



Winter 2018

Voice of the Lakes

Letter from the President

Warm winter greetings!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the national conference in St. Louis! I hope that it was an opportunity for reconnection and rejuvenation for everyone. It was wonderful to see two of our GLR members receive recognition at this conference. Congratulations to Dr. Deforia Lane, who was the recipient of the AMTA Lifetime Achievement Award and Angie Snell, who received the AMTA Service Award. We are so proud of both of you and appreciate your hard work, dedication, and contributions to the profession!

Thank you to everyone who represented the GLR so well through CMTEs, presentations, research posters, and service on AMTA committees. Your time spent in preparation is valuable and much appreciated! Congratulations to Angie Snell (Speaker of the Assembly) and Michael Silverman (Assistant Speaker of the Assembly) who will continue to serve in these roles in the 2018-2019 Assembly of Delegates.

Thank you to Cindy Ropp, who has served as the GLR Representative to the AMTA Judicial Review Board and has decided to step down from this position. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact me!

Please take time to read the reports in this issue of the *Voice*. Your representatives on the AMTA Standing Committees work hard throughout the year, but especially during their meeting times at conference. The information in these reports will give you the highlights of work done on your behalf.

As we look ahead to our regional conference, CMTEs have been announced and concurrent session presenters have been notified. The local committee, along with Melaine and Todd, have been working hard to plan a fantastic conference in Ypsilanti (April 11-15). Natasha Thomas will serve as the keynote speaker. The deadline for the call for research posters is February 16. Be sure to visit the GLR website for the most up to date conference information!

At the regional conference, we will recognize Academic Programs, Internships, and State Associations celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more. If your program or state association has a milestone anniversary this year, please let me know so that they can be recognized.

Thank you for taking a moment to find out what is happening within our region. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me. I welcome your engagement through your input and feedback! I can be reached at GLRAMTAPresident@gmail.com or 330-858-3366. I look forward to seeing you in Ypsilanti for GLR 2018!

Warmly,

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President, GLR of AMTA

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2018-2019 Assembly of Delegates

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Sharon Boyle (Indiana)
Amy Furman (Minnesota)
Ed Gallagher (Ohio)
Lisa Gallagher (Ohio)
Jennifer Jones (Illinois)
Peter Meyer (Minnesota)
Julie Palmieri (Michigan)
Melaine Pohlman (Illinois)
Lee Anna Rasar (Wisconsin)
Tracy Richardson (Indiana)
Todd Schwartzberg (Minnesota)
Michael Silverman (Minnesota)
Angela Snell (Michigan)
Mary Stryck (Wisconsin)
Jeff Wolfe (Illinois)

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report - Debbie Bates

Goals:

- To continue with Strategic Planning process
- To streamline conference planning
- To streamline VOL

Accomplishments & Updates:

- Facilitated Executive Committee business via email and conference calls
- Submitted President's Letter and reviewed *Voice of the Lakes* prior to publication
- Worked with Treasurer Stephanie Harris to submit information to AMTA for 990 form
- Completed Mid-year and Annual Reports for AMTA Board of Directions
- Appointed new representatives to committees
 - Workforce Development and Retention: Jessica Fletcher
 - Continuing Education: Kellee Coviak-Hansen (conference) & Bernadette Skodack (regional requests)
- Communicated with members about AMTA special event opportunities (Kennedy Center Sound Health and Leadership Academy)
- Created and re-organized GLR Dropbox as an independent account
 - GLR Executive Committee
 - GLR Standing Committees
 - Official Documents and Bylaws
- Answered phone calls and emails regarding GLR business
- Contacted Executive Committee, standing committee representatives, and Assembly Delegates prior to conference
- Developed agendas for Executive Board meeting and General Business meeting
- Attended regional Presidents meeting at AMTA conference
- celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more so that they can be recognized

Action Items:

- At the 2018 GLR Conference, we will recognize Academic Programs, Internships, and State Associations in existence 25 years or more. Please let me know of any Academic Programs, Internships, and State Associations.
- AMTA Scholarship Reviewers: If you are interested in serving as a reviewer for AMTA Scholarships, please let me know and I will forward your name on.
- Pilot Mentor Program continues to recruit mentees.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bates, MMT, MT-BC
President, GLR of AMTA



Past President's Report - Larisa McHugh

The duties of the Immediate Past President include:

- Serve as Parliamentarian for the Executive Committee meetings
- Chair the Nominating Committee for elections
- Update the Officer handbook
- Receive requests for Membership Support and present to EC for consideration

Elections:

Election of 2018-2019 Assembly -The election of the 2018-2019 GLR Assembly delegates was completed via Survey Monkey. I want to thank Julie Palmieri for her assistance in getting this task accomplished.

- 2017 GLR Conference - Slate of candidates established
- May – Gathered biographical information from candidates and verified AMTA membership
- June – Survey Monkey for voting
- July – Results were collected. Delegates and alternates were notified. List of 2018 Assembly was shared with President Bates and Speaker of the Assembly.

2018-2019 Assembly:

Sharon Boyle	Lee Anna Rasar
Amy Furman	Tracy Richardson
Ed Gallagher	Todd Schwartzberg
Lisa Gallagher	Michael Silverman
Jennifer Jones	Angie Snell
Peter Meyer	Mary Stryck
Julie Palmieri	Jeff Wolfe
Melaine Pohlman	

We will be holding elections for GLR Offices next year. If you are interested in running for office of President–Elect, Vice President-Elect, Treasurer, or Secretary please let me know. The Elected Officers will begin their term after the 2019 GLR conference and serve through the 2021 GLR Conference.

Membership Support: These funds are to assist members who are experiencing financial hardships with payment of AMTA dues or to support their continuing education opportunities.

Procedure and Timeline:

1. Complete this application (see page 29).
2. Submit to the current Past President of GLR of AMTA. You may apply at any point during the year.
3. Applications will be considered by the Executive Committee at the national conference (October/November) or regional conference (March/April), immediately following the application.
4. In some cases, applicants cannot wait for the next conference to receive a decision, due to impending deadlines (e.g., CMTE registration). Applications marked “Time Sensitive” (see below) which arrive between conferences, will be considered as soon as possible, via phone conference or electronic means.
5. Applicants will be notified within one week after the application is voted upon by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Larisa McHugh, MA, MT-BC
Immediate Past President, GLR of AMTA

President Elect's Report - Rebecca Findley Barnard

The responsibilities of the President-Elect consist of acting as chairperson of the Awards Committee, reviewing special project applications and reviewing and proposing revisions to the By-Laws as needed.

Special Projects

The deadline for the special projects applications are February 15, 2018. There are two types of special projects awards available: the MUSE Fund (musical instruments and supporting materials, Clinical services and Education) and the Research Fund. Applications can be found on the GLR website (www.glr-amta.org) or on page 30-31 of this newsletter.

Awards

Each year the GLR presents three awards to deserving GLR members. The Honorary Life Award for long term dedication to the field of music therapy, the Scholarly Activity Award for significant contributions to the knowledge base of the professions and the Service Award for outstanding service to the region. All three awards are presented at the GLR conference in the Spring. If you know a deserving music therapist in the GLR region that you would like to nominate for one of these awards, please let me know. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2018.

By-laws

There are no revisions to the by-laws at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Findley Barnard, MM, MT-BC
President Elect, GLR of AMTA

Vice President/Vice President Elect Report - Melaine Pohlman & Todd Schwartzburg

Completed Tasks:

- Completed 2017 Conference wrap up and sharing of reports
 - Continued updating and creation of Conference Planning documents on Google Drive
 - Developed updated format for GLR Conference Budgets
 - Created Tab for all hotel expenses
 - Streamlined rate differences across levels of membership
 - Developed and successfully sought approval for CMTE/Institute administrative fee for those not attending conference
- Institute and CMTE participants not registering for the 2018 GLR conference will be charged a \$30 administrative fee in addition to their course registration fee.*
- Drafted and sought successful approval of 2018 Conference Budget from GLR Board
 - Regularly met with 2018 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
 - Met in person with 2018 Co-Chairs and Committee Chairs at the hotel in Ypsilanti to review details about the upcoming conference and meet with their local planning committee
 - Met with 2019 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
 - Travelled to Cincinnati for 2019 GLR Conference Site Visits
 - Consulted with GLR Executive Board members and signed 2019 GLR Conference Contract
 - Developed updated promotional materials and system for tracking GLR Conference Sponsors through Constant Contact (insert more details here about goal of contact list, etc.)
 - Focus on developing long term partnerships and relationships

Ongoing Action Items:

- Continue updating of documents on Google Drive
- Continue to modify conference policies as needed
 - Refund policy for Institutes/CMTES
 - Administrative Fee Policy (Insert more info here)
- Continue compilation and organization of past conference statistics, trends and data
- Network and collaborate with other regions about conference planning trends
 - Possible 2021 Collaboration with other regions
- Facilitate startup of Guidebook App

GLR 2017 – Thirst For More; Tap Into Your Greatest Potential

Final Attendance: 500

Final Gross Income: \$23,000

GLR 2018 Ypsilanti, Michigan - Embracing Every Note: Celebrating Diversity in Music Therapy

The 2018 GLR conference will be held in Michigan. Conference Co-Chairs are Bernadette Skodack, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford and Kellee Coviak Hansen

Date: April 12 – 15, 2018

Location: Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI

Room Rate: Standard Room \$159

Parking: Free

Items of interest:

- Institutes: 3 being offered

The Bonny Method of GIM Level 1 Training: Circles and Cycles, Personal Journey through Music and Imagery
Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, MA, MT-BC, LCPC

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Vice President/Vice President Elect Report (continued)

Creatively Cultivating Great Businesses in the Great Lakes

Sara Devine MT-BC, LCSW; Jennifer Hicks, MT-BC, E-RYT;
Betsey Zenk Nuseibeh MM, MEd, MT-BC; Jody Conradi Stark, Ph.D., MT-BC;
Nancy Swanson, MA, MT-BC; Jennifer Whitlow, MT-BC

Finding Common Ground: Understanding Music Therapy and Cultural Empathy

Dena Register, PhD, MT-BC

- CMTES and Institutes: 8 proposals received. 3 proposals solicited. 9 total CMTEs being offered.

Music Therapy and Human Rights Ethics
Play the Song, Not the Guitar: Incorporating Other Musical Elements
Mindful Movement for Music Therapists: Using Yoga in Sessions and Self-Care
Melodic playing techniques for realizing multicultural sacred and folk repertoire on guitar
Deepening the Training and Supervision of Developing Therapists with Music and Imagery
Rap 101: An Exploration of the Genre's Musical Elements
World Percussion Vocabulary & Techniques for the Multicultural Clinician.
Internship Supervision Training

- Concurrent Sessions: 74 proposals received and 58 accepted. Program committee has set schedule for sessions and planning is on schedule.
- Local team met on site in October; will meet again in January 2018.
- Registration to open February 1st via Constant Contact.
- Excited to share CBMT approved Institutes and CMTEs with the GLR Membership at this conference to help members with their planning for conference
- Keynote Speaker: Natasha Thomas, MS, MT-BC
- Sponsorship and Vendor Information
 - Sponsorship, Advertising and Exhibit Hall info sent to 153 potential contacts via Constant Contact on 10/10/17. Follow up email to go out immediately following AMTA conference
 - 2 confirmed sponsors (1 Bronze and 1 Silver) with others expressing interest
- EMU and WMU offered opportunities for sponsorship and offered space for celebration receptions for their respective anniversaries

GLR 2019 Ohio

Date: Thursday, March 14th - Sunday, March 17th, 2019

Location: Hilton Cincinnati at Netherland Plaza; Cincinnati, Ohio

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ohio/hilton-cincinnati-netherland-plaza-CVGNPHF/index.html>

Room Rates:

- 2 Queens/2 Double Beds: Single and Double Occupancy \$139; Triple and Quad Occupancy \$149
- Junior Suites: (IDEAL for students and colleagues who want to room together; 2 bathrooms, separate living area with pull out couch, 2 doubles or queens in sleeping area Single and Double Occupancy \$169 and Triple - Quad Occupancy \$189

Parking: \$23 Self parking at Mabley Place; put on their hotel bill; includes in and out privileges \$28 overnight guest hotel parking; Mabley Place; in and out privileges. \$17 overnight self parking at Mabley Place with NO in and out privileges; payment made directly to garage

Food and Beverage Minimum: \$23,000

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Vice President/Vice President Elect Report (continued)

Items to note:

- Co-Chairs: Amy Foley, Tanya Corso and Brittany Scheer
- Helms-Briscoe was an invaluable resource during this contract process. They handled many of our negotiations and have a good understanding of our contract needs.

Action Items:

- Add question to Conference Survey to gather info about general conference layout and schedule.
- Explore options for a longer/more in-depth Passages conference and or student opportunities to accommodate Spring Break schedules and make the 2019 GLR Conference a Spring Break destination

UD Spring Break: March 9th-17th 2019
 Baldwin Wallace Spring Break: March 1 -10th, 2019
 Cleveland State Spring Break: March 9th-17th 2019
 Ohio University March 9th-17th, 2019
 College of Wooster – March 9th – 17th 2019

- Will present 2019 Proposed Budget in Spring of 2018.

Items for Board Action:

Current Cancellation Policy:

Refunds for cancellations are available by written request only. Requests must be mailed to GLR (insert name of GLR VP and Address) Full refunds cannot be made. 70% of fees will be refunded if the request is postmarked no later than (insert date 4 weeks out). 50% of fees will be refunded if request is postmarked before (insert date 2 weeks out). No refunds will be made after (insert date 1 week out). Refunds will be processed within 45 days after the conference.

Proposed Revised Cancellation Policy:

Refunds for cancellations *of conference registration fees, including Institutes and CMTEs* are available by written request only to glrconferenceplanning@gmail.com. 70% of fees will be refunded if the request is *sent* no later than (insert date 4 weeks out). 50% of fees will be refunded if request is *sent* before (insert date 2 weeks out). No refunds will be made after (insert date 1 week out). Refunds will be processed within 45 days after the conference and *will be received through either check or Paypal*.

Rationale:

- The use of the email address gives us a digital record of requests as well as puts all requests in one central location.
- Inserting Institutes and CMTEs clarifies that this applies to all fees.
- Since registration is now online and via PayPal, the GLR VP and/or VP-elect receive very few checks, therefore having the flexibility to utilize electronic reimbursement may provide for more efficient reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

Melaine Pohlman, MT-BC
 Vice President, GLR of AMTA

Todd Schwartzberg, M. Ed., MT-BC
 Vice President Elect, GLR of AMTA

State Representative Reports

Illinois – Allison Gunnink

Activity: March 2017-November 2017

Membership:

88 professional members
7 intern members
2 student member
2 student groups

Financials:

IAMT Is currently in good financial standing as we end 2017 with our bank account at \$7,817.37 and PayPal at \$5,971.79.

Programming and Continuing Education:

On October 28th, IAMT had our Fall CMTE at Giant Steps presented by K-Rae Knowles, Meredith Powers, Kylie Kirksey, Audrey Stein, Michelle McCallough, Kelly Ryan, and Leah Hanhart. 15 registrants (including students, interns, and professionals) came, participated, and learned about how music affects motor, cognition, and speech/language neurologic functions, as well as recent research in the area of Neurology and Music.

Government Relations/State Recognition Task Force:

Recently Nancy Swanson and Victoria Storm met with Senator Laura Murphy to discuss future music therapy legislation. She disagrees with the Music Therapy Advisory Board report, which stated licensure is not warranted. Senator Murphy will be vetting ideas of licensure and title protection with her colleagues prior to drafting a new bill. Nancy remains available to assist if anyone witnesses or hears of any cases of music therapy misrepresentation.

Public Relations:

IAMT would like to thank everyone that attended the fall CMTE at Giant Steps! It was a great turnout and wonderful to meet new people! Our upcoming events include the 2018 IMEA conference which runs January 24th -January 27th in Peoria, and IAMT will be working to recruit volunteers to represent the organization.

Past President:

The results are in, and IAMT has a new executive board who will begin their service in the new year. Jenni Rook assembled a fantastic nominating committee who provided a great slate of candidates for our members to vote on. IAMT will soon be announcing the winner of the AMTA membership scholarship, a new award we have made available to members as a way to help increase membership in AMTA. Applicants who could demonstrate financial need were favored over others, assuming that finances might be one of the major barriers to becoming a member. The board voted to adopt several changes to our bylaws, which will need to be voted on by members at our next state meeting. Jenni Rook will be working to draft a document that can be reviewed by everyone when it is time to vote.

Clinical Training:

Currently we have 8 national roster internship sites in Illinois. 7 of these internship sites are active and 1 is inactive. We also have 6 university-affiliated music therapy internship sites. 5 of these university-affiliated sites are active and 1 is inactive. We previously had 12 active internship sites in Illinois, so the decline in internship opportunities in the state provides concern for growing university music therapy programs in Illinois.

The music therapy internship committee is working towards solutions to the concerns voiced regarding the internship survey. This committee consists of an internship director, internship supervisor, university professor, and a music therapist currently applying for an internship program. Some ideas that were developed from the meetings and correspondence include: creating a document outlining the "Benefits of having a music therapy intern" that can be posted on the IAMT website. It was also discussed that the application process is difficult, so it may be beneficial to host a support network related to applying for national roster internship sites. IAMT will continue to work to support growing internship sites within the state.

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Illinois Report (continued)

Website:

IAMT is happy to welcome on Bradley Drozdowski as the new website coordinator. Allison plans to finalize a new job postings process, update a few more pages' content, and finish the 2018 Member Registration before handing over the reins. Overall, IAMT has received positive feedback about the new website, and efforts will continue in order to enhance and improve the website even more.

Student Affairs:

Another school year has begun and it is wonderful to welcome new students to the field of music therapy and returning students. If you are a student seeking questions about the Illinois State University, Crescendo Music Therapy Student Association, you can reach the new student president, Sarah Vannette. Information for students interested in Western Illinois University's program can reach the student president Melliza Malabanan. The student group club membership ended on September 30th and the due date for new registration was October 1st. We look forward to continuing to serve our student clubs. Finally, keep a lookout for information about the IAMT student retreat on the IAMT webpage.

Fundraising:

The executive board voted to add a fundraising chair to assist now that IAMT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This year, the chair has been working on arranging for Amazon Smile and Scrip, as well as some individual fundraisers at Naf Naf and Whole Foods. Tuesday, November 21st is Giving Tuesday, and this information will be introduced to the members and public in email and social media.

Other News:

IAMT will be welcoming on four new board members in January. Congratulations to Deb Soszko (President), Kristin Lindaman (Vice President), Rozie Horning (Secretary) and Rachel Eply (Treasurer). Thank you to Kearsti-Rae Knowles, Jenni Rook and Meryl Brown for their service to the board; it is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Gunnink, MBA, MT-BC
IAMT President



Indiana - Jennifer Whitlow

In March of 2017 the new executive board took over. The new appointed officers are: Jennifer Whitlow: President, Kathy Williams: Vice-President, Christian Porter: Treasurer, Leigh Ann Fuller: Secretary. The new board had our first executive board meeting in May of 2017 and decided to meet quarterly (four times a year with one in person) rather than twice per year. We also pursued and obtained our own CBMT Provider Code, and will begin offering CMTE opportunities through AIMT in 2018.

Due to adding the continuing education through AIMT, we have added an office for continuing education. We are also starting a committee for advocacy and networking as well as a blind review committee to help select presenters. Starting in 2018, we will be asking for a call for papers for presentations at our spring and fall meetings. We are hoping to bring new individuals in to present in their areas of expertise. This past year we had presentations about Contractors vs Employees, grant writing, and advocacy.

We are also excited to announce that the University of Indianapolis established a Bachelor's degree in music therapy. We continue building relationships in the state house and were invited to present about music therapy at the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities office, which helps oversee the Indiana Medicaid Waivers.

To close out the year, we plan to do a membership drive, redesign our website, and send a survey to Indiana Music Therapists with the hope of increasing our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Whitlow, MT-BC
AIMT President



Michigan - Kellee Coviak Hansen



GLR 2018

We are excited to be hosting the 2018 GLR Conference on April 11-15, 2018 at Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti. Please plan to join us for *Embracing Every Note: Celebrating Diversity in Music Therapy*. The conference rate for a Standard Room is \$159/night. Conference registration will be open February 1 – March 1, 2018. The deadline to reserve your hotel room is March 18, 2018. Please visit the conference website (<http://www.glr-amta.org/conference-overview/>), follow the conference social media pages, and watch your e-mail for additional information. The conference co-chairs are Kellee Coviak Hansen, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, and Bernadette Skodack; they can be reached at glr2018@gmail.com with any questions

Membership

We ended the 2017 membership year with 72 members: 5 Honorary Lifetime members; 56 professional members; and 11 student/intern members. In addition, there are active student groups at both Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities. We were pleased to honor Angela Snell with an Honorary Lifetime Membership at our meeting at the 2017 GLR Conference.

Task Force

We held a very successful Hill Day on May 24, 2017. Since then, we have had a lot of positive momentum towards music therapy licensure. The task force surveyed Michigan music therapists over the summer and found that most are very supportive of music therapy licensure, but there were also a number of questions and misconceptions. In response, the task force compiled a Frequently Asked Questions document, which was distributed to all Michigan music therapists and is available on the MMT Website. This fall, we had multiple legislators express interest in sponsoring a music therapy licensure bill and we currently have a draft bill which is being reviewed by the AMTA/CBMT legal team for feedback. In addition, in preparation for potential hearings, we are compiling a list of music therapy advocates who are willing to speak in support of a music therapy licensure bill.

Continuing Education

Our Spring 2017 Workshop was held May 13, 2017 at Western Michigan University. The topic was *Music and the Brain: An Introduction to Neurologic Music Therapy*, presented by Ed Roth, Erin Wegener, Jennifer Fiore, and Caitlyn Bodine. There were 17 professionals and 9 students in attendance.

Our Fall 2017 Workshop – *Music Therapy, Social Media, and YOU!* – was held October 15, 2017 at Eastern Michigan University. Debbie Bates and Julie Palmieri shared great information about social media ethics and effective ways to utilize social media within music therapy. 29 professionals and 43 students attend the workshop.

Since Michigan is hosting the GLR 2018 Conference in April, MMT will not be offering a Spring 2018 Workshop.

Fraud

This past spring, MMT was the victim of a fraud scam which stemmed from having executive board officers' e-mail addresses listed on our website. In response to the incident, we removed personal e-mail addresses from our website and created officer e-mail addresses through our website. Over the summer, we established new banking procedures to prevent a similar incident in the future. We are working with local law enforcement, the FBI, and our bank, as this is an ongoing investigation.

MMT Memorial Scholarship

The recipient of our Spring 2017 Memorial Scholarship was Lindsey Kuster, a student from Western Michigan University and intern at Spectrum Health Neuro Rehabilitation Services and Cancer Center in Kalamazoo. Our Fall 2017 Memorial Scholarship recipient is Molly Grettenberger – also a Western Michigan University student – who is completing her internship at Rainbow Babies.

Elections

We will be electing a new executive board for the 2018-2020 term. Nominations are open through December 1, 2017 for the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please contact Past President, Julie Palmieri, if you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee Coviak Hansen, MS, MT-BC
MMT President



Minnesota - Claire M. Klein

Membership

Current membership of the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota (MTAM) stands at 120 (93 professional members, 23 student members, 4 lifetime members) as of November 14, 2017.

Financials

MTAM, a 501(c)3 organization, is in good financial standing with a total of \$10,942.46 in assets (Checking - \$10,075; PayPal - \$707.30; Petty Cash - \$160.00) as of November 14, 2017.

State conferences

MTAM hosted two 6-credit CMTE conferences in 2017: "Singing With Your Whole Self: Integrating Body, Mind, Voice, and Spirit through BodySinging" with Dr. Therees Tkach Hibbard in May and "A Vision for Music Therapy Advocacy" with Judy Simpson & Dena Register in September.

Awards

At our May conference, we honored Dr. Bridget Doak, newly retired clinician with the Fairview Hospital System & Practicum Supervisor at Augsburg College with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Becky Pansch received the MTAM Service award for her work with the Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care. We awarded Patricia Connors with the Friend of MTAM recognition for her advocacy of music therapy at St. Catherine University as the Chair of the Department of Music & Theater.

Scholarships

In July, we awarded Alannah Forstner with a \$300 stipend as she completes her internship with Toneworks Music Therapy Services, LLC, with youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Down Syndrome.

Scholarships are offered and awarded to our membership throughout the year:

- Internship stipend (winter and summer)
- Professional AMTA membership dues
- MTAM Early bird registration (professional & student)
- Continuing Education stipend
- Instrument replacement or purchase
- GLR Early bird registration (professional & student)
- Professional CMTE at GLR
- AMTA Early bird registration (professional & student)
- Professional CMTE at AMTA

Task Force

We have met with our chief author in the Senate, Sen. Jerry Newton, and co-author Sen. Steve Cwodzinski and are working to both obtain a chief author in the House as well as additional co-authors in both chambers. The task force met and is working on several tasks and potential new developments to prepare for the upcoming session. *(Respectfully submitted by Todd Schwartzberg, M.Ed., MT-BC, Chair State Recognition Task Force & Melissa Spiess (previously Hirokawa), M.M., MTBC, MTAM Government Relations Chair)*

National Roster internship sites & Educational institutions

The following facilities and organizations offer national roster internship programs in the state of Minnesota. Congratulation to newly approved national-roster sites Joyful Noises & Twin Cities Music Therapy Services directed by Jennifer Hicks, MT-BC, RYT and Lindsay Markworth, MA, MT-BC, Nordoff Robbins Music Therapist and Michelle Sieben, MT-BC of Augustana Care Health & Rehab.

- Allina Health Hospice, St. Paul, MN
- Augustana Care Health & Rehab – Apple Valley, MN
- Good Samaritan Society – Special Care Community, Robbinsdale, MN
- Joyful Noises & Twin Cities Music Therapy Services – Minneapolis, MN
- Lifeworks Services, Inc. – Eagan, MN
- Park Nicollet Health Service, Minneapolis, MN
- Woodbury Health Care Center, Woodbury, MN

The following institutions offer undergraduate, equivalency, and masters programs:

- Augsburg College – Minneapolis, MN
- University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN

Minnesota Report (continued)

Public Relations

PR chair Jennifer Hicks posts regularly on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Her posts help connect MTAM members with other music therapists around the country, highlight conference details, opportunities for scholarships and grants, introduce new board members, and activities of students and other MN music therapy small groups.

Like Music Therapy Association of MN on Facebook; Follow @musictherapymn on Twitter and Instagram

Special Events

The Music Therapy Association of Minnesota held an Outstate Outreach event in Duluth, MN. A group of 12 music therapists toured Access Music Therapy and participated in an open mic at a local coffee shop. We connected with local attendees and a prospective music therapy student, shared information about music therapy, and made music together.

The Better Than Karaoke Band held fundraisers for former MTAM President and state AMTA delegate, Peter Meyer who suffered health issues last year. Another fundraising event was held for Barbara (Babs) Sperling to help defer healthcare costs.

We hold close the memory of Jen Werner who passed away at age 29 on September 12, 2017.

Future Business

The Executive Board will welcome new members beginning January 2018; they will serve two-year terms. We hope that our newly created Policy and Procedures document will assist in a smooth transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Klein, MT-BC
MTAM President



Ohio - Lindsey Holmes Doty

- Membership:
 - Total: 197
 - Professional: 126
 - Retired: 1
 - Student: 20
- The state task force remains active in pursuing licensure in Ohio. Members are encouraged to invite your legislators to observe sessions.
- AOMT offers 2 annual conference scholarships for professionals (\$100 for GLR and \$400 for AOMT) in addition to the 2 internship scholarships. See the website for details and be sure to apply in order to take advantage of these opportunities. Information including scholarship opportunities and deadlines are also communicated regularly via email and social media.
- AOMT continues to work to set up regional networking events for Ohio music therapists in response to requests from a survey sent within the past year. If you are interested in helping organize networking events in your region, please email AOMTpresident@aomt.org.
- Continuing education events in the past year include:
 - Our first low-cost CMTE event occurred on February 25th at the Cleveland Clinic. It was presented by Dwyer Conklyn and was entitled, "Evidence Based Practice: Understanding, Integrating, and Implementing All Aspects of Your Practice." This CMTE was a third CMTE event added to support a request from members for a third continuing education event annually. In addition, it was offered at an extremely low cost for members (\$15 for 5 CMTE credits, fees to cover lunch) in an effort to give back to our membership. This event was well-attended and the board plans to continue offering free or low-cost events in future years.
 - Our summer CMTE event, scheduled for June 3 in Dayton, Ohio with Larisa McHugh and Jessica Josefczyk and entitled, "Deepening Connection: A Humanistic Approach to Music Therapy With Our Elders," was rescheduled for February 2018. Please keep current with your AOMT email, as well as with our social media and quarterly newsletter, for upcoming details on this event.

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Ohio Report (continued)

- AOMT's bi-annual state conference was held in Columbus on September 8 and 9. Vice President Amy Foley worked with the executive board as well as with AOMT member volunteers to organize a wonderful event with record attendance. 169 were registered. The conference featured an 8-hour institute, two separate 3-hour CMTE sessions, 19 concurrent sessions, a jam room, morning yoga, and Marcia Humpal as keynote.
- AOMT brochures are available for members to use at various advocacy events. Contact AOMTpublicrelations@gmail.com for more information.
- AOMT.org continues to receive regular updates and, for approximately one year, has hosted online registration for membership, conferences and CMTEs. A member's only section houses PR materials and other membership perks.
- Ohio is currently home to 13 active national roster internship sites
- AOMT's student representative, Sarah Whitehead, is working with Ohio college students to organize a YouTube channel which will feature various music therapy ideas, techniques, and even session plans to help students collaborate and grow.
- AOMT is currently looking for an individual to serve as Government Relations chair. If you are interested, please email Lindsey Holmes Doty at AOMTpresident@gmail.com if you are interested in serving.
- It is not too late to renew membership or join for 2018. You can now join and pay online. Membership is free to those in their first year in the profession or for those new to the state. A list of membership benefits can be found at aomt.org

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Holmes Doty, MT-BC
AOMT President



Wisconsin State Report - Rebecca Frize

Our current membership is 53 professionals, 6 students/interns and 3 retired professionals for a total of 62 members as of September 2017. Our numbers do fluctuate due to our current system of renewal online and is being looked at going forward to maintain memberships year to year. Therapists are also continuing connections with others around the state in dinners/luncheons to network and encourage others to join if they are not members.

CMTE opportunities: September of 2017 was at Alverno College led by Leslie Henry; February 2018 will also be at Alverno for a CMTE with a General Business Meeting to elect new officers. Our Continuing Ed Chair is working on a Spring and Fall of 2018 Workshop.

Each month we continue to send out a mini-newsletter to our members keeping them updated with news from the state, region and national levels if warranted. We continue our Session Sharing monthly as well. Various members from across the state and various populations share one session intervention. This is a great way to expand our files for new ideas!

Our next General Business Meeting will be in February 2018 and EBoard Meeting in January 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Frize, MT-BC
WCMT President



Appointed Officer Reports

Website Report - Julie Palmieri

I encourage all members to visit the GLR website at <http://glr-amta.org>, as well as our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram on a frequent basis.

The hashtag for the AMTA Conference was #AMTA17. Connect on social media to see what others were saying and sharing.

GLR WEBSITE

By visiting us online, you'll see:

- The most up-to-date information on conferences, CMTEs, and events around the region
- News from around the region
- Job listings and members only information
- Mentor program

And much more!

NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATIONS

We are continuing to communicate with our members on a frequent basis via our newsletter, as well.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not receiving these emails and you are a member, please check your spam/junk folder, check your promotions tab, OR contact us via the contact form on the GLR website.

USERNAMES & PASSWORDS - COMING SOON

We are making preparations to make improvements to our Members Only section of the GLR website. The improvements include giving our members their own username and password to access the Members Only section.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We currently have 1,005 Facebook Likes, 651 Tweepers, and 312 Instagrammers on GLR's social media.

See you on our website at www.GLR-AMTA.org!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GLR.AMTA/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/gramta>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gramta/>

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC
Great Lakes Region Website Coordinator

Standing Committee Reports

Association Internship Approval Report - Kay Luedtke-Smith

GREAT LAKES REGION NATIONAL ROSTER INTERNSHIP SITES AS OF NOVEMBER 2017

ACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
7	5	5	7	13	6	43

INACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
1	0	0	0	1	0	2

New and Re-activated Sites

- Arbor Hospice, MI, Rachel Lawrence-Lupton, ID
- Augustana Care Health & Rehab., MN, Michelle Sieben, ID
- Joyful Noises/Twin Cities Music Therapy, MN, Jennifer Hicks/Lindsay Markworth, ID's
- Bethany Village, OH, Jessica Josefczyk
- The Music Settlement, OH, Megan McCausland
- University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH, Seneca Block

The AIAC Committee's request to change the guidelines requiring Supervising Music Therapists to attend the Supervising the National Roster Intern 5 hour CMTE (or similar education course) was approved at this conference. This change will go into effect July 2018. This change will effect new applications, all others will be grandfathered in. Though all Supervising Music Therapists are encouraged to take the course.

The Annual Report Survey will be coming out in January. Internship Directors please complete the survey and return in a timely manner.

Internship Directors please check the National Roster Internship list on the AMTA website to make sure that everything is up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Luedtke – Smith, MT-BC
GLR Representative to the AMTA, AIAC

Clinical Practice Networking Report - Lee Anna Rasar

1. Clinical Practice Networking Committee representatives continue to expand networking and mentoring opportunities by organizing and supporting networking events at regional conferences.
2. At the national conference the Clinical Practice Networking Committee joined forces with the Standards of Clinical Practice Committee to facilitate a vibrant and constructive Clinical Practice Networking Luncheon. More than 110 professional and student participants attended and engaged in lively dialogues within 12 different practice areas.

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Clinical Practice Networking Report (continued)

3. To maximize engagement of attendees in networking at the annual conference, we plan to propose a motion to reformulate the clinical practice networking session to utilize a concurrent session timeslot.
4. Please report any networking or mentoring opportunities occurring in the region to your Clinical Practice Networking Committee regional representative, so that we can help support and keep track of such events.
5. All regions are requested to host Clinical Practice Networking sessions at the regional conferences. We hosted a networking luncheon for these populations at our Milwaukee conference with good attendance and spirited sharing times: Hospice/Palliative Care; Medical; Early Childhood; Autism Spectrum Disorder/IDD; Mental Health/Forensics/Addictions; Private Practice; Gerontology; and New Professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anna Rasar, MMEd, MT-BC

GLR Representative to the AMTA Clinical Practice Networking Committee

Continuing Education Report - Kellee Coviak-Hansen & Bernadette Skodack

Kellee Hansen and Bernadette Skodack began as co-representatives in August 2017. We worked with former representative, Kristen Lueck, to transition the role.

We created an e-mail account for the position, which is glr.ce.rep@gmail.com. Please use this e-mail address for CE-related communications. Along with this account, we started using Google Drive for collaboration and document storage.

At the 64th Annual Conference of the Great Lakes Region - held in March 2017 in Milwaukee, WI - 3 Institutes and 11 CMTEs were offered for a total of 77 credits.

This fall, GLR served as the approved provider for three CMTE offerings:

- AOMT Fall Conference (Sept. 8-9, 2017) in Columbus, OH
 - Featured 3 presentations for a total of 14 credits
 - *Rap 101: An Exploration of the Genre's Musical Elements*
 - Presented by Jenn Seley, MA, MT-BC
 - *From Advocacy to Legislation*
 - Presented by Ed Gallagher, MT-BC and Erin Spring, MM, MT-BC
 - *Evidence-Based Practice: Understanding, Integrating, and Implementing*
 - Presented by Dwyer Conklyn, MM, MT-BC; Debbie Bates, MMT, MT-BC; Tanya Corso, MM, MT-BC; Jenny Walker, MA, MT-BC, and Taylor Rung-Meehan
- WCMT Fall Conference (Sept. 30, 2017) in Milwaukee, WI
 - *Influence of Music on Human Behavior 2.0*

Presented by Leslie Henry, MM, MT-BC

8 CMTE credits

- Music and Medicine Conference (Oct 13, 2017) in Cincinnati, OH
 - Presenters included 12 individuals working within the medical field and using music therapeutically. Though MT-BCs have presented at this conference in the past, this year's panel did not include an MT-BC.
 - 7 CMTE credits

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Continuing Education Report (continued)

In addition, we tied up some loose ends from the GLR 2017 Conference and have begun the CBMT approval process for the Institutes and CMTEs which will be offered at GLR 2018 Conference.

We would like to remind the membership that offering a continuing education event under the GLR provider number does not constitute “sponsorship” by the GLR. If you have any questions or concerns about a continuing education offering, please contact us at glr.ce.rep@gmail.com.

Finally, please send us any recommendations you have for great CMTE presenters and/or topics!

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee Coviak Hansen, MS, MT-BC
Bernadette Skodack, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Continuing Education Representatives

Government Relations Report - Kellee Coviak-Hansen & Bernadette Skodack

Several states in the GLR region have strong movement towards active legislation. CBMT and AMTA continue to oversee all active task force movement. Specific details will be available in the near future as the task forces work with their legislators to chart the best course. Here are recent updates for each state in the GLR region:

Illinois: Recently Nancy Swanson and Victoria Storm met with Senator Laura Murphy to discuss future music therapy legislation. Senator Murphy will be vetting ideas of licensure or title protection with her colleagues prior to drafting a bill. This will be Illinois' 4th undertaking of a music therapy bill.
Government Relations Chair/Task Force Chair: Nancy Swanson

Indiana: The state has been developing a strategy for revisiting the need for licensing/registration in Indiana. Task force members have identified potential current legislators who were previously supportive of past legislation that was vetoed by, then, Governor Pence. Task force members will be reaching out to the Lt. Governor, Suzanne Crouch, who was the author of that bill when she was in the House of Representatives. From there, they hope to develop relationships with a summer study committee that can help define the best path to take for the development of a new bill in the next legislative session.

