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ndMAR-AMTS Meeting Summer Business Meeting

Sunday, Jul 20, 2024 @8:00am via Zoom

- Opening Procedures
 - Call to order N. Call to Order, N. Campodonico 8:05 am
 - Roll Call, R. Douglass 8:06am
 - Nazarene Campodonico, President (Present)
 - Elizabeth Weaver, President Elect (Present)
 - Zacharia Aarsalane, Vice President (Present)
 - Lizzie Pearson, Parliamentarian (Absent)
 - Ryley Douglass, Secretary (Present)
 - Sailor Derito, Treasurer (Present)
 - Rhonda Fenkner, Government Relations (Present)
 - Julia LaBianca, Public Relations (Present)
 - Jessica Tassej, Historian (Present)
 - Megan Kidby, Student Conference Planning Chair (Absent)
 - Meghan Smith, MA, MT-BC, Student Affairs Advisor (Present)
 - Approval of Agenda, N. DeMilta (Present)
 - Review of Robert's Rules of Order, M. Smith 8:08am
 - Motion to change the agenda (N.C. Second, Z.A. R.F.)
 - Robert's Rules of Order Guide
 - Approval of Agenda, N. Campodonico 8:13am
 - Read through the agenda and what we will be doing
 - Motion to approve agenda N.C. Second Z.A. R.F.
 - Reading and Approval of Minutes, R. Douglass
 - Motion to skip by N.C, second R.D., Z.A.
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- 1. Officer Reports (8:14am)**
- a. President Report, N. Campodonico 8:14am
 - b. President Elect Report, E. Weaver 8:15am
 - c. Vice President Report, Z. Aarsalane 8:17am
 - d. Parliamentarian Report, L. Pearson 8:18am
 - i. Motion to skip N.C. (Second R.D, E.W.)
 - e. Secretary Report, R. Douglass 8:19am
 - f. Treasurer Report, S. Derito 8:20am
 - g. Government Relations Report, R. Fenkner 8:20am
 - h. Public Relations, J. LaBianca 8:21am



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- i. Historian Report, J. Tassej 8:22am
 - j. Student Conference Planning Chair Report, M. Kidby 8:23am
 - i. Motion to skip, N.C. (R.F., Z.A.)
 - k. Student Affairs Advisor Report, M. Smith 8:24am
- 2. Executive Board Business 8:24am**
- a. Review of Budget and Finances, S. Derito 8:24
 - i. Motion to table N.C, second R.F. Z.A.
 - b. Bylaws and Revisions, L. Pearson
 - i. Motion to Table N.C. Second, R.F, Z.A.
 - c. Timeline of Duties for the Year, E. Weaver
 - i. Send out a list to each person what they need to do in a set of months,
 - d. Chapter Rep Contact Information, R. Douglass
 - i. CC Meghan on the emails to schools that don't communicate
 - e. General Housekeeping, N. Campodonico
 - i. Confirm all members have access to shared drive
 - ii. E-board communication expectations
 1. Set 15 minutes a week for MAR-AMTS things where you check your email and work on things.
 2. Overcommunication is important. if you think you are sending too many emails, you are sending just enough emails.
 3. A lot of what we do is a waterfall effect, so stay on top of it.
- 3. New Business 8:36**
- a. Chapter Rep Shared Drive, N. Campodonico
 - i. Just put on our radar. There is a shared drive for the chapter representatives, we have access to it.
 - b. AMTAS Updates, N. Campodonico
 - i. Passages
 1. Put out a call to presenters.
 2. Good opportunity to put yourself out there and improve presentation skills
 - ii. Scholarships
 1. Scholarships out there for applications.
 - iii. Committees
 1. No new information
 - iv. President's Challenge



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1. No new information
- c. AMTA/MAR Updates, M. Smith/Z. Arsalane 8:38am
 - i. AMTA has had a lot of issues in the past couple of years. MAR region is doing very well, although there was a delay in getting someone into the role of conference planning. There is a risk that there might not be an in person conference next year.
 - ii. Possibly a hybrid conference, 1 day in person, 2 days online, maybe a totally virtual conference, 3 days at a university. There is a push for a university to host the conference.
 - iii. Hopefully a plain language summary will be shared to students. We will have to push for passages to be a big deal because we might not have an in person conference this year. Since conference planning is a role for a single person, it is A LOT of work for one person.
 1. Reframing: It is important for all of us to remain representative of MAR-AMTA, even though it is disappointing. There hasn't been an AMTA conference, so it is great that we are having a conference in general. "If you can't get out of it, get into it." How can we make a virtual conference exciting?
 - iv. We numerically matched/surpassed Niagara Falls.
 - v. Start thinking about things to make the conference fun while it is virtual, if we are anticipating a virtual conference.
- d. Student Participation and Planning, N. Campodonico 8:48
 1. Under our board we have committees. President and President Elect sit in on all the committees, so if anyone needs help, they are available
 - ii. Describe committee responsibilities
 1. Swap Shop: coming up with ideas of it, a theme and communicating with schools.
 2. MAR-AMTS gives back, headed by gov't relations. Researching and fundraising for an organization.
 3. Historian committee, in charge of keeping records
 4. Regional project committee: reaching out to highschoools to give presentations for advocacy
 5. Fundraising committee, planning events to fundraise
 6. Diversity, equity, and inclusion committee, making systems more accessible for students across the region.
 - iii. Ideas for gaining more student involvement



