

Music Therapy Association of Minnesota: Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7-8:30 PM

Attendance: Linnea Larson, Stephanie Hubbard, Melody Schuldt, Ericha Rupp, Michelle Doree, Beth Engelking, Amber Stefan, Maggie Sonstebly, Taylor Baloga Loufek, Amy Furman, Erin Lunde, Megan Druckrey, Kay Ludtke Smith, Jessica Nagel-Nnebedum

1. Get everyone in Zoom call / casual check in
2. Call to Order & Approve 7:00 pm
3. Approve March Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Amber
 - b. Motion approved
4. Announcements (5 min):
 - a. May Meeting: May 19 7PM
 - b. Shared Google Folder
5. Appointed Member Reports & Discussion:
 - a. Members at Large
 - i. AMTA will be virtual again in the fall
 1. Can we allocate pres. Travel fund to scholarships?
 - b. Gov. Relations - no new updates since last month
 - c. Reimbursement
 - i. So far, at least 3 MN music therapy providers have DHS approval to provide Independent Living Skills (ILS) services, and more have applied
 - ii. \$600 one-time fee for organization (per location / address?)
 - iii. Now that there is more information about the process, the team plans to send out some information to MN MTs with more details, and encouraging them to enroll and offering support around that.
 - d. Clinical Training Rep
 - i. Number of interns and recent intern grads in MN
 1. 7 current interns
 2. 3 more university affiliated will be starting before the end of the year
 - e. Newsletter Editor
 - i. Articles due by 4/30
 - ii. A reminder will be sent out on Monday, April 26th
 - iii. Maggie will get government update to Beth
 - iv. If anyone wants to send COVID vaccine photos, get them to Beth
6. Special Committee/ Taskforce / Workgroup Reports & Discussion:
 - a. COVID-19 : \$2500 Grant Money Use (Ericha; Kay; Melody; Steph*; Amber*)
 - i. \$2000-\$2200 for member / graduating intern / new professional support?
 1. Interns - CBMT Exam Reimbursement: Review / approve Application Cost: \$325
 - a. 7-10 interns
 - b. How should it be divided?
 - i. At least 8 \$200 intern scholarships to recent intern grads to help reimburse CBMT exam cost (\$1600)
 1. Need to have completed internship within the last year, or be past midterm
 2. Interns can still be eligible if they have moved out of state since completing internship (Kay will reach out to internship supervisors)
 3. People may apply from May1st - June 1st knowing that it can be extended if need be
 - c. Recipients do not need to be members

- 2. Professionals - CBMT Maintenance Fee Reimbursement: Review / approve
Application Cost: \$80
 - a. Up to 8
 - b. Scholarship raffle
 - c. Application reviewed and approved
 - b. Race Equity
 - i. DEI Statement Progress
 - 1. May 19th MTAM meeting will be used to focus more intensely on creating a statement.
 - a. The document will be available to read and shared by Ericha
 - b. Beth, Jessica and Lindsay will be a subcommittee to discuss this prior to the May meeting
7. Elected Officer Reports & Discussion (25-30 min):
 - a. President
 - i. GLR Report from conference
 - 1. Important info: GLR Listening / visioning sessions and town halls upcoming for ALL MT-BCs in the region.
 - b. President Elect
 - i. SRTF survey / MTAM Survey
 - ii. Ericha will get survey draft out to MTAM board members
 - 1. Perhaps the survey could be conducted at the next conference?
 - c. Past President
 - i. Awards
 - 1. We are currently accepting nominations for all awards. Send any nominations to Michelle by August 1st
 - ii. Board nominations / Candidate Slate
 - 1. Get nominations in by June 1st
 - 2. Michelle will get Election Buddy set up
 - d. Secretary - no updates
 - e. VP*
 - i. \$300 for Videos: Jen; others? GLR?
 - 1. Idea from Jenny Pelletier: Song Licensing (she has a contact with Easy Song Licensing, MN Company)
 - 2. How can we get more video submissions?
 - ii. Fall conference
 - 1. Would it be possible to do it a little earlier (mid-September)
 - 2. Amber will reach out to Sarah Greer about possible dates and what she feels would be the most beneficial amount of time
 - 3. In-Person or virtual?
 - f. Treasurer
 - i. Treasury Report
 - ii. Bank Decision (ON HOLD)
 - iii. MTAM members, remember to renew membership
 - g. PR / Website
 - i. Website has membership benefits password protected page under 2021 membership
 - ii. Pushing for apps for professional scholarship, which are due end of April
 - iii. Will include reminder about reimbursement liaisons and newsletter
 - iv. Mental Health State Fair: Event Aug 30; no deadline specified
8. Other Business (5 min)
 - a. Ericha: Jess, Ericha, and Beth are co-chairs for 2022 GLR Conference!!!!!!!!!!!! Recruiting soon!
9. Adjourn (1 min). Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Future topics:

New bank? (Fall 2021)

Handbook Revision: Gov. Relations and Reimbursement

MTAM Commitments and Possible Action Steps Toward Equity & Diversity;

1. Must align with mission statement. 2. Priority will be given to topics that have been requested by members at previous conferences. 3. Topics must be relevant and address a significant issue or opportunity music therapists are currently facing. 4. Speaker should advocate current best practices on respective topic. 5. Expertise should be relevant and represented on their resume/curriculum vitae. 6. We will strive to select speakers that will represent various populations.

Motion: In an effort to fully engage with and learn from our Minnesota and larger music therapy community, the MTAM board commits to annually hiring at least one conference presenter who identifies with a monitized community.

I wonder about the commitment instead being to a topic once a year focused on social justice or culture-centering in MT for the next 2 years or so?

We would also want to be mindful about people who are in minoritized groups that are not visually evident (i.e. LGBTQIA)

COVID-19