

Western Region Chapter,
American Music Therapy Association, Inc.
WRAMTA General Business Meeting
AMTA National Conference
Jacksonville, FL– Nov 23, 2013

- I. Welcome, call to order at 7:33am
 - a. Secretary Requests
 - b. Review of “Members Only” login process
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Logan, **motion** “to approve the agenda as presented.” **Approved.**
- III. Approval of Minutes from Regional Conference 2013
 - a. Jackert, **motion** “to approve the minutes.” **Approved.**
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Judith Pinkerton
 - i. Spring conference in Portland on March 27-29. Conference app will replace printed programs. Currently looking for advertisers, including splash page bidders.
 - ii. 2015 WRAMTA Conference will take place in San Jose. Date TBD.
 - iii. MWRAMTA interested in joint conference in 2016. Membership expressed general interest. Discussed initial concerns (ie: financial implications, Boise conference, etc).
 - iv. Carlene Brown has accepted the appointment to Judicial Review Board
 - v. Executive Board has been working with Strategic Plan Consultant, Bill Hogan. Goals/Objectives of the newly emerging plan will be posted on website.
 - vi. Laura Beer has become the new Director of Music Therapy at Marylhurst University.
 - vii. Sophie’s Place is a new state of the art music therapy clinic at Primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City.
 - viii. Miss California’s Outstanding Teen 2014 platform is music therapy. Carly (Membership Committee Rep) is working with her to clarify her understanding of music therapy, set up observation, etc.
 - b. President-elect – Tim Ringgold
 - i. Benefits for AMTA Membership. Identified two main strategies as Growth and Retention. Information has been forwarded to Carly.
 - c. Past President – Maureen Hearn (report presented by Judith Pinkerton)
 - 1. Greeting and warm regards
 - d. Candice Bain - WRAMTAS President

- i. Call for university reports for newsletter
 - ii. Virtual Master Classes
 - iii. Connections update – anticipating one student and one professional presentation.
 - iv. Identified conference attendance as a desired area for improvement. Goal is to exceed previous number of 38 student attendees.
- e. Vice President – Lillieth Grand (report presented by Emily Horton)
 - i. 2014 WRAMTAS Conference will take place March 27-29. Hotel Rates: \$113 or \$128/club level. Complimentary services include internet, breakfast buffet, and airport shuttle. Institutes are “Sound Birthing” and “Empower You”. Conference app will replace paper programs. Early Registration deadline is Jan 16, 2014. Keynote speaker will be Jana Stanfield.
- f. Vice President-elect – Emily Horton
 - i. 2015 WRAMTA conference will take place in San Jose, CA at the San Jose Garden Hotel. Local Chair is Sherri Raley. March 15-23 is preferred date, second choice is anything within the month of March. Rate is \$104, available up to 3 days before and after conference. Amenities include complimentary internet, parking, and airport transfers.
 - ii. 2016 Conference planned for Boise, ID
 - iii. 2017 Conference planned for Southern CA
 - iv. 2018 Conference planned for Hawaii
 - v. 2019 Conference planned for Arizona
- g. Treasurer – Kat Fulton
 - i. Kat and Judith moved \$5000 into a CD for better investment
 - ii. Conference Reimbursement
 - 1. Committee Representatives reimbursement requirements are to fulfill professional duties and fill out online form (click on resources, scroll down, fill out form). Reimbursement amount has been increased from \$120 to \$150 due to WRAMTA’s good financial standing. Deadline is Dec 15, no exceptions, and will be processed right away. Contact kat@wramta.org with questions and to submit receipts.
- h. Secretary – Kerry Leavell
 - i. See minutes.
- i. Government Relations Representative – Dawn Iwamasa
 - i. AZ has been very active. Bill went through both senate and house then encountered veto by the Governor, caused by political issue between the governor and sponsor of the bill. Plan is to pursue again in next legislative session.

