



2020 WRAMTA Membership Meeting
November 22, 2020 5 pm
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Leanne Wade, President; Becky Wellman, President-Elect, Kymila Eubanks, Past President; Holly Mead, Vice President; Kathrine Lee Vice President-Elect; Erin Haley, Secretary; Kevin Budd, Treasurer, Tara Brinkman, Continuing Education; Shelbe White, Media Relations; Cody Mills, WRAMTAS President-Elect; Ronni Paine, Government Relations; Vienna Sa, Parliamentarian

- I. Call to Order, Leanne Wade at 5:03 pm

- II. Parliamentary Procedure – Vienna Sa
 1. Please stay muted until/unless speaking
 2. Closed caption is available
 3. Polls will take care of the voting for changes, polls open for 60 seconds; please raise hand if there is a question/comment
 4. Overview of Robert’s Rules

- III. Approval of Agenda
 1. Chris Korb, **motion to approve agenda**
 2. Piper Laird, **second**
 3. **All in favor, motion passes**

- IV. Approval of Minutes from Membership Meeting from 4/25/2020
 1. Kathrine Lee, **motion to approve minutes**
 2. Tara Brinkman, **second**
 3. **21 in favor, one abstain, motion passes**

- V. Officer Reports
 1. President – Leanne Wade

1. Conference Update
 1. Due to COVID we had to cancel in person in San Diego
 2. The Hilton gave to option to push back one year, or cancel
 1. Pushing back meant the price of the hotel would increase for the next contract; cancelling meant we would lose our \$2500 deposit
 2. The board discussed and voted that canceling the conference was in the best interest of our region at this time
 3. Leanne offered for anyone to reach out to her if there is conflict with this decision
 4. Grateful to Maria Maddock (Helms-Briscoe Hotel Liaison) for all her help
 2. Disabled Music Therapists bringing concerns to the attention of the board
 1. Spoke with a disability consultant, started gathering resources
 2. Still aware of the DEI needs, this conference will have Affinity Groups and will be able to do better than last year; much stronger place this year
 3. Working on being more inclusive of members in general; looking into having meetings not connected to conference so that members don't have to pay a conference fee in order to attend meetings
 3. Condolences for anyone who has been affected by COVID-19

2. President-elect – Becky Wellman
 1. Thank you to committee members
 2. Opened floor to those who would like to nominate themselves for a board position or Assembly Delegate
 1. Ronni Paine, Assembly Delegate
 3. Review of current position terms and current nominees
 4. Allowed second opportunity to nominate self for a position
 5. Nominations closed
 6. Ballots will be sent by WRAMTA via email after 1/1/2021
 7. Lag in digital timing; Leah Cruz added to list of Assembly Delegate nominees
 8. Question regarding the position of Secretary and what it entails
 1. Erin Haley described position; not sure what happens if there is no one to fill the position
 2. Kymla Eubanks: No protocol in bylaws if there is no nominee; typically President can appoint someone to that position; will probably follow this process
 9. Kymla Eubanks, **motion to close nominations**
 10. Emily Polichette, **second**
 11. **All in favor, motion passes**

3. Past President – Kymla Eubanks
 1. Professional Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

1. Nominations are open and are located in the Member section of the WRATMA website
 2. Celeste Poll Student Conference Scholarship
 3. Wilhelmina Harbert Professional Conference Scholarship
 4. 5 internship scholarships (\$500 each)
 5. Professional Development Grant and the New Professional Grant (\$1500 combined)
 6. Award nominations are open, please nominate self or others
 1. Publication Award
 2. Professional Practice Award
 3. Service Award
 4. Betty Isern Howery Award (Western Region specific)
2. Words from Kymla – “Acknowledge on a personal level, 2020 has provided a variety of difficulties for our membership. It’s been a year of movement. In many ways it’s a mixture of struggle and pain, and heartbreak and loss, and in many ways it’s also a year of uncovering and moving forward and reassessing individually and as a group as we work toward adjusting and evolving our systems that we live in. We are listening; I’m listening. And I will falter; we will falter; and we will persevere together. As a region one of the greatest opportunities we must create and ensure is available is to have the mic to members whose voices have not been heard. To listen; to move our systems forward together toward full access and full equity. I serve at the pleasure of our region and our president. And I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.”
4. WRAMTAS Student President, Cody Mills
1. Voting for new board changed to online
 1. This was challenging
 2. Past Treasurer stayed to help; Secretary had to leave and Parliamentarian has stepped in
 2. Internship Spotlights have continued
 3. Virtual Master Classes are continuing; looking for volunteers (30 minutes)
 4. Researching fundraising and scholarship ideas
 5. Regional Project: Discord Platform – a meeting place; monthly discussion of student related concerns. Goal is a December start date
 6. Working on getting Connections and Internship Fair included in our Online Conference
5. Parliamentarian – Vienna Sa
1. Encourages everyone to read the bylaws yearly
 2. No proposed changes, currently
 3. Working with past Parliamentarian to make the bylaws more inclusive than they already are
 4. Current directive: continue to examine the bylaws for any possible changes for inclusivity of all marginalized groups

