

MTAM Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 29th, 2012

6:00 p.m. Good Samaritan Society-University Specialty Center

Present:

Peter Meyer-President

Elizabeth Giffin- Past President

Jessica DeVillers-President-Elect

Christina Wood-Vice President

Erinn Danielson-Secretary

Beth Cummins Postigo-Treasurer

Erin Fox-Member at Large

Laura Steines-Student Liason to Augsburg

Amy Furman-Member at Large

Amy Madson-Government Relations and MN Recognition Task Force

Mike Limbybliw-Public Relations

Claire Klein-Government Relations and MN Recognition Task Force

Krista Nelson-Web Design

Jenn Shodis-Newsletter editor

Danielle Malo-Past Vice-President

Call to Order:

6:00 by Peter

I. Transition to New Board Members

1. Mike Limbybliw and Krista Nelson met with Sarah Newberry to talk about transitioning the website and getting everyone's emails in order to begin sending out emails from new board.
2. Beth Cummins Postigo needs to get treasurer/budget information from Veronica Jacobson.
3. Christina Wood is grateful to Danielle Malo for help transitioning to Vice President given that the spring conference is coming up so soon. It was discussed whether there should be some sort of transition period (perhaps 6 months) during which past VP would carry over. This will be discussed at next board meeting.

II. Report from Board-Certification Recognition Task Force

1. Claire Klein and Amy Furman reported on the task force designed to make Music Therapy a state licensure rather than a board certification. A list of FAQs is being created so that MTs feel prepared to write to their state representatives on this topic.
2. A draft letter to the legislature has already been written.
3. It was discussed that a letter should be sent out to MTAM members explaining the pros and cons of become a licensed rather than

certified profession. One pro that was discussed is that as a licensed profession it may be easier to access state money.

4. Task force members will field questions from MTAM members at spring state conference. It was discussed that it would be helpful to have information about this on the MTAM website so members have a chance to process this information before asking questions at the conference.
5. A motion was made to email the MTAM membership and include in the newsletter that we will soon be providing exciting information about the licensure task force-motion carried.

III. Stipend for Interns

1. A stipend for MN interns is available through MTAM and awarded every 6 months. The information about the stipend is on the MTAM website and applicants should sent applications to Jessica DeVillers for review.

IV. Website Update

1. Krista Nelson provided an update on her redesign of the MTAM website. She is working to create a more user-friendly website, which may include a “members only” area. Some discussion ensued about what the “perks” of being an MTAM member could be. Some possibilities discussed were educational opportunities and job postings.
2. Krista will also post info about the March 10th conference on the website. This will include options for paying for the conference on-line through Paypal. A professional membership is \$25, with a \$30 conference fee, a student membership is \$20 plus a \$12 conference fee, and a non-member conference fee is \$60. Discussion ensued on whether students should pay less to encourage attendance. A \$15 fee was decided upon.
3. Krista will create a Facebook page for MTAM to encourage student involvement.
4. Krista inquired about getting a \$500 budget to make improvements to the website. Motion, discussion, vote, motion carried.
5. Sarah Newberry’s credit card is being billed 4x per year for some sort of website-associated cost, the treasurer will need to put the MTAM credit card onto the account so Sarah doesn’t get billed for this expense.

V. Officer Reports

1. President-Peter would like to bring back awards-Lifetime Achievement and Friend of MTAM.
2. Past President-Elizabeth Giffin mentioned that GLR has funds available for projects/conference fees that are not being accessed.

It would be helpful to put this info on MTAM website so that it is clear to MTAM members that they can apply for this money. Also, she updated us on our 504-C3 status. We currently do not fit the definition of this category. In order to get this designation, we would need to do more community education/outreach. Perhaps a small group/task force could work on this initiative in the future.

3. Public Relations-Mike L. is looking for a list of MTAM members in Excel spreadsheet form.
4. Newsletter Editor-Jenn Shodis is contacting internship sites, and looking for news and pictures for newsletter and website. Also, she is currently taking recommendations for "Spotlight on A Local MT-BC" section of the newsletter.
5. Student Liason to Augsburg-Augsburg will be starting a master's program in the Music Therapy department in the fall of 2013. Augsburg students are also planning a benefit for the Children's Lighthouse.

VI. Spring Conference

1. The MTAM Spring Conference will be held on March 10th, 2012. Jenny DeLisi will be presenting assistive technology for Music Therapists, or iMT for short.
2. Danielle Malo is preparing document to send to CBMT to get approval for CMTEs from the conference.
3. There was some discussion about when/where the business meeting should be held as Jenny is bringing a band consisting of her clients to perform at the conference and will need some time to set up. It was decided to hold the meeting at the usual 8:30 time.
4. Christina is looking for volunteers the day of the conference, but doesn't have any specific information yet.
5. A motion was made to give Jenna Horgan free admission to the conference as Jenny's assistant. Vote, motion carried.

VII. Fall Conference

1. Possible dates for the conference were discussed. The weekend before Thanksgiving and the first weekend in November were discussed as possibilities.
2. Music therapy with culturally diverse clients was discussed as a possibility for fall conference topic, Christina will also review member surveys for other possible topics.

Next meeting:

March 10th at Spring Conference, Augsburg College

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m. by Peter Meyer

Respectfully submitted,
Erinn Danielson