In addition, the task force contacted the Department of Developmental and Rehabilitation Services to clarify the guidelines for providing music therapy through the Medicaid waiver. The director of the Bureau of Quality Improvement Services stated there is no cap on the amount of music therapy that can be placed on a person's yearly budget and that there is no specific ratio required for direct vs. non-direct billing for services. The emphasis should always be on direct care, but therapy should be provided based on each individual's specific needs. The task force will also be getting in contact with the Arc of Indiana to see if they can help us in their licensure efforts. The state also held an advocacy training at their last state meeting and have identified a number of Indiana music therapists who are interested in helping with advocacy and a possible Hill Day.

Government Relations Chair: Lindsey Wright
Task Force Chair: Casey DePriest

Michigan: The Michigan task force held a Hill Day on May 24, 2017. This active advocacy and continued communication with state legislators afterwards produced important results for the state. Legislators are currently working on drafting a licensure bill.

Task Force Co-Chairs: Kellee Hansen and Bernadette Skodack

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Government Relations Report (continued)

Minnesota: The task force has met with their chief author in the Senate, Sen. Jerry Newton, as well as a co-author Sen Steve Cwodzinski, and are working to both obtain a chief author in the House as well as additional co-authors in both the House and Senate. The task force is working on several tasks and potential new developments to prepare them for the upcoming session.

Government Relations Chair: Melissa Spiess

Task Force Chair: Todd Schwartzberg

Ohio: Ohio has recently experienced a lot of change in state representatives and senators. The task force is currently reorganizing to prepare for another licensure legislation attempt. In October, the task force shared local music therapy service sites with their respective representative and senator Facebook pages. Invitations to observe music therapy sessions continue to be extended to Ohio legislators.

Task Force Co-Chairs: Ed Gallagher and Erin Spring

Wisconsin: The state continues to maintain a music therapy registry since 1998. (There may be additional information from WI at a later date)

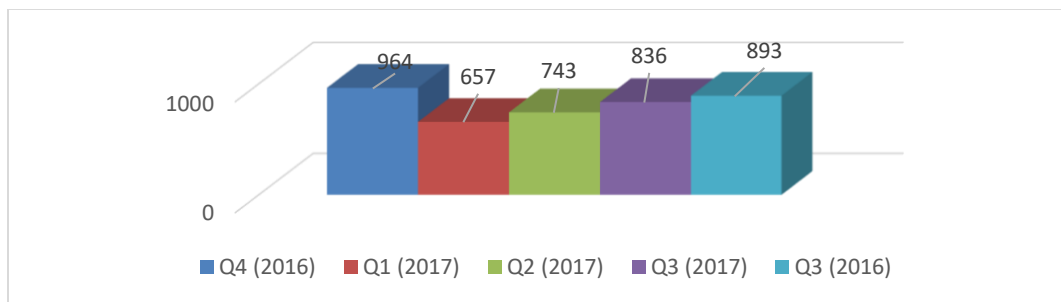
Government Relations Chair: Nancy Dexter-Schabow

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Swanson, MA, MT-BC

GLR-AMTA Government Relations Representative

Membership Report - Rachael Lawrence-Lupton



4th quarter (2016) = 964

1st quarter (2017) = 657

2nd quarter (2017) = 743

3rd quarter (2017) = 836

3rd quarter (2016) = 893

3rd quarter (2017) new members = 93

Affiliate- 1

Grad Student- 6

Professional- 49

Student- 37

3rd quarter membership category totals:

Affiliate- 5

Associate- 3

Grad Student- 76

Honorary Life- 8

Inactive- 0

Life- 1

Patron- 0

Professional- 552

Retired- 10

Student- 211

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, MA, MT-BC

GLR-AMTA Membership Committee Representative

Professional Advocacy Committee Report - Jessica De Villers

The committee continues to educate membership regarding the representation of music therapy to the public

Efforts include:

- We continue to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues.
- The committee manages and maintains a resource file of member referred inquiries and responses related to misrepresentation.
- There were 8 cases of misrepresentation referred to our region since last National Conference. Reported trends in our region seem to be articles, job descriptions, and products.
- The Members Only section of the AMTA website PAC page is updated on a regular basis.
- Several representatives of the PAC will be presenting at regional conferences. In addition to our existing national conference presentation we are developing regional and student based presentations.
- We continue to refine a decision tree infographic to help members navigate potential cases of misrepresentation.

Please contact Jessica De Villers, GLR of AMTA Professional Advocacy Rep with any issues that arise within your states at devillersjl@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica De Villers, MA, MT-BC

GLR of AMTA Professional Advocacy Representative

Reimbursement Report - Kyle Fleming

The Reimbursement Committee is continuing to work hard to provide members access to information about reimbursement options. Part of this work has included a discussion on how to improve dialogue between regional members and the national committee in order to refer or provide them to the appropriate resources by state. The committee discussed different ways to organize and provide that information to members.

The committee also discussed different ways to provide reimbursement information to students in order to prepare them for documentation experience in the professional realm. Reimbursement is noted and referenced in the AMTA Professional Competencies (15.1, 17.15), yet many academic programs don't provide any education about forms of reimbursement. The committee discussed providing reimbursement information through workshops and continuing education training, as well as providing a packet of information in the "Welcome to the Profession" materials that AMTA provides to new professionals.

The committee has been organizing and recording webinars based on different topics within reimbursement, such as Medicaid waivers, private insurance, etc. The goal is for these different webinars to be available to members on the AMTA website. The committee also has been watching our current political climate closely, and will provide information on how specific states will be affected by any changes to insurance or Medicaid/Medicare coverage.

Finally, all professionals should watch their emails for the 2018 Reimbursement Survey. The survey will be opening sometime in early 2018, and will be open through Regional Conferences. All members are encouraged to complete the survey, regardless of their knowledge of how they are reimbursed or if they have attempted different forms of reimbursement, as the information gathered will be used to help focus efforts for more education and resource building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Fleming, MT-BC

GLR Regional Representative, Reimbursement Committee

Research Report - Annie Heiderscheit

This summer I have worked with the research committee to identify and suggest presentations to be presented by the research committee at the AMTA conference and strive to support AMTA research initiatives. The presentation selected is the following: Conducting clinical research: A guide through the research process Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT, Nancy Jackson, Ph.D., MT-BC, Kathy Murphy, Ph.D., MT-BC. To be presented Sunday, November 19 from 9:30-10:45 am. Cathy Knoll contacted the presenters identifying that AMTA would like to develop a podcast of this presentation. The presenters will meet with Cathy Knoll on Saturday, November 18th to create the podcast which will be made available to all AMTA members as a membership benefit.

I worked with 2018 Great Lakes Regional Conference organizers and served as a reviewer for conference proposals. I completed a blind review ten conference proposals.

I will be attending the Research Committee meeting at the 2017 AMTA Annual conference and I look forward to getting more integrated into my role and working with address and advance the research initiatives of AMTA and the GLR.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT
GLR-AMTA Research Representative

Standards of Practice Report – Jennifer Fiore

- We continue to make progress working to revise the Standards of Clinical Practice to align with other AMTA and CBMT Documents.
- Our plan is to meet via conference call and work digitally to finalize these revisions to send to the Assembly at the November 2018 Conference
- We have been tasked with reviewing the definition of music therapy; as a committee we have decided to finish revisions to the Standards Document before moving to that charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fiore, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Standards of Practice Representative

Workforce Development and Retention Report – Jessica Fletcher

The committee has been working on the following:

- We met as a committee at conference
- Organizing a high school only event within the AMTA 2017 conference for students to come and learn about music therapy
 - Flyers and advertisements were developed and submitted
 - Schedule and events were organized by committee heads and members of the conference committee
 - Presentation happening right now for the high school students
 - Wanting to replicate this model for high school GLR and AMTA conferences
 - AMTA Board of Directors has tasked us with finding a low cost/zero cost for high school student involvement or a concurrent panel session at GLR conference.

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Workforce Development and Retention Report (continued)

- Developing a list of junior/community colleges within 50 miles of schools with a music therapy program
 - Finished this list prior to conference for all US schools
 - Included names and appropriate contact information
- Next step will be to work on providing more information to these schools regarding music therapy.
- Consulting with CBMT to see if they are willing to add a question to the survey when MT-BCs do not recertify to address why they may not be recertifying.
- Exploring creating a forum for members to submit ideas regarding workforce retention possibly on social media

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica S. Fletcher, MM, MT-BC
Workforce Development and Retention Committee Member

Other Regional News

Wisconsin – Dr. Dale Taylor



Dr. Taylor was honored by the American Music Therapy Association's Black Music Therapy Network for "achievements and contributions to our field" as a "notable history-maker in Music Therapy" at the 2017 national conference in St. Louis on November 18. This conference marks the 50-year anniversary of his appointment as Chair of the NAMT International Activities Committee, his first music therapy office. Since that time, he has continuously held one or more regional, national or international offices serving our organization and the music therapy profession such as Great Lakes Region President, National Student Coordinator, Certification-Registration Chair, Assembly of Delegates, Editor of the *International Journal of Arts Medicine*, and he currently serves on the AMTA Music & Memory Work Group. The award notes his "exemplary legacy of service."

He founded a music therapy degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, was promoted four times and served eight years as Chair of the Department of Allied Health Professions. He has presented on every inhabited continent and other locations such as Japan, New Zealand and Hawaii. He was the opening speaker at the 2008 Mozart & Science Conference in Vienna and the opening Keynote speaker for the 2016 Online Conference for Music Therapy.

He wrote the first historical research paper ever published by the *Journal of Music Therapy* as well as other papers appearing in *Music Therapy Perspectives* and *Approaches in Music Therapy*. He served on the 1996 National Conference Program Committee, and hosted a Great Lakes Region conference during which he chaired the founding of the Wisconsin Chapter for Music Therapy.

In 1990, he was the first to propose a theory of music therapy based on the causal effects of music on brain functioning. He wrote two books on music therapy and the brain, and in 1985, he originated use of the word "plasticity" as a term in neuroscience.

He studied under Gaston, Sears, Radocy and others at the University of Kansas and has held academic appointments at 7 different colleges and universities in the US and abroad. He is best known as the author of *Biomedical Foundations of Music as Therapy*.

Music Playlists Now Added to Advance Care Planning

After two years of careful negotiations, renegotiations, presentations, interviews, drafts and redrafts, there is now a new Advance Music Planning questionnaire item that has been accepted by the Wisconsin Medical Society's Honoring Choices Wisconsin program for use by Advance Care Planning facilitators in drawing up Advance Directives. Plans are to start distributing the item, first as an option, and later as part of the standard AD questionnaire.

Dr. Dale Taylor wrote the music playlist item and its rationale, gave presentations to WMS and other stakeholders on the need for Advance Music Planning, obtained AMTA Presidential and Music & Memory Work Group approval for item and rationale content, and conducted negotiations with HCW leaders and others to gain final approval for distribution.

HCW has notified Dr. Taylor that the Wisconsin Medical Society's web manager uploaded the Advance Music Planning item to their website and that we have full permission to access and use it as needed. Go to: <https://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/professional/hcw/resources-2/> and select "Advance music planning." This is a fillable form using Adobe Acrobat Reader and can be printed after selections are entered.

Dr. Taylor is continuing to work with the WMS to identify ways to monitor use of the new playlist item, help see that it is eventually included in the national Respecting Choices Curriculum, assist in determining that the item is in full compliance with the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization's new Guidelines on Advance Directives for Hospices, and facilitate access to individual playlist information by music therapists and music listening specialists.

General Business Meeting Minutes – St. Louis, MO

November 17, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:35am by GLR President Debbie Bates

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for fluid agenda

Motion by K. Fleming, Second R. Kaplan All in Favor, none opposed. Motion Passed

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by J. Jones and Seconded by T. Black

All in Favor, none opposed. Motion Passed

IV. Elected Officer Reports

A. Presidents Report: Debbie Bates

Jessica Fletcher was newly appointed to the Workforce and Retention Committee and Kellee Coviak-Hansen (Conference) and Bernadette Skodack (Regional Requests) will be the new representatives to the Continuing education committee.

The GLR dropbox account was reconstructed as an independent account.

Communicating with AMTA and membership about Special Event opportunities such as the Kennedy Center Sound Health and Leadership Academy

We will be recognizing academic programs and internships that are celebrating 25+ years. Please let Debbie know if your program or internship qualifies.

Opportunities for scholarship reviewers for AMTA scholarships, if you are interested please email Debbie and she will forward your name to AMTA.

B. Past President: Larisa McHugh

New Assembly of delegates have been elected. These are the individuals who members can take concerns to. New Delegates were introduced and asked to stand up (see election information in the voice).
Reminder that Membership support is available to you.

C. President Elect: Rebecca Barnard

The deadline for special projects applications is due February 15, 2018. Applications can be found on the GLR website.

The GLR will present awards for Scholarship, Service and Lifetime Achievement at the 2018 GLR Conference. Nominations for these awards can be sent to Rebecca and are due February 28, 2018.

D. Vice-President/Vice-President Elect: Melaine Pohlman and Todd Schwartzberg

Continuing to streamline the conference planning process. Approved procedures include a \$30 admin fee for those just taking a CMTE to cover admin costs and the cancellation policy amended to include Institute, CMTE and Concurrent session.

WI conference volunteers were acknowledged.

GLR2018 Conference will be in Ypsilanti at the Eagle Crest Resort.

Early bird ends March 1 and Constant Contact opens February 1.

Room \$155

Parking FREE

58 proposals are accepted and letters should be sent out soon.

Natasha Thomas is the guest speaker.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Sponsorship

Creating potential partners across all six states for long-term partnerships

2019 GLR Conference

Cincinnati, OH

Cincinnati Hilton Netherland Plaza

March 13-17

Spring Break-making it a destination for students

- E. Secretary Report: Rebecca Barnard for Jennifer Whitlow
No report except for the minutes

- F. Treasurer: Stephanie Harris

The 990 has been completed and on-time. If you use the GLR provided number, please check in with the continuing Ed chairs for updated forms.

Balance sheet was presented and the total assets are \$58, 533.99. For FY 16-17, total revenue was \$78, 099.89 and expenses was \$68, 425.72. AMTA dues were up last fiscal year, in part because that national conference was in our region.

In an effort to be more conservative with our finances, we will be offering two special projects instead of four. Also, any possible fundraising in the future needs to be taken to AMTA.

- V. State Representative Reports

a. Illinois

Looking for ways to give back, created a AMTA scholarship and continuing education scholarship. Continues to work with state reps to create a bill in Illinois. Just had elections, a lot of new faces and fresh ideas. Continuing to build new internship programs and making website improvements.

b. Indiana

Now has their own provider code and created an office for continuing education. Has developed an advocacy committee and continues to make efforts at the state house with a hill day in the future. Indiana would also like to acknowledge the new music therapy program at University of Indianapolis which started this Fall. Indiana will be doing a membership drive and a new website, be looking for surveys soon if you are an Indiana MT.

c. Michigan

2018 GLR will be in Ypsilanti and Michigan is very excited to be hosting the region. Michigan Membership Honored Angie Snell with an Honorary Life in Michigan. A republican drafted bill for music therapy licensure. Elections for the new state board will happen at GLR.

d. Minnesota

Honored Bridget Dove with honorary Life award and added a new clinical training rep to the board. Minnesota has recently had elections and is excited about the new board.

e. Ohio

Recently all board members moved to gmail, please be aware of the change

Or check the Ohio website. Ohio has also added 2 conference scholarships, one for GLR and one for AMTA conferences

f. Wisconsin

Find ways to re-energize membership in the state of Wisconsin. Coming up, Alverno College sponsoring CMTE with Jennifer Sukura

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

a. Archivist: Edward Roth

No report received

b. Newsletter: Andy Panayides

Refer to the report in Voice. Deadline for the Winter edition of the Voice is November 26, 2017, and the Spring deadline April 26, 2018

c. Student Advisor Katie Fitch

Introduced new Student Representative Mara Alvarez

d. Student Representative Mara Alvarez

Gift of music grant was given to private practice in the region. GLR students will also be continuing a new advocacy project – songwriting (received money from SAAB and AMTAS).

e. Website Coordinator Julie Palmieri

See us on our website, Twitter and Facebook. Changes in the Website, so that it protects the emails of executive board members.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

a. Academic Program Approval: Lalene Kay

82 total degree programs - 43 Bachelors only and 6 Masters only

b. Association Internship Approval: Kay Luedtke-Smith

One re-activated site and four new sites. National roster directors, please check info on the website.

c. Communications and Technology: Julie Palmieri

Presented 2 sessions on tech and clinical sessions. Collaborated with ethics board to host a tech and ethics round table. Tech concerns, questions or ideas to the Tech committee

d. Continuing Education: Kellee Coviak-Hansen and Bernadette Skodack

Here is the new email address for the committee representatives: Glr.ct.rep@gmail.com. AMTA is provider for LCAT in NY. Please make sure that your learners objectives-need to be measurable and clear.

e. Standards of Practice: Jennifer Fiore

Revising the standards and reviewing the definition of music therapy.

f. Research: Annie Heiderscheit

g. Government Relations: Nancy Swanson

Any harm and misrepresentations in your state can be reported to Nancy.

h. Reimbursement: Kyle Fleming

Questions/concerns contact anyone on the committee. The committee is looking at the competencies related to reimbursement and how undergraduate programs can cover it. Survey will be going live in 2018. Also, Webinars recorded in AMTA members only area

i. Affiliate Relations: Ann Hannan

Creating a list of MTs that hold certifications in other professions, if you are one or know of one please let the committee know.

j. Workforce Development & Retention: Jessica Fletcher

Creating a huge list of the community college within 50 from universities offering MT. Informational event for HS students happening today. Also investigating How and Why Mts are leaving the field.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

k. International Relations: Roberta Kagin

We have six representatives at WFMT. Encourage those representing MT internationally, let the committee know.

l. Membership: Stephanie Johnson for Rachel Lawrence-Lupton

Continues to promote membership and its benefits. There will be a big upcoming push with the membership drive. We are gathering information from other regions to see what is working. Conference videographer available to capture why you want to be an AMTA member. Each note counts.

m. Professional Advocacy: Jessica DeVillers

Continues to help with advocacy issues with the membership. Eight cases of misrepresentation (articles, products, job descriptions). Several Advocacy members will be presenting at their regional conference.

n. Clinical Practice Networking: Lee Anna Rasar

Creating a list of music therapists who practice by state. Respond by email if you are willing to have your name and information included.

o. Diversity and Multiculturalism: Peter Meyer

Two proposals for national conference and reorganized within the AMTA structure.

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. President Debbie Bates acknowledged years in the profession
- b. Earned another seat in the assembly, thank you to Rachel for her hard work during the membership drive.

X. Announcements

- o Position in Indy, Feb-June
- o Creative Arts Therapy Conference Chicago
- o Still accepting Mentees
- o Music Therapy Services/Unv of Dayton bringing John Carpentre in Cincinatti
- o AUGSBERG College now Augsberg University
- o Healing Rhythms-Christina Wood looking to hire
- o Paradigm Living Hospice-looking
- o Ronna Kaplan-Internship
- o Riley Hospital =Full time Position

Adjourned

Useful Links

[Highlights of the Mid-Year Meeting of the AMTA Board of Directors, June 2017](#)

[GREAT LAKES REGION RECOGNITION AWARDS](#)

[Scholarship Opportunities for AMTA Members](#)

[Support Music Therapy Just By Shopping Online](#)

[WELCOME TO THE GLR-AMTA MENTORING PROGRAM](#)

Application for Membership Support

The mission of the GLR of AMTA is to advance and support the mission of the American Music Therapy Association on the regional level and to serve GLR-AMTA members. The Executive Committee of GLR of AMTA has created a Membership Support fund to assist members in the region who may be experiencing temporary financial struggles. This assistance is intended to help GLR of AMTA members with paying AMTA membership dues or continuing education opportunities. Please note that a member may not receive Membership Support funds from GLR of AMTA more often than once in a three-year period.

Procedure and Timeline:

1. Complete this application.
2. Submit to the current Past President of GLR of AMTA. You may submit an application at any point during the year.
3. Applications will be considered by the Executive Committee at the national conference (October/November) or regional conference (March/April), immediately following the application.
4. In some cases, applicants cannot wait for the next conference to receive a decision, due to impending deadlines (e.g., CMTE registration). Applications marked "Time Sensitive" (see below) which arrive between conferences, will be considered as soon as possible, via phone conference or electronic means.
5. Applicants will be notified within one week after the application is voted upon by the Executive Committee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am requesting Membership Support funds to assist with (check one):

- AMTA Membership Dues (for the year _____)
- Continuing Education opportunity

Please provide a detailed description of how these funds will help you meet professional responsibilities and goals. Please limit your response to space provided.

Amount Requested: _____ Time Sensitive? (circle one) Yes/no

If your request is time-sensitive, please explain why it is time sensitive and provide the date the funds are needed

Special Projects

Special Projects is a mechanism established by the Great Lakes Region for members to support clinical projects, research projects, or committee-related projects. Funding is available in two categories: the MUSE Fund (MUSical Instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services, Education) and the Research Fund. Each fund has a specific purpose, protocol, and eligibility requirements.

The MUSE fund is intended to support the needs of clinicians, the clinical use of music therapy within the CBMT Scope of Practice, AMTA Standards of Clinical Practice, and within the boundaries of the Professional Competencies of music therapists, and the advancement of GLR. Members of the GLR, including student members, can apply for funds to support the clinical use of music therapy including the purchase of musical instruments and supporting materials, the clinical training of the music therapist, clinical services of a music therapist, or one-time committee-related projects. The outcomes of projects supported by the MUSE fund are to be *clinical* or *professional* in nature. Data collection related to projects funded by MUSE is to be for the express purpose of enhancing the quality of music therapy service for the *client* or for advancement of the music therapy *profession* and not intended for research. Should data be collected for the purpose of presentation or publication, applicants should apply for Research funds.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the MUSE funds to support various aspects clinical practice and professional life as a music therapist. Examples of materials, education, and services include but are not limited to the following items: drums, iPad, Orff instruments, sign language course, fees for a clinical music therapist, parachute, one-time committee travel expenses, etc. Within the application, it should be made clear how the funds would be used and how the practice of music therapy would be enhanced by the funds.

Members interested in conducting music therapy research are encouraged to apply for the Research fund. Projects that are considered to be research are those that collect various types of data for the purpose of answering a research question that may or may not directly impact a specific client. These include master's theses, dissertations, and other studies where publication or presentation is