



# *American Music Therapy Association*

## *Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter*

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### **MARAMTAS February Meeting**

February 19th, 2023 @6:00 PM via Zoom

#### **1. Opening Procedures**

- a. Call to Order, D. Shafranek
  - i. Meeting is called to order at 6:03 PM
- b. Roll Call, A. Baptiste
  - i. Dana Shafranek, President, *Present*
  - ii. Nina DeMilla, President Elect, *Present*
  - iii. Christina Kontogiannis, Vice President, *Present*
  - iv. Elise Kohler, Parliamentarian, *Present*
  - v. Anaya Baptiste, Secretary, *Present*
  - vi. Katelyn Yanovitch, Treasurer, *Present*
  - vii. Zacharia Arsalane, Government Relations, *Present*
  - viii. Nazarene Campodonico, Public Relations, *Not Present*
  - ix. Nicole Pinnella, Historian, *Present*
  - x. Meghan Smith, Student Affairs Advisor, *Present*
- c. Approval of Agenda, D. Shafranek

#### **2. Old Business**

- a. Swap Shop, E. Kohler
  - i. Over 6 schools participating (Elizabethtown, Fredonia, Nazareth, Radford, Shenandoah)
  - ii. Swap Shop committee arriving at 4:30 PM
    1. Welcome to help with set-up
    2. General attendance required for MARAMTS Executive Board
  - iii. Action Point: Ask permission to record event and place on social media highlights
  - iv. Action Point: Email VP of Conference Planning for electric keyboard
- b. Fundraising, K. Yanovitch
  - i. Krispy Kreme order form deadline: Saturday, February 25th, 11:59 PM
    1. Will extend deadline of quota not reached
    2. Spread the word amongst MAR music therapy clubs
    3. Vouchers now available for use in Connecticut
  - ii. Bonfire
    1. To push on social media after Krispy Kreme ends
    2. No end date to fundraiser
    3. Action Point: Check with N. Campodonico to create Instagram story poll



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- c. MARAMTAS Gives Back, Z. Arsalane
  - i. Lack of responses through email
  - ii. Payment will now be sent through PayPal only
  - iii. No need for a harsh deadline
  - iv. Action Point: Speak to MAR treasurer about alternative method without PayPal account (e.g., receiving check at conference)
- d. Poster Project, N. Pinnella
  - i. Email sent out to chapter representatives
  - ii. Response Deadline: Friday, February 24th
  - iii. Possibility to bring in posters from last year
- e. Student Conference Planning Chair, M. Smith
  - i. Voting procedures/By-Laws
  - ii. Visibility: Instagram post and email regarding new position
  - iii. Action Point: Discuss bylaw changes and specifics with E. Kohler
- f. Elections, M. Smith
  - i. Running for re-election: N. DeMilta and Z. Arsalane
  - ii. MARAMTS Conference Booth: Place the nomination form and role description in table
    - 1. Action Point: Add nomination form to Linktree
  - iii. Those nominated not attending the conference must be at the Spring Business Meeting (online), thus needing to reach out to an executive board member for the Zoom link
  - iv. Requires another professional or two executive members to count votes due to M. Smith running
  - v. Action Point: Create form to submit speech, includes general information about school and why they want to run (for accessibility)
- g. Booth, D. Shafranek
  - i. Sign-up for booth
  - ii. Printed materials at booth: Bylaws changes, MARAMTS Guide, Bonfire, Instagram, Diversity & Inclusion form, E-Board roles, MARAMTS Gives Back
  - iii. Action Point: Type bylaws and send to M. Smith
- h. Scholarships, M. Smith
  - i. Now to offer 2 membership scholarships and 1 student scholarship
  - ii. Still offering 2 Music Therapy Club Awards
- i. Student Affairs Advisor Nomination and Election, M. Smith
  - i. One person reached out who is interested
- j. Welcome Packet, A. Baptiste



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- i. To include elections, role descriptions, and chapter representative Google form
  - ii. Action Point: Zoom links and agenda will be sent out by March 1st
    - 1. Agenda Draft 1 by February 26th
  - iii. Action Point: Send out by March 2nd
  - k. Action Items List for next Eboard, M. Smith
    - i. Moving towards anonymized voting
    - ii. Virtual voting (prior to conference)
    - iii. Passages
    - iv. More membership scholarships
    - v. Creating a hotel room share/carpool
    - vi. MARAMTS Gives Back
    - vii. HS advocacy
    - viii. Bonfire
  - l. HS Advocacy, D. Shafranek
    - i. Hs event at conference
    - ii. Doing Zoom presentation to users in the region on April 29th at noon
    - iii. Let D. Shafranek know if a high school would be interested.
  - m. Spring Business Meeting, D. Shafanek
    - i. Action Point: Do not forget to write up officer reports (from FBM onward)
      - 1. Action Point: Send a blank report template to chapter representatives
  - n. Conference Reminders, D. Shafranek
    - i. Executive Board Dinner and Student Executive Board Meeting - March 8th
    - ii. Required Events: SLA, Opening Procedures, Business Meetings, Swap Shop, Awards Ceremony
- 3. Good & Welfare**
- 4. Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM