

# 2015 Minnesota meeting – GLR AMTA conference

Friday, April 10, 2015

19 people present

## Topics:

1. Meeting called to session at 7:06
  - a. Moved by Lori Ludwig and seconded by Pete Meyer
  - b. Voted and passed by verbal call
2. Membership 35 members of MTAM
  - a. No spring state conference – more registration later
  - b. List of scholarships available for paid members online – pay dues for website access
  - c. Increased number of scholarship: conference, instrument, continuing education, AMTA membership
  - d. Cannot pay state dues here at GLR conference, but can pay online
3. State conference this fall – topic and date TBD
  - a. Members invited to share ideas with Michelle, VP
4. New vice president Michelle Sieban (Ashley Newborough moved to North Carolina)
5. State task force update – Melissa Hirokawa
  - a. Last year was the end of the 2-year cycle for our bill. Not moving in the house, heard in two committees in senate, but had high fiduciary note
  - b. Getting a new bill introduced – Sen. Hoffman and Rep. Schultz new chief authors
  - c. Music therapy licensure advocacy booth here at conference – please fill out cards to share your opinion in St. Paul
  - d. Not paying a lobbyist, but had meetings that they gave us for free
  - e. Met with board of Social work and Council of Health Boards
  - f. Many meetings with legislators so far this year
  - g. We want to make sure that this process is the best thing for music therapists
  - h. This week is MUSIC THERAPY WEEK in the state of Minnesota and the city of Minneapolis! Please do some extra education!
  - i. Legislators invited to be honored as Friends of Music Therapy from the MTAM by being Friends of AMTA. Will be honored at today's luncheon
  - j. AMTA state task force raffle – sold until luncheon today, money goes to state task force (see Kay Luedke-Smith who is selling tickets)
  - k. Hiawatha 2, 6:00 Saturday – Licensure forum
6. President-elect – internship stipend given twice a year, please encourage interns to apply!
7. Past-president – please run for board! Elections this year!
  - a. Please email Pete Meyer if you are interested in joining the state board.  
[Pmeyer152@cs.com](mailto:Pmeyer152@cs.com)
  - b. Nominations will be done two months before fall conference and ballot will be published one month before fall conference.

8. Thank you to our team who contributed to making this conference happen!
  - a. Please fill out conference eval (given out before lunch on Saturday – need it to receive your certificate on Saturday evening)
9. Discussion on licensure
  - a. Financial concerns (board fees, conference fees, licensure fees.....), especially for part time practitioners
    - i. The task force is doing their best to be advocates for our profession
    - ii. There has to be some fee for maintenance of the board who will oversee the processes that will protect our clients.
    - iii. State recognition will bring greater awareness
    - iv. North Dakota music therapist shared her experience with licensure
10. BI Waiver – successfully billing Medicaid directly in Minnesota for a client.  
Encouraged others to “not be afraid of the fight” to become a healthcare service provider.
11. Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm
  - a. Motion from Pete Meyer
  - b. Seconded by Michelle Sieban
  - c. Voted and passed by verbal call
12. One more thing!! Job posting at the VA! Look to Laurie Knudson for more details!