5. Recommendation to membership to let Vienna know by March if there is a proposed change to the bylaws.
6. Secretary – Erin Haley
 1. Minutes from Membership Meeting 4/25/2020 are available on the WRAMTA website
 2. Please continue reading minutes and making sure they are accurate; thanks to those who do so.
7. Media Relations - Shelbe White
 1. www.wramta.org
 2. WRAMTA account is available to AMTA members in the Western Region
 3. Committee Reps will be submitting videos of their reports
 4. Reminder to Committee Reps to submit if you haven't
 5. Oversees social media, please follow us!
 1. Facebook
 2. Instagram
 6. Thank you to Sarah Erb who helps with social media
 7. As publicity and public relations for the online conference and the conference in 2021
 8. Assisting with technology and accessibility solutions for online conference
 1. Excited to be a part of the solution, especially as a disabled music therapist
 9. Please contact Shelbe if you are interested in the MRC position; has enjoyed serving
8. Continuing Education – Tara Brinkman
 1. Thank you to the Kathrine and the Executive Board for all that they did for the Online Event; it was a successful event, especially for the speed in which we had to put it together
 2. Offered one CMTE opportunity and 21 credits of continuing education opportunities
 3. National conference offered 24 CMTEs and 70 concurrent sessions; these will be available for viewing for 6 months following the conference
 4. The Continuing Education Committee continues to address and implement solutions regarding disability accessibility of courses and monitoring social media and directing inquiries of specific topics to the AMTA Pro Podcast as applicable
 5. All regions are offering online conference for 2021
 6. Calls for papers for concurrent papers are extended through 11/30
 7. Upcoming WRAMTA conference will be offering 5 CMTEs for participating in conference and you will need the code given during the session; no summaries needed at this time
 8. Thank you to the selection committee for scoring and discussing selection proposals

9. Government Relations– Ronni Paine

1. 16 states have had active legislation in statewide recognition
 1. In WRAMTA, Washington faced opposition and the bill did not pass
2. New Jersey and Virginia – music therapy license created
3. In person advocacy training days at legislative hearings in 14 states (including WA)
4. Virtual advocacy days were held in 10 states – AZ, OR, WA
5. National Government Relations Team and the AMTA COVID-19 Task Force conducted National Survey to determine MT response to the pandemic
 1. Data shared with individual task forces to use in educating legislature and agencies about the importance of MT services across critical settings and to inform bill drafts and policies in the coming sessions.
6. October 17, 2020 Commander John Scott Cannon Veterans Mental Health Improvement Act of 2019 was enacted
 1. Requires Dept of Veterans Affairs and Dept of Defense updating their clinical practice guidelines for assessment and management of patients at risk of suicide, including guidance for music therapy
7. AMTA is participating in developing transition documents for submission to the 2021 Congress
8. 2021 National Arts Advocacy Day will be held virtually with trainings April 5-9; virtual visits April 12-16
 1. AMTA is National Supporter of this event and serves on legislative planning committee; information will be available on the website in January

10. Vice President – Holly Mead

1. Many thanks
 1. Express sincere gratitude to Kathrine for stepping up as chair and she made it a phenomenal event for membership
 2. Thank you to Shelbe who helped with all the technology
 3. Thank you to Tara for making the transition from in person to virtual concurrent sessions and CMTEs
 4. Thank you to Kevin in getting refunds out to everyone so quickly
 5. Thank you to Leanne for taking on role of assisting with the hotel liaison and canceling those contracts
 6. Thank you to members who participated in online event and who are present at this meeting
 7. Thank you to the San Diego local committee
2. 2021 Conference – will be supporting Kathrine and the local committee
 1. Will be creating a conference planning documents and templates for both in person and online conferences

