There are people that receive our Newsletters and emails. Maybe in the next newsletter we can offer that way to subscribe.

C. Immediate Past-President - Beth Deyermond

1. Recent Special Election/Nominating Committee

1. Lora Robinson is going to be our next treasurer elect. She will finish out the remainder of the term (June 30th) then will transition into Treasurer position.
2. Committee will be meeting to plan dates for information meetings related to upcoming meetings.
 1. Executive board and assembly delegates positions will be up for election.
3. If you are interested in running, please reach out to us.
4. Be on the lookout for more information.

D. Secretary - Lauren Stoner

1. Nothing to report. Happy and safe New Year to everyone!

E. Vice President for Membership - Clarissa Lacson

1. Scholarships

1. Janet C Murphy Memorial Scholarship (payment for someone to attend the regional conference)
 1. This will be posted within the next week.
2. We are taking applications for the minoritized, under represented, racial minority student scholarship
 1. Slated to be awarded at the conference in March

2. Membership Committee on the National Level

1. We were working with the new AMTA Treasurer Leslie Henry to try to reduce the membership fee from 0-37%; introduce a sliding scale so people could choose the amount that fits with their situation
2. The above was presented to the Assembly and did not pass
 1. We are going to try to address some of the concerns that were brought up in that meeting this year and hopefully get a change to the membership fee structure that is more equitable and accessible for music therapists for the 2024 membership year.

2. Discussion: Kathy M: "I was at the meeting (assembly meeting) I want to commend Clarissa for maintaining her cool and calm and for listening to people and their concerns. You listened to people's concerns and that hasn't happened in a long time. "

F. VP for Conference Planning - Timothy Doak

1. We are in the thick of conference planning right now
2. Registration has opened.
3. We have one less month of planning - so timelines are short. Short window.
4. Conference Particulars
 1. We will be at Niagara Falls.
 2. It is an in person conference with some things on-line. It is not a hybrid conference.
 1. Sessions are recorded and then individuals can watch the sessions that are available after conference when they are made available
 1. This may take a little time due to editing and the time it takes to complete the task of putting them online.
 3. We increased registration by about 12%
 1. Due to increase of costs and where we are economically
 2. Early bird ends Feb 1st, register prior to Feb 1st to get early bird
 4. AMTA membership code
 1. We are not getting membership lists from AMTA due to limited staffing
 2. You will need to forward me the email that says you are an AMTA member and I can give you the code for registration
 5. COVID-19
 1. Masks and social distancing are optional, but encouraged
 2. You will not need to provide proof of vaccination/boosters
 3. We are going to keep the 3 tiered system (green, yellow, red)
 1. Green - good with high-fives, handshakes, hugging, whatnot
 2. Yellow: elbow taps
 3. Red: No contact
 4. We kept this in for individuals that just want personal space from others
 4. Increased hand sanitizers and cleaning procedures
 6. KeyNote and Opening Entertainment
 1. Jana Stanfield

1. She will also be providing a concurrent session- her version of songwriting

7. Highlights

1. 2 Preconference Institutes
2. 6 CMTEs
3. 50 concurrent sessions

8. 2024

1. Will be a virtual conference per our 3 year cycle

9. In person conferences moving forward

1. Looking at moving conferences to universities and colleges within the MAR region.

10. Discussion: Paula U. suggested that when talking about MAR membership to remind that this membership is also connected with AMTA membership so it is not confusing for people

G. Government Relations - Stephenie Sofield

1. Regionally

1. Delaware

1. No legislative activity

2. Maryland

1. Full new of Music Therapy License
2. About 140 licensed music therapists
3. They are working on writing their regulations and getting that ironed out

3. New Jersey

1. As of December, has the draft regulations for their license complete
2. Keep an eye out for any calls to action
3. They are busy continuing their social media advocacy campaign

4. New York

1. Preparing for a busy and ambitious legislative session
2. They are actively pursuing the music therapy license
 1. this is separate from the LCAT to provide wider protection for consumers in the state
 2. If you have questions about the differences, reach out to the task force
 1. It is important to understand why music therapy licensure is important.

5. Pennsylvania

1. Preparing for an extremely busy and ambitious legislative session
2. Keep an eye out for calls to action

6. Virginia

1. Meeting regularly with MAR Government Relations and the general GR teams for guidance on decisions regarding their regulations and reimbursement topics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. West Virginia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No legislative activity 8. If you have any questions about what is happening in your state you can reach out to me, Tatyana, or your state task forces <p>H. Assembly Report - Donna Polen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Assembly has met several times over that last few months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting in June 2. November 1st (update report from competency review task force) 3. December 5th (Report from DEI committee) DEI changed to AMTA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Justice Committee (DEIAJ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New structure: chair, chair elect, past chair (each one year term with a 1 year extension with committee approval) 2. Assembly discussions have been related to the financials; the lack of AMTA staff; and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Justice concerns 3. After the Assembly meeting where the new payment structure was voted down, there was an AMTA meeting the next day where the AMTA Treasurer Leslie H. (after working with the membership committee) and had all the answers to the questions and concerns that had been raised the night before. But, unfortunately the Assembly was not able to meet again by the end of the year to vote on that. It was disappointing, but we see this on the horizon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are grateful to the work of the membership committee and our new treasurer Leisie H. 4. At the meeting tonight, we have 7 members of the regional delegation <p>I. Public Relations - Cheyenna Eagle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob reported that she was not able to attend, but that she is looking at getting some more promotional items like guitar picks and things to use. <p>J. Student Affairs - Meghan Smith (not present)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No report <p>K. Historian - Mark Ahola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing to report 2. I elected to step down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob M. thanked him for continuing to help out as we look for people to fill the role. <p>L. Archivist - Janet Spink (Not present)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing to report <p>M. Finances - Amanda Montera (Not present)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob M. reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The budget has been voted on for the year 2. We continue to be in good standing 	
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VI. Committee Reports

DISCUSSION

- A. Academic Program Approval - Hannah Bush
 - a. APAC has continued on
 - b. Both co-chairs stepped down January 1st
 - c. Discussion: Donna P: "Are the co-chairs staying on the committee or leaving the committee all together?"
 - i. It is Hannah's understanding that they left the committee completely.
- B. ICRC - Laurie Keough
 - a. Nothing new to report
- C. Association Internship Approval - Susan Glaspell
 - a. Not present
- D. CHADI -
 - a. Nothing to report as this committee is on hold, no members
- E. Clinical Practice Networking - Sarah Biedka
 - a. Not present
- F. Continuing Education - Mary Holliday
 - a. Not present
- G. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion -
 - a. Now DEIAJ
 - b. Members all stepped down at the end of last year.
- H. Government Relations - Stephenie Sofield
 - a. Nothing to report; no updates
- I. International Relations - Arlene Witt
 - a. Report was emailed to Bob M. but the pages were incompatible with Bob's computer. He will follow up.
- J. Judicial Review Board - Leah Oswanski
 - a. Not present
- K. Membership - Clarissa Lacson
 - a. Updated information given previously in the meeting and documented above.
- L. Public Relations - Cheyenna Eagle
 - a. Not present
- M. Professional Advocacy - Michelle Muth
 - a. Not present
- N. Reimbursement - Shelby Reynolds
 - a. Not present
- O. Research - Kathy Murphy
 - a. Offered an apology for not getting information about the research poster session and research grant out to the membership in a timely manner
 - i. We extended the deadlines
 1. Research Poster extended from December to this Friday
 2. Grant was extended for a month

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feb 6th is deadline b. if you are interested in an application email Kathy b. I am having difficulty communicating with the webmaster c. I am organized and back on track now. d. We have a research track for the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2 presentation DEIAJ research topics ii. 2 grant winners presentation iii. Concurrent sessions e. The National Committee has not met. <p>P. Standards of Clinical Practice - Scott Horowitz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Not present <p>Q. Technology - Tracy Souhrada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Not present <p>Bob M stated that any reports that come his way, will be passed along and that he will follow up with the committees. There may be more updated in March as we get to the conference</p>	
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VII. Old Business		
DISCUSSION	None discussed	
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VIII. New Business		
DISCUSSION	None presented	
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IX. Good and Welfare

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Clarissa Lacson is now a doctor. Congratulations to Clarissa! B. Kathy M: I want to give a huge shout out to Tim and the conference committee in acknowledgement of all the work that they have had to do given the shorter time frame. I also wanted to thank the accommodations made for those of us who have physical challenges during the last conference. Tim went above and beyond. C. Bob M. The board sent a statement of appreciation to Dr. Myers-Coffman for all the work they did in the national and regional setting. Statement was read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We the members of the MAR AMTA Executive board wish to express our deep appreciation for all that you have done for the service of our profession over the past several years. We thank you for your recent work on analyzing vast amounts of data and articulating short, mid, and long term goals that hold our organizations accountable for creating change. We want to honor and recognize the abundance of emotional labor that you have given to MAR and AMTA in order to further anti-oppressive aims. We thank you for your previous work on the anti-sexual harassment committee and your current work on the anti-oppressive accountability adhoc committee. Your dedication to improving our association is inspirational. b. This was signed by the executive board and sent to Dr. Myers-Coffman and the National Board c. We want to take this time to acknowledge all of the work that Kate has done.
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X. Adjournment

DISCUSSION	<p>Motion: Tim D. Moved to end the meeting; Clarrisa L. seconded; Motion Passed Bob M., President adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm</p>
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MOTION TO ADJOURN	
MEETING CLOSED	Bob Miller, President, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.
NEXT MEETING	