- ii. CA has a call to action due Monday. State association information can be found at camusictherapytf.wordpress.com Current activity includes Department of Education regulatory language update. Bobbi Adler has persevered in meeting with her personal legislators (2 assembly members and one state senator). One assembly member agreed to sponsor a bill. Senator has not determined how to address the issue but has agreed to help. Meeting scheduled for December 10 with District Manager Maldonado. Emphasized effectiveness of town hall visits. Bobbi thanked for her work.
- iii. HI: Active task force in place with no current tasks.
- iv. ID: Task force has made contacts resulting in legislator interest in introducing a bill in 2014.
- v. NV: since licensure has caused positive climate and availability change.
- vi. OR: Held successful hill day, which resulted in increased interest and support. Working to get more support so that when a bill is introduced in 2015, things move smoothly.
- vii. UT: Submitted Sunrise Review application, waiting to hear about possible introduction of bill.
- viii. WA: Have been included in the Department of Developmental Disabilities waiver program regarding children's in-home behavioral support. Masters-level therapists are now able to contract with a team to serve clients. Sunrise review resulted in decision that MT-BC credential was sufficient to protect the public. Not enough proof of harm. This is a theme across the nation, and we need more stories. Task force is changing direction and targeting wording and regulations in different departments.

j. Continuing Education Director – Lauren Bevilacqua

- i. 2014 Call for papers resulted in selection of 29 concurrent sessions and 8 CMTEs. Selection process is blind review. New score sheets were used this year.
- ii. 2014 Institutes are Sound Birthing and Empower You: Best Business Practices
- iii. CMTEs: Reimbursement (Angie Kopshy and Jillian Hicks), Internship, Ethics and Copyright Law, Reiki Level 1, Attachment-based Music Therapy, Energy Science of Kenney's "Field of Play" in Music Therapy (Barb Crowe and Rich Smucker), Kalani Das, and working on one by Jana Stanfield.
- iv. Green Effort: Paperless attendance tracking and CMTE certificates. Currently working with CBMT for Umbrella Groupings to come up with system for everyone involved. Signature form will be available to those opting out of the app.
- v. Information Sharing: We have been approached by other regions who have heard of our continuing education developments and are interested in duplicating.
- vi. Selection Committee changes every year, made up of individuals in various roles (including at least one student). This year's committee

included Candice (student), Angie (local chair), Emily, Dawn, Lauren). Members encouraged to approach Lauren with further questions about the process.

- k. Media Relations Coordinator – Matt Logan
 - i. Took over website, email, and social media in April. Invited members to contact him as needed at Matt@wramta.org
 - ii. Completed action items related to conference and website geared toward increasing accessibility
 - iii. Will be creating an editorial calendar to make local events information available to other areas in the region
 - iv. Committee Reps and Assembly Delegates' email addresses will be posted to website soon to make them more accessible to members.
 - v. Digital Communication Committee needing more support, requesting individuals contact him if willing to taking on the small commitment.
- l. Parliamentary – Kymla Eubanks
 - i. Ratified bylaws were presented in the previous regional conference. No additional changes brought forth at this time.
 - ii. Currently reviewing WRAMTA Job Descriptions and Policies and Procedures. Any edits will be brought forward at the next meeting.

V. AMTA Standing Committee Reports

- a. Academic Program Approval: Christine Korb
 - i. Reviewing programs every 10 years to ensure quality and support one another
 - ii. Re-approved: Immaculata, Slippery Rock, Colorado State, Eastern Michigan, University of Kansas, University of Missouri Kansas City, New York University, University of Alabama, Berklee College of Music
 - iii. Currently reviewing 10 Submissions for new programs
 - iv. CSU Master of Music in MT distance learning program (Initial Approval)
 - v. Exciting news: Pacific University proposal was originally submitted by music department chair Scott Tuomi, who stated "I just want to make this school a healing place." In June, Chris signed a contract for a 9-month adjunct position as interim program director. Received "ok" from president and provost to move forward with a music therapy degree. Masters program is on budget for 2017.
- b. Affiliate Relations: Emily Horton
 - i. Committee will be holding a competition to see which region can present the most at non-music therapy conventions. Minimum is 20 presentations. Winners determined by ratio of presentations to members. Timeline is conference to conference. Members asked to notify Emily of presentations fitting this criteria as they occur.
- c. Association Internship Approval: Andrea Scheve (report presented by Tim Ringgold)

