

# MTAM March Minutes, 03/30/2016

Meeting began: 7:10pm

- Motion to call meeting to order from Jennifer
- All in favor
- Motion passed

In attendance: Jill Johnson, Jennifer Hicks, Melissa Hentges, Christy Holland, Michelle Sieben, Claire Klien, Jessica DeVillers, Beth Engelking

Approve Agenda

- Motion from Michelle
- All in favor
- Motion passed

Approve February Minutes

- Motion from Michelle
- All in favor
- Motion passed

Officer reports:

Past President

- Currently, nominations for awards need to be in one month before conference, which is next week already. Let's change the wording on the website to "two weeks before the conference" (April 22) to give members more time to nominate.
  - Lifetime Achievement, Dedicated Service, Friends of MTAM
- Would we be interested in hosting a future CMTE (perhaps fall conference) about creating national roster internship sites here in MN because our numbers have dropped
  - Include general supervisory skills for practicum supervisors?

President

- Attitude of Gratitude: Writing thank you cards to Maggie and Melissa for organizing Hill Day!
- No applicants for CMTE scholarship and Continuing Ed scholarship as of yet
- MN report at GLR conference – any requests of what to include?
  - Highlight conferences, scholarships available, Hill Day, new board members, new social media – collaborating with GLR PR to maximize outreach
- GLR conference needs to reach their food and beverage minimum – they have requested that state groups provide food/beverages at meetings in order to help reach this
  - Beverage Choice:
    - Freshly Brewed Coffee | \$85 per gallon
  - Food Choice:
    - Assorted Housemade Muffins (Blueberry, Bran, Banana Nut) | \$50 per dozen
      - A customary 24% taxable service charge and sales tax will be added to prices.
  - Motion made to allot \$250 for food at the morning meeting at GLR conference from Jessica
  - All in favor

- Motion passed

#### Vice President/ President Elect

- CBMT approved conference materials
- All speakers are confirmed
- We are set to go!
- Once early bird registration closes we can order food

#### Secretary

- No report

#### Treasurer

- Claire and Jill are putting together a budget spreadsheet
  - Working draft based on last years numbers
  - May need to spend a meeting this summer going over it line by line to make things more concrete
  - Moving forward, if we create a tight budget this year it will help in years to come to be more financially organized
- Current membership: 45 professionals, 6 students
- Account balance: \$2,757.08
- Paypal: \$6,987.30
- Total: \$9,744.38 (some checks have not posted yet)
  - Let's transfer some fund over from PayPal to the bank account so we have usable funds ready for conference needs

#### Public Relations

- Thank you for a great MT Week!
- We get lots of emails about job postings – Christy is doing a great job of putting those on the website
- We got an email from a grad student in Amsterdam who will be coming to MN this summer to observe a number of MTs for her research
- Social Media – MT Week daily posts were very well received
  - Lot's of interactions with MTs in ND to support the UND program
- Followers: Facebook 412, Instagram 82, Twitter 144
- Lots of social media to come for GLR
- Mission statement went out to 2016 members via email
- Spring conference email will go out soon
- Now that MT Week is over, scheduled posts will resume with upcoming events sprinkled in

#### Website

- Registration for conference is up
- Updating Private Practice list on the website – about 50% have responded with corrections
  - If you know anyone with a private practice, direct them to Christy to update information
- Three job postings have gone up this month
- Updating Internship list as well
- Fixed broken links
- **CLAIRE:** Send Christy the Friends of AMTA list for people who sponsored licensure bill last year

## Newsletter

- Email went out with proposed articles for people to submit.
- If you want to submit an article or report – please do!!

