Midwest Region Business Meeting  
Oct. 13, 2012  
AMTA Conference  
St. Charles, IL

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:04  
Agenda Approved  
Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- Blythe (President)  
  - Look at membership, see who you know that isn’t a member and encourage them to join AMTA.

- Kara (President Elect)  
  - Attended President’s Meeting  
    - Barbara Else offers a course in psychological first aid. CMTE or one hour training available

- Lorissa (1st VP--absent)  
  - Regional meeting is in San Antonio, April 4-7. Call for papers is Nov. 1.

- Melanie Harms (2nd VP)  
  - Montana--working with Jenna Justice via Skype for more universal documentation. Join Music Therapists Unite! on Facebook  
  - Colorado--Voluntarily pulled bill since it would have been placed under mental health. Revising guidelines for medical treatment guidelines for TBI by the Division of Worker's Compensation  
  - Missouri--KCM MT did boom whackers on the Plaza. First MO MT Institute in June offered 8 CMTEs and had 40 participants.  
  - Iowa--Continue to work on legislative recognition. ICMT’s Technology workshop was post-poned. Canvas bags being sold at conference  
  - South Dakota--working on collecting data on SD Fact Sheet to start discussions with legislators after November elections  
  - Kansas--Plan to meet with KS lawmakers after elections

- Jennifer (Secretary)--no report

- Sharla (Treasurer)  
  - Student account is attached to our professional account  
  - Donations for Disaster Relief is budget neutral, but did have a $5 visa checkcard expense  
  - Website is $50 every 2 years, now listed as $25/year  
  - Considering an accountant to help with 990  
  - Hardship Scholarship for AMTA members to assist with going to the regional conference. Check website for more information.

- Bill (Archivist)  
  - Archives Project--interactive link between CSU and AMTA  
    - Digitize important files  
    - Process additional items that are piling up  
    - Retirees have been sending materials
Donation of $35 for pin, and $5 or more for a sticker showing support. Donations can be sent to AMTA with line memo of archive project

• Andrew (SAAB) with Courtney & Rebecca
  o Passages had a varied attendance from colleges/universities
  o President-Elect is a new position
  o Passages will be coordinated with SWAMTA for upcoming regional
  o Jamaican Drum Fundraiser--students delivered and utilized drums with kids
  o Marathon Fundraiser was over 160% of goal
  o Student Networking Get Together over the summer--networking, interning & fundraising. Goal is to get colleges/universities to interact with others more
  o Booth in exhibit hall with baked goods, knit hats, t-shirts & tote bags

• Andrew (Web Coordinator)
  o Email form on website can update others/members of events
  o Just under 400 people on list-serve
  o New twitter account: mw_amta
  o Working with SWAMTA Web Coordinator for online registration

Committee Reports:

• Rachelle Morgan (Government Relations)--Kimberly Sena-Moore
  o Congratulations to the Georgia State Task Force in obtaining state licensure for music therapy!
  o There are 38 state Task Forces actively working with AMTA and CBMT. In 2013, legislation might occur in the following states: AZ, HI, NC, OK, IN, SC, MO, RI, and MN.
  o AMTA and CBMT are in communication with the American Occupational Therapy Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians regarding state recognition efforts.
  o AMTA continues its national advocacy and professional representation with Congress and multiple Washington DC-based coalitions and alliances. Issues discussed included: implementation of state-level health insurance exchanges that are part of the healthcare reform process. Meeting held with National Endowment for the Arts staff involved in the federal Arts and Human Development Interagency Task Force, to present music therapy research.
  o National Alzheimer’s Plan: Released in May 2012; AMTA developing an operational plan that involves related AMTA committees and programs to address the five goals of the national plan.
  o In addition to committee members planning advocacy presentations during the 2013 Regional conferences, the Western and Great Lakes regions are also planning state Hill days.
  o Plans for 2013 include: collection of examples of evidence of harm and reasons for music therapy referrals to assist with state recognition.