- i. Internship Supervision CMTE will be offered in Portland, OR at WRAMTA 2014 conference.
- ii. 2013 AMTA Conference: Internship CMTE offered, 30 sites participated in Internship Fair, Internship Supervision CMTE offered at 2012 AMTA Conference was offered again in Jacksonville, FL in 2013.
- iii. Internship Fair at 2013 WRAMTA Conference had 9 Internship Sites represented.
- iv. There are 27 National Roster Internship Sites and 8 inactive sites, and 4 “National” National Roster sites in WRAMTA.
- v. There was one Change in Internship Director.
- vi. New site: Pasadena Child Development Associates, Inc. with Melissa St. John.
- vii. 22 Site Evaluations have been received since 2012 AMTA Conference, and an additional 18 since WRAMTA 2012 conference for a grand total of 40 interns trained in the Western Region.
- viii. Nationally there are 192 National Roster Internship Sites... the most there has ever been!
- ix. 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.
- x. Site representatives asked to send in all internship paperwork – the Annual Report, acceptance letters, and site evaluations to the AIAC representative (Andrea Scheve).
- xi. The Competency Task Force presented their work to the Assembly of Delegates during this conference. Members encouraged to pay attention to changes in the AMTA Professional Competencies. This will affect competency-based clinical training.

d. Technology: Matt Logan for Kevin Hahn

- i. Meetings this year have focused on identifying technology needs of members. They have identified additional topics that have been inconsistently presented at conference (e.g., music looping and sampling software and hardware, Android apps, technology grant proposals) and will be seeking interested and experienced presenters for next year. Also looking for exhibit hall vendors that may be of interest to music therapists (e.g., MusicNotes.com, Smule, OnSong). Considered setting up a technology meet-up similar to the networking lunches offered at national conference.
- ii. AMTA technology specialists list continues to be available to AMTA members on the Technology Committee page. Members willing to serve as a technology resource to others as part of the list are encouraged to join.

- e. Continuing Education: Lauren Bevilacqua
 - i. There has been a major shift in the way courses (CMTEs) are being offered. CBMT is looking at ways to best meet everyone's needs.
 - ii. This conference included 29 CMTEs and 4 institutes. There have been 8 advocacy workshops across country. Leadership is changing as co-chairs complete terms.
 - iii. AMTA e-courses are still available
- f. Workforce Development and Retention: Feilin Hsiao
 - i. Brainstormed issues related to retention and plan to create podcasts and CMTEs addressing such topics as health insurance, compensation, retirement planning, and burnout prevention. Members asked to notify Feilin of additional topic ideas.
 - ii. Continuing to offer conference workshops and support to high school students regarding music therapy as a career choice, and increasing representation of the field in career databases, and majoringinmusic.com.
- g. Government Relations: Dawn Iwamasa
 - i. There are 40 active task forces across the nation. Three more will be active shortly after this conference.
 - ii. Expecting 2014 legislation in IA, MN, IN, OH, MO, RI, and UT.
 - iii. AMTA is continuing representation and advocacy with congress and other coalition representatives.
 - iv. Understanding impact of Affordable Care Act on music therapy and working toward balanced approach to budget negotiations.
 - v. AMTA was offered seats on the Joint Commission's Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (previously ad hoc and in different means). Now we have our own seat on Hospital Behavioral Health and Home Care, increasing our involvement in accreditation of facilities
 - vi. Veterans Administration has moved music therapy classification to Hybrid Title 38 from Title 5 classification because it did not take into consideration years of experience, credentials, and education.
 - vii. IA, MO, IN, FL, OH, MN, VA, are planning state hill days
 - viii. Arts Advocacy Day will take place March 24-25 in Washington DC. Registration information will be sent out in effort to increase music therapy presence.
 - ix. Plans for 2014 include continued networking with comparable professions in an effort to build state recognition.
- h. International Relations: Kazumi Yamaura (presented by Judith Pinkerton)
 - i. Introduction: Kazumi comes highly recommended by Petra and accepted by Flossie, new MT-BC, lives in HI.
 - ii. 40th Conference of the Canadian Association of Music Therapy June 23-24 in Toronto.
 - iii. World Conference is in Vienna July 6-12
 - iv. Global Perspectives session will take place today in Ballroom

