

National WRAMTA General Business Meeting
Hyatt Regency Dallas, Dallas, TX
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November 17th, 2018 at 9:30AM CST

Welcome, **call to order** by Kymla Eubanks, President at **9:36am CST Saturday, November 17, 2018**. Also in attendance: Leanne Wade, President-Elect; Carly Brambila, Vice President; Holly Mead, Vice President-Elect; Candice Bain, Secretary; Parliamentarian, Bill Dluhosh; Continuing Education Director, Emily Polichette; Government Relations Representative, Angie Bollier; Media Relations Coordinator, Shelbe White; WRAMTAS President, Katie Rahn; Not in attendance: WRAMTAS President-Elect, Andrea Cliscagne; Tim Ringgold, Past President; Kevin Hahn, Treasurer

I. Call to Order

- A. Bobbi Adler, **motion**, "to call this meeting to order."
- B. Lisa Jackert, **second**.
- C. **All in favor, motion carries.**

II. Approval of Minutes (Regional Conference Business Meeting)

- A. Kalani Das, **motion**, "to approve the minutes as presented."
- B. Eric Waldon, **second**.
- C. **All in favor, motion carries.**

III. Officer Reports

- A. President – Kymla Eubanks
 - 1. Term ends in March of next year
 - 2. Expresses appreciation for region and acknowledges natural disasters affecting the region
- B. President Elect – Leanne Wade
 - 1. Closing nominations this morning
- C. Past President – Kymla Eubanks for Tim Ringgold
 - 1. Tim could not make it to conference; it is his 10th year serving the board
 - 2. Seeking member input for Vivid Vision project
- D. WRAMTAS President – Katie Rahn
 - 1. Offering 2 conference scholarships for students
 - a) Essay scholarship
 - b) Presentation scholarship
 - 2. Encouraged students to send in proposals
- E. Parliamentarian – Bill Dluhosh
 - 1. No bylaws being voted on at this time
 - 2. Encouraged membership to read bylaws

- F. Secretary – Candice Bain
 - 1. Minutes stand as report
- G. Media Relations Coordinator – Shelbe White
 - 1. Examining website
 - 2. Social media content coordinator Hannah Glasson-Darling has resigned, and her work was appreciated
 - 3. New social media content coordinator is Sarra Erb
- H. Continuing Education Coordinator – Emily Polichette
 - 1. 2 institutes at 2019 regional conference- Neurologic Music Therapy Institute and Sprouting Melodies Institute
 - 2. 8 CMTEs will be offered
 - 3. 37 concurrent sessions scheduled
 - 4. Free to members - 5 hour Leadership Academy CMTE
- I. Government Relations Representative – Angie Bollier
 - 1. 13 states involved in 14 pieces of legislation
 - 2. Anticipating a possibility of some sort of recognition in 21 states in 2019
 - 3. Acknowledged new Hawaii task force
 - 4. Encouraged participation in the conference advocacy scavenger hunt
- J. Vice President – Carly Brambila
 - 1. Thanks members who attended regional conference in Ontario, CA
 - 2. NMT Institute - Registration is currently open on Eventsquid (conference program has an ad with a QR code)
 - 3. Registration should be open by December 15th for 2019 regional conference
- K. Vice President-Elect – Holly Joy Mead
 - 1. Thanked local committee for the last regional conference in Ontario
 - 2. 2019 regional conference will be in Portland, OR from March 25th-31st at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
 - a) Keynote speaker is Meredith Pizzi
 - b) There will be an 8 hour institute and a 5 hour leadership academy
 - c) Lillieth Grand is conference chair
 - d) Theme is “Engage and Grow”
 - 3. 2020 regional conference will be in San Diego, CA from March 30th-April 5th at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
 - a) Introduced local chair for WRAMTA 2020 conference: Haley Stead

- L. Treasurer – Carly Brambila for Kevin Hahn
 - 1. Piloting an accelerated reimbursement schedule for those serving WRAMTA at national conference
 - a) Travel reimbursement is up to \$250
 - b) For assembly delegates, executive board members, and committee representatives
 - c) Must request reimbursement online and submit report online
 - d) Payment should arrive within 2 weeks of request
 - e) Contact Kevin at treasurer@wramta.org
 - 2. WRAMTA is in good financial standing
 - a) Over \$46,000 in assets
 - b) Breakdown is in his report

IV. AMTA Standing Committee Reports

- A. Academic Program Approval: Christine Korb
 - 1. Currently 82 programs in music therapy
 - a) 34 offer both Bachelor's and Master's programs
 - b) 43 offer only Bachelor's degrees
 - c) 5 offer only Master's degrees
 - d) 8 programs offer doctorate degrees
 - 2. Reported on the closing of Marylhurst, which shut its doors on May 17th, 2018
 - 3. Pacific University welcomed 28 students from that program, growing from 31 students to 55 students (with current enrollment at 46)
 - 4. 2 new Master's programs opened in the country - Alverno College and University of Dayton
 - 5. Clarifying advanced clinical skills requirement (specifics are in report)
- B. Interprofessional Collaborative Resources Committee (formerly Affiliate Relations): Tara Brinkman
 - 1. Encouraged academic program directors to participate in survey to assess current state of research
 - 2. ICRC will be launching a Google Form for music therapists who hold multiple professional credentials
 - 3. Working on updating 5 fact sheets: Child and adolescent mental and behavior health, adult mental and behavioral health, hospice and palliative care, special education, and intellectual and developmental disabilities
- C. Association Internship Approval: Judith Pinkerton for Manal Topozada
 - 1. At 2018 regional conference, 70 individuals attended internship CMTE
 - a) E-course is offered at \$75 for AMTA members

- b) 24 national roster internship sites in the western region
 - 2. Encouraged membership to update Manal with updated contact information for internship sites
 - 3. The committee continues to address the task of obtaining sustainable models of internships
- D. Technology: Spencer Hardy
 - 1. Grace O’Leary is the new chair for the committee
 - 2. In the process of creating a survey for membership to determine technology needs
 - 3. “Tech Stop” on AMTA website
 - a) Focus on creating online resources
 - 4. Encouraged members who are technology proficient and who want to share their skills to contact the committee to present trainings at an upcoming conference
 - 5. Looking into best practices/guide for the best use of streaming services in conjunction with the ethics board
 - 6. Partnering with professional advocacy committee to reach out to web apps calling themselves “music therapy”
 - 7. Follow @AMTAtchstop
- E. Continuing Education: Emily Polichette
 - 1. 1500 people registered for this conference
 - 2. 560 registered for CMTEs
 - 3. Continuing education committee presented yesterday on tips for presenting strong presentation proposals and created a handout for the call for papers
 - 4. Doing podcast this afternoon with Cathy Knoll
- F. Workforce Development and Retention: Feilin Hsiao
 - 1. Drafted a letter to send to community colleges within 50 mile radius of programs offering music therapy introduction classes
 - 2. The committee is collaborating with CBMT to review survey asking why music therapists don’t renew their CBMT
- G. Diversity and Multiculturalism: Beth Robinson
 - 1. Committee is voting to change their name at the business meeting to “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion” committee
 - 2. Restructuring and developing timeline with 3 main goals:
 - a) Encourage increased diversity within professional and student membership
 - b) Increase diversity and multicultural training and resources for AMTA members
 - c) Monitor and recommend changes in AMTA documents and achieve conformity to accept language reflecting diversity and multiculturalism
- H. Government Relations: Angie Bollier
 - 1. Report stands as presented
- I. International Relations: Kazumi Yamaura

1. In 2019, there will be 2 international conferences
 - a) Canadian Association music therapy conference in May
 - b) European music therapy conference in June 2019 in Denmark
 2. In 2020, WFMT conference will be in South Africa
 - a) Encouraged membership to inform representative about international music therapy experiences
- J. Membership: Risa Isogawa
1. Committee goal is to “grow the AMTA family” and to have a larger percentage of MT-BCs
 2. Plan is to facilitate membership drives in each region
- K. Professional Advocacy: Kalani Das
1. Please to report that there were not many instances of misrepresentation in the last year
 2. Plan is to produce videos that will be going up on AMTA website that address common questions that music therapists have around the issue of advocacy, such as how to handle misrepresentation and how to take on roles in professional advocacy
- L. Reimbursement: Tara Brinkman for Kate Harris
1. Reimbursement committee is putting together a survey to collect billing codes related to reimbursement - should be available in 2019
 2. Code fact sheet, HIPAA webinar for particular topics, and 1-page overview of topics related to billing
 3. In 2019, committee will conduct outreach to academic programs in each region to help educate music therapy students about the reimbursement process
 4. Western Region has assigned a task force to create a salary and workforce survey asking members about rates, salaries, and benefits specific to our region
 - a) Plan to release in March 2020, seeking 3 members for a task force
- M. Research: Eric Waldon
1. Poster session at 2PM
 2. Clinician research grant is open and due date is December 15th, recipients will know by the end of January 2019, working with Leanne Wade to develop research mentoring
- N. Clinical Practice Networking Committee: Kathrine Lee
1. Luncheons had attendance of 30-196 participants
 2. Committee joined forces with Standards of Clinical Practice committee to facilitate luncheon
- O. Standards of Clinical Practice: Helen Dolas
1. Committee has been working on comparing and aligning CBMT board certification domains to the AMTA standards of clinical practice
 2. After receiving feedback from CBMT and AMTA, it was decided for

them to stop working on the CBMT board certification domains due to legalities keeping CBMT separate from AMTA to present a feedback loop where no new information is added

- P. Student Affairs Advisory Board: Kymla Eubanks for Maya Zebley
 - 1. Looking forward to Connections in WRAMTA 2019 in Portland
 - 2. WRAMTAS holds virtual master classes and may be looking for presenters on different topics
 - 3. Encouraged membership to look into student scholarships from WRAMTAS and from WRAMTA professional organization
- Q. Judicial Review Board: Piper Laird
 - 1. Goal is to, by regional conference, have a slide with a succinct sentence of what the judicial review board does with a decision tree
- R. The Board of Directors of AMTA introduced new Executive Director Lee Grossman
 - 1. Most recent experiences have been with American Vascular Association and the Autism Society and is actively involved in health care reform

V. AMTA Updates

- A. Wilson Trust Update – Patti Catalano, Project Manager
 - 1. Wilson Trust was awarded \$45,000 in matching grants to be used over 2 years of the 5-year grant received from the Chris and Vicky Cornell Foundation designated to support music therapy at Child Haven in Seattle
 - 2. Evaluating projects in the pipeline to spend remaining funds in the area
- B. AMTA Disaster Response Task Force Update - Becky Wellman
 - 1. AMTA Disaster Response Task Project
 - a) 2 fires in Butte County - 1 music therapist lost his home, but is safe and has good insurance
 - b) 2 fires in Ventura County - No music therapists affected
 - c) Mudslide in Ventura county
 - d) Dangerous air quality in SF Bay Area
 - e) Volcano eruption on Big Island in Hawaii
 - f) Hostage situation at VA
 - g) Borderline Bar and Grill shooting
 - h) Anniversary in October of Las Vegas shooting
 - 2. Goes to CBMT website to figure out who is affected by disasters; trying to consolidate system for response
 - 3. Will provide CMTE on disaster preparedness on Sunday morning at WRAMTA 2019 conference in Portland
 - 4. Some way to know if those affected by disasters are safe
 - 5. Kymla expressed appreciation for Becky's work

VI. Old Business

A. Last Call for 2019-2020 WRAMTA Nominations

1. Committee is thanked for everyone who nominated others and themselves; thanking Becky Wellman, Emily Polichette, and Lauren Bevilacqua
2. Nominations List:
 - a) Treasurer - Kevin Budd
 - b) Secretary - Erin Haley
 - c) Vice President-Elect - Kathrine Lee and Vienna Sa
 - d) President-Elect - Becky Wellman
 - e) Assembly Delegates: Ron Borczon, Tara Brinkman, David Burch, Helen Dolas, Kymila Eubanks, Annela Flores, Kevin Hahn, Spencer Hardy, Chris Korb, Piper Laird, Kerry Leavell, Holly Mead, Ronni Paine, Christy Pansegrau, Emily Polichette, Leanne Wade, Eric Waldon, Becky Wellman, Feilin Hsiao
 - (1) Role is to attend conference meetings starting next national conference
 - (2) The policy-making body of AMTA - encourage to attend assembly of delegates meetings, sitting in the gallery in the back; to learn about the assembly, can ask one of the current assembly persons - raised hand
 - f) No other nominations at this time
3. Lisa Jackert, **motion**, "to close nominations."
4. Ron Borczon, **second**.
5. **All in favor, motion carries.**
 - a) Ballots available to all members via email from WRAMTA after January 1, 2019
 - b) Plurality of votes cast determines the winner
 - c) Announced at region's next annual meeting in 2019
 - d) To assume office at the end of the final executive board meeting at the next conference

VII. New Business

- A. Scholarships and grants applications and awards will be open this week
1. Encouraged membership to apply
 2. Anticipate over \$6,500 from our region to professionals and students in scholarships and grants
 - a) New Professional Grant
 - b) Professional Development Grant
 - c) Harmonic Remedy scholarship
 - d) Kay Roskam remembrance scholarship (\$1500)
 - e) Celeste Poll student scholarship
 - f) Wilhelmina Harbert scholarship
 - g) Betty Isern Howery award

- h) Professional practice award and service award
- i) Encouraged membership to contact Kymila to offer names of individuals interested in reviewing AMTA's scholarships and awards, as it is great to have all regions represented

VIII. Good and Welfare

- A. Moment of silence for recently passed music therapists was led by Leanne Wade
 - 1. Katy Siron
 - 2. Nicholas Joseph Pompliano
 - 3. Jennifer West Hempel
- B. Feilin Hsiao - University of the Pacific is celebrating 80 years
 - 1. Hosting a symposium starting April 26th
- C. Helen Dolas - Announced that Able Arts Work is reaching out to MTs looking for employment
- D. Kalani Das - Extended invitation to someone to represent him at the next regional conference since he will be in Shanghai
- E. Judith Pinkerton - Expressed appreciation for the WRAMTA EB to appear in a commercial with the Aflac duck and announced that they have an internship
- F. Jodi Winnwalker - Announced a Daughters of Harriet event
- G. Julie Renado - Phoenix Children's Hospital is in the process of hiring another full-time music therapist
- H. Annela Flores - Working with MusicWorx and released a music therapy and wellness hub with a podcast for music therapy education/music-centered wellness resources

IX. Adjournment

- A. Carly Brambila, **motion**, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07AM.
- B. Chris Korb, **second**.
- C. **All in favor, motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Bain, MT-BC
WRAMTA Secretary