• Cynthia Colwell (Research)
  o 4 State of the Science Sessions at conference
Research Poster Session with 65 posters
  - Looking at modifying placement of posters and standardize size
    - Possibly may number posters and group them according to areas
  - Looking at online research abstract submission
  - Poster Walks: tour guide could summarize posters, especially for students

Survey will be sent to professional and student to determine barriers for doing research

State of the Science Session next year will include results from study and a one-hour student research session with 3-4 students

Clinician Grant: One faculty member and one clinician with deadline

• Ashley Scheufler (Continuing Education) -- Megumi Azekawa
  - CBMT offering sessions at regional conferences on ethics and the recertification process
    - Ethics requirement was effective Jan 2011 cycle and forward
    - AMTA is competency based on best practice, but ethics requirement is mandatory for board certification
  - Regional representatives discussed the number of CMTEs, areas of interest & reported new forms & procedures
    - Online distribution of CMTE certificate
    - Use of Google forms to track demographic information of proposal submissions in Western Region
    - CMTEs via Skype in SE Region - looking at how to validate attendance through text
  - Will offer 8 CMTEs at Joint SWA/MWR AMTA Conference including: Hospice, Technology, Advanced Instrument Skills, Assessment, PTSD, and Music & Neuropsychology
  - Proctoring 29 CMTEs, 4 Institutes & 2 trainings at this conference
  - ETAB & MLE are looking at Master's Level Entry option, and have several meetings at this National conference focused on this subject

• Krista Winter (Workforce Development & Retention)
  - Investigating career databases specifically for HS students and guidance counselors
  - Developing a challenge for awareness of MT as a career option
  - Roundtable with results from challenge at next conference
  - Weblink for prospective employers
  - Need/potential for survey to identify trends in attrition rate of workforce
  - Reviewing AMTA website to make sure new committee title is consistent throughout
  - Gathering names of recommended presenters for areas of practice, one for clinicians and one for educators

• Kelley Pujol (Professional Advocacy)
  - Misrepresentations of Music Therapy, please forward responses to Kelley
  - Website has clinical self-assessment guide will change with revisions from standards. Anticipate completion in 2013

• Meganne Masko (Affiliate Relations)
  - Please fill out affiliate relations survey to determine best contacts with other associations

• Kim Robertson (Reimbursement) -- Meganne Masko
  - Hugh increase in # of reimbursement questions. Please go to regional rep before calling Judy. Only AMTA members can do consultive phone calls with Judy.
o National Reimbursement Initiatives: Advocating for the inclusion of MT in the definition of rehabilitation and habilitation in the state exchange benefits plans that are part of healthcare reform process
o Continuing to communicate with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, seeking revisions to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) manual that will improve MT documentation in Skilled Nursing Facilities
o 5 hour Online CMTE on Reimbursement will be available for purchase on Nov. 15th
o Educator packet for reimbursement to help prepare students
o Goals for 2013:
  ▪ Committee developing a 1 page support documents that include diagnosis specific research citations to assist with the reimbursement process
• Pursuing exhibit opportunities at insurance conferences
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• Emily Wangen (Special Target Populations)--Andrew
  o Population Network Lunch
  o AMTA website has information on specific populations
  o Working with Affiliate Relations
• Kristin Veteto (Technology)
  o Technology Survey
    ▪ Identified need areas: iPad, recording software, notation software
  o Online ethics and age were related
    ▪ Expert list grew from survey, and hope to make it more accessible
  o Looking at getting technology vendors to come to conference
  o Looking for how-to videos to and then make them available to regional membership
• Melita Belgrave (Academic Program Approval)
  o One new equivalency/master's degree program at Kennesaw State University in GA
  o Currently 7 applications for re-approval are in review
  o Two applications for approval of two new master's degree programs are in review
• Gina Kelly (Association Internship Approval)
  o Be current and clear on site requirements for Internships (background checks, liability insurance
  o No longer how offer the Internship CMTE
    ▪ How to write the proposal will be online
    ▪ Supervision will be focus of CMTE
  o 23 rostered internships in MWR
  o Acceptance letters and Site evals are not matching up
• Melanie Harms (Standards of Clinical Practice)
  o Presenting two concurrent sessions at conference
• Susan Weber (International Relations)--Soojin Kim
  o International Lunch today
  o International Poster Session
• Mavis Mahlberg--No meeting
• Beth Merz (Membership)--Faith
  o We need more members, direct people to go to AMTA webpage to join

Announcements:
• Be thinking ahead of nominations for regional conference
• SWAMTA has a song, potential for someone to MWR to write a regional song for conference

Drawing for Door Prizes

Adjourned at 9:11