- v. Encouraging regional members to communicate opportunities for publication in newsletters that are national and international.
- vi. Wall map at conference.
- vii. Collaborating with regional conference chairs to increase international issue focus in conference programs
- viii. Looking for suggestions for student support

i. Membership: Carly Litvik

- i. Identified reasons to join AMTA
 - 1. Support and protect the profession
 - 2. Member Benefits (savings, access to job center, podcasts, access to real live people when you call, etc.) Full benefits list can be found at musictherapy.org "About Music Therapy in AMTA," "Benefits of Membership."
- ii. Overall membership has increased. Students have increased by 45%, Professional membership has decreased by 25%. Trying to balance drawing in new members with supporting current members to retain.
- iii. Regional membership drives: purpose is to invite and address concerns and educate of benefits
- iv. Social Media Membership Drive, youtube video, possible Pinterest, membership sessions at conference

j. Professional Advocacy: Teri Smith-Morse

- i. Review of the committee's purpose. Session will take place at this conference.
- ii. Newsletters will become available shortly.
- iii. Asked to continue communication with regional representative if members are using resources (letters or Google Docs)
- iv. Clinical Self-assessment Guide available on the website as additional member benefit.

k. Reimbursement: Jillian Hicks

- i. Regional Conference sessions were well received. Plan is to continue offering sessions at 2014 conferences.
- ii. State progress
 - 1. Colorado Workers' Comp TBI Guidelines
 - 2. Texas' Youth Empowerment Waiver (Houston Area)
 - 3. Wisconsin actively working to maintain funding for individuals with Autism.
- iii. ICD-10 will be implemented in October 2014. AMTA is exploring resources to assist members with the transition. Office Ally will have webinar to provide education on the switch. The change involves new codes and forms.
- iv. AMTA national office is implementing state exchange programs
- v. Electronic Medical Record usage required starting January 1 for those attempting to bill insurance.

- vi. 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.
 - vii. New goals: Outreach to Case Managers Society of America, develop one-page resources to assist in reimbursement efforts, support document to support claims, encourage members to utilize resources already existing through AMTA (an non-members to join to access).
- l. Research: Eric Waldon (report presented by Jennifer Geiger)
- i. Using Music Therapists' Research Utilization Survey in planning upcoming conference presentations with hopes of encouraging research activity.
 - ii. Call for Papers for the Clinical Research Award is coming soon.
 - iii. Oral Paper Presentations will be trialed this year.
 - iv. WRAMTA Poster Presentation deadline is March 1.
- m. Special Target Populations: Patti Catalano
- i. Networking luncheon took place yesterday, used Twitter and social media to advertise with successful results.
- n. Standards of Clinical Practice: Helen Dolas
- i. Personal introduction and announcement of AMTA award for training over 250 interns and creating over 300 jobs in Western Region
 - ii. Issues included multicultural Issues and addition of cultural terms into Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. Committee is working to ensure that multicultural issues are incorporated as best practices in every scope of practice. This was voted upon and passed by the Assembly.
- o. Student Affairs Advisory Board: Sara Rosenow (report presented by Kymila Eubanks)
- i. Candice acknowledged for her work
 - ii. Worked on WRAMTAS Internship Spotlight
 - iii. Professionals may opt into AMTAS add name to AMTAS mailing list to start networking with
 - iv. Applications for virtual master classes have been reviewed.
 - v. Connections presentation applications have been received.
 - vi. First Time Attendee scholarship available to one student for WRAMTA 2014 conference.
 - vii. Candice running for AMTAS president. Video support appreciated.
- p. Judicial Review Board: Carlene Brown (no report)

VI. AMTA Updates

- a. Wilson Trust Update – Patti Catalano, Regional Project Manager
 - i. SPU practicum project finished

- ii. MTAW is now a CBMT pre-approved provider and has acquired nonprofit status as a 501(c)(3).
- iii. Working on outreach to a couple area hospitals

VII. Old Business (none)

VIII. New Business

- a. New Conference App 2014
- b. 2014 Conference Marketing

IX. Good and Welfare

- a. University of the Pacific is celebrating its 75th anniversary next March and will have a whole day CMTE. Launching a satellite program in San Francisco.
- b. Jennifer Geiger: Wendy Woolsey is next CBMT chair and will begin in January.
- c. Judith Pinkerton: As result of Nevada licensure, MGM Resorts International has recently included music therapy on their website for 45,000 employee access.
- d. Patti Catalano: Honored dear friend and colleague, Denise Dugal-Wulfman.
- e. Judith Pinkerton: Jennifer Geiger is running for AMTA president-elect.

X. Musical Moment

Meeting adjourned at 9:11am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Leavell, MA, LPC, MT-BC