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1. There is NO student involvement, possibly make an instagram graphic to help share engagement.
2. R. Fenknker, there should be clarification with our schools so representatives can keep everything on their radar. How can they budget out more/less for schools to spend on conferences?
 - a. Getting the plain language summary and sending it right to reps. Send with an announcement that Passages is in person. OVER COMMUNICATE.
- e. Fall Newsletter, J. LaBianca 8:55am
 - i. Add student highlights. One form for students to send their fun music therapy experiences into the newsletter.
- f. Plan for Fall Business Meeting, M. Smith
 - i. Meeting in the fall, so far. Virtual and with chapter representatives. Likely in October, possibly November.
 - ii. Fall business meetings are to get chapter reps on the same page, get them on board with everything so they can communicate with the school.
 - iii. Pair up social activity, like a fun little side-quest for the chapter representatives.
 - iv. Fall business meeting at passages? It is possible! It used to be paired with Passages! MAR used to cover hotel rooms for every chapter representative.
- g. Passages, M. Smith 9:04am
 1. Likely good to go for in person Passages.
 2. For the fall business meeting: likely want to see when the chapter reps are driving. Host evening before or the evening after passages.
 3. FREE one day conference. Planned by student affairs and conference planning. For students and young professionals. Ask around for people who are super organized and love free conferences.
 4. Great conference to present at, share with people from your schools. A very receptive and forgiving audience. Passages featured presenters possibly could present at the regional conference.
 - ii. Date: (?)
 - iii. Theme (?)
 1. Open theme after the co chairs are selected.



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- iv. Hotel room share (?)
 - 1. In the past, people have reached out to help people share hotel rooms so they can save money.
- h. Regional Conference Updates, M. Smith (already covered earlier)
 - i. Virtual/in person?
 - ii. Student leadership academy
- i. Voting Procedures, M. Smith
 - i. Everything is different this year with anonymized voting. It is a much more equitable process.
 - ii. Everything is anonymous now, candidates will be “Candidate A” “Candidate B.” No speeches.
 - iii. MAR professional board changed to it a couple of years ago. It is a procedure that helps make it equitable.
- j. MARAMTS Guide, M. Smith 9:08am
 - i. Resources guide in the shared drive.
 - ii. Guide was made a couple of years ago. Pandemic era interrupted the flow of information from class to class. MARAMTS guide breaks down all the annual projects and traditions.
 - iii. Ask questions if you have them.
- k. Goal Setting and Brainstorming 9:10
 - i. Historian Committee, J. Tassej
 - 1. Goals for the term
 - a. Documenting what schools did during Covid.
 - b. Getting more people involved.
 - c. Highlight segment for each school. School’s history. Making the students feel more active in the MAR-AMTS board.
 - i. Spotlight on internship programs in the region. Interview directors and find highlights of the program. Helpful for people who are seeking internships in the area.
 - ii. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, E. Weaver
 - 1. Goals/tasks for term 9:13
 - a. Getting people for the community, creating an infographic for instagram. Reaching out to chapter representatives so they can share the information with the schools. Without student engagement, it is hard to get anything done.



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- iii. Regional Project, N. Campodonico
 - 1. High School Advocacy Project 9:15
 - a. Presentation for students that are already in college. Do a presentation specifically for community college students and students who are in a gap year. There are more ways to get into it than a traditional four year college.
 - 2. MARntor Program 9:17am
 - a. Connecting a new professional with a current intern or student. It allows students to gain knowledge about internships and the job search. Google form for students to get connected.
- iv. Fundraising, S. Derito
 - 1. Thoughts about increased region participation/ideas for fundraising
 - a. Selling guitar picks, stickers and mugs, virtual trivia night, virtual movie night.
 - 2. Overall goal
 - a. Reach out to chapter reps to brainstorm ideas. Include the chapter reps in the process, increasing participation in the region. Expanding the communities, so schools can get more comfortable with the region.
 - 3. People tend to not purchase things we are selling, especially when we gear fundraising to college students. Engage the professionals, open the donations to the scholarships.
 - 4. We also have Passages in person, coordinating sales with Passages.
- v. MARAMTAS Gives Back, R. Fenkner 9:22
 - 1. Brainstorm organizations/locations
 - a. Finding places in each state, try for an organization in a different state in PA.
 - b. Organizations with different populations. Sound of Saving (not specifically music therapy, but they do have goals in mind that are music therapy-related), in NY. Warrior Music Foundation, MD. Community music experiences. Easterseals, Southeastern PA.
- vi. Swap Shop, L. Pearson
 - 1. Ideas for new theme



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- a. Motion to skip, N.C (second E.W., J.L.)
 - vii. Social Media and Website, J. LaBianca
 - 1. Overall goals
 - a. Instagram takeover for each of the board members. What is your life like as a music therapy student?
 - b. Post on TikTok, finding music therapy advocacy. Advocate for music therapy through trends.
 - 2. E-board Bios/Pictures
 - a. Just waiting on everyone's bios, not too much of a rush.
- Move to add student affairs advisor nomination
M.S. (second N.C)
- 4. Student affairs advisor nominations 9:32am
 - a. M. Smith in last year of term. Spend time thinking about someone to nominate, they must be a professional, nominated by a school, in the Mid Atlantic Region.
 - b. It is a pretty big time commitment, it is important to find someone.
- 5. **Good and Welfare 9:34am**
 - a. Share something good that happened.
- 6. **Adjournment 9:42am N.C, Second J.L**