11. Vice President-elect – Kathrine Lee

1. Leading the Wave online event
 1. Recognize that we had registrants from every state in our region
 2. Recordings are available until the end of the year
2. 2022 Conference
 1. Planning has started
 2. Seattle, at the Double Tree by Hilton Seattle Airport
 3. Theme: Beyond the Sound
 4. Local chairs: Dan Diaz and Marissa Renella
 1. Committee is being formed; contact Kathrine, Dan, or Marissa for participating
 5. Contract is signed; accessible amenities are available and the link to that information is available in the report
3. 2021 switched to Online
 1. Theme: Navigating the Future
 2. Dates: March 14-21st, 2021
 3. Tentative schedule is laid out; trying to minimize the necessity to miss work; Friday and Saturday only all day concurrents
 4. Using EventSquid as conference platform; this is the last year of our contract with them and will be looking into different options after the contract is ended
 5. Logo contest is open till 11/30
 1. Winner receives conference registration
 6. Offering differing forms of marketing; information is on the conference page of the WRAMTA website
4. Statement on acknowledging the concerns of accessibility (see statement in the report)
 1. Dedicated to implementing what we are able to implement
 2. It's important to get feedback from our members
 3. Acknowledged the work the Disabled Music Therapy collective has begun and the resources they have provided to the public
5. Wants to give a voice and space to anonymity and are working on finding a way to make that happen
6. Personal recognition that "I will get things wrong and I am here to learn and to allow space to allow voices to be heard and do what I can to do better to help WRAMTA as a board, conference planners and beyond."
7. Thank you to the board and appreciation for serving

12. Treasurer – Kevin Budd

1. Remain in good financial standing
 1. Current: \$52821.57 in assets
2. Transitioning Fiscal Year to match AMTA; interim fiscal time frame
 1. Profit and Loss is half of a typical year
 2. Numbers are smaller than what we are used to
3. Estimations
 1. Income of: \$1013.14

2. Expenses: \$2940.16
4. P/L is available on website
5. Appreciated the patience in receiving refunds
6. Financially grateful to be released from the conference contract
7. Offering \$50 registration reimbursement for 2020 for Assembly Delegates, Executive Board members, Committee Representatives
 1. Request reimbursements: link will be provided; must attend meetings and submit a report if part of your job duty
8. Acknowledging the financial difficulties
 1. It is duty and ethical obligation of Treasurer to provide affordable and accessible opportunities moving forward
 2. Trying to make this as affordable as possible
9. Thank you to Kevin Hahn for all his help
10. Email is wramta.treas@gmail.com

VI. Standing Committee Reports – floor is open; optional

1. Chris Korb, Academic Program Approval Committee
 1. I serve at the pleasure of this incredible region
 2. 91 approved programs in MT; 39 BA and MA; 49 BA only
 3. Currently, 15 changes to the standards of education and clinical training
 1. Please take a look at the written report
 2. Proposed University Affiliated Internship guidelines; similar to those of National Roster Internship
 1. Supports program directors and to clarify roles of supervisors
 2. Suggested undergraduate student ratio of no more than 20 students per faculty

VII. Disaster Response Update – Becky Wellman

1. Sent a blanket check in to California, Oregon, and Washington
2. 4 million plus acres of our region burned this year
3. No loss of life or practice due to fire
4. Disaster reports run November to November
 1. 2019-2020:
 1. 44 events that were responded to or provided a preemptive report to help
 2. We posted about Coronavirus on January 21st (thank you to Barb Else for that information and encouragement to share)
 2. WRAMTA as a region step up and take care of each other
 3. Any disaster-related issue please let Becky know

VIII. New Business

1. None offered

IX. Good and Welfare

1. Kevin Hahn:

1. offered thank you to everyone on the board for participating and being a part of this region; thank you for making that difficult choice for paying the \$2500
2. The conference were put on very well; we are helping lead the way and move our profession forward;
3. It's the hope that we can find ways to keep leading the way, innovate and keep doing things as a region
4. Thank you to the board and to anyone who serves in any role

2. Cody Mills

1. One month left in internship and has been offered some part time work once board certification is passed

3. Erin Haley

1. Pam Sachs and I were awarded a grant from the Parkinson's Choir for \$20,000
2. The Parkinson's Foundation wants to highlight the program
3. 72 people enrolled
4. Shout out to Karen Skipper in Orange County for help
5. Appreciate all the hard work that has been done before
6. Encourage others to find grants and start programs

4. Kathrine Lee

1. Officially launched a business: Rhythmic Heart Music Therapy
 1. Looking to serve the eating disorder community
 2. Lyric poetry bundles

5. Unknown Person

1. Silver lining to switching to online makes music therapy sessions and professional opportunities more accessible

X. Adjournment

1. Leanne Wade requested a **motion to adjourn**
2. Cody Mills, **so moved**
3. Kevin Budd, **second**
4. All in favor, **motion passes**