## Government Relations/ Task force - Submitted by Melissa Hirokawa and Todd Schartzberg

- Hill day report
  - From Melissa: On Tuesday, March 15th, we held our 3rd Hill Day. It was a great experience and could not have been successful without the time and dedication from the 20 music therapists and two music therapy advocates who came to speak with our legislators. This year, we had music therapists come from all over the state including St. Cloud, Rochester, and Duluth to meet with 35 legislators, the majority of whom are supportive of our efforts with moving this bill forward. In fact, some decided to sign on as co-authors! We currently have 5 co-authors signed onto our bill--Representatives Carlson, Lillie, Nornes, Erhardt, and Senator Diedzic along with our two main authors, Senator Hoffman and Representative Newton. In addition to the meetings, we also provided informational folders to all 201 legislators, educating them about the wonderful work we do as music therapists!

We made some amendments to the bills to simplify language. There was confusion that the state would be responsible for monitoring extra things. Language was changed from listing specific educational criteria to simply stating that people be in good standing with CB-MT.

We were hopeful last week that we could still possibly get the bill started in the hearing process with these amendments, but I haven't heard if that happened or not. If it doesn't get heard by April 1st then we miss the 1st committee deadline and cannot proceed in this legislative session

- From Todd: Only change/update is I have been in constant contact via email with both Rep. Newton (and his LA) as well as with Sen. Hoffman (and primarily his LA) to try to get our bill heard in one of the chambers before Friday (the first committee hearing deadline).

As of right now, we have no hearing. The Subcommittee on Licensure will not be reconvening (just learned that about 2 hours ago) and Rep. Mack is not accepting the bill unless it has passed the Senate Committee. On the flip side - Sen. Sheran won't bring the bill forward unless the House makes movement on it - thus, we may be at a stall. To avoid the stall, I have left a message (at the recommendation of Sen. Hoffman) with Sen. Sheran and her LA.

Sen. Sheran and her committee were very supportive of us 2 years ago and I spoke to her LA 2 months ago and he shared the same supportive feeling. But, he also said (as did Sen. Hoffman today) that the long standing belief of Sen Sheran this session, was that she was not going to bring a bill forward in her committee unless it was first heard in the House.

- Bill update

- Meeting last Monday with Rep. Zerwas
- Feedback from Hill Day that our bill was not stalled as previously thought
- 2 committee members had concerns on continuing education and training – might create a burden to the state
- Language was simplified to use streamlined language from OR bill which passed
- Requirement section for background statement and continuing education changed
- Bill still alive in this session. YEAH!!!!
- If our bill is not heard by 4/1, then we miss the 1st committee deadline and cannot proceed this legislative session.
- I also have a call into Sen. Sheran. She has been and remains amenable to our legislation, but as you know, given the 10-week legislative session and amount of legislation to vet, she is hesitant to bring our bill forward if it is going no where in the House. To that end, I also have an email out to Rep. Newton to see if he's heard confirmation from Rep. Zerwas that he will move our bill to the full HHS committee (a request I made in an email to Rep. Zerwas last week).

#### Reimbursement – Submitted by Christina Bratner

- There is greater potential for reimbursement from a specific private insurance under NMT codes for Autism. I will keep any successes recorded so we can report to membership in May!
- I am still willing and able to create a link or page that contains MN specific information regarding seeking and receiving reimbursement.

#### Members at large

- Pete – fundraising idea for Better Than Karaoke Band to do a fundraising concert for Blue Star Connection
  - The Blue Star Connection Mission Statement  
Our mission is to provide access and ownership of musical instruments for children and young adults with cancer and other serious challenges. We also provide music therapy departments with instruments.
  - Summer event? – let's talk about it/plan after conference
  - Would we be able to include a link for donations for those who can't attend?

#### Students at large

- No report

#### Other business

- Any other UND follow up?
  - Faculty at UND performed John Cage's 4:33 as a musical protest to the decision to cut the program – do we want to replicate it at our conference as a show of solidarity?
    - YES! Anyone on the board can bring an instrument to create a small ensemble.
- Carroll College in WI added a program!

Next meeting: MTAM Conference, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Following meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 6:15pm
- Gladys' Place

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Motion to adjourn from Michelle

- All in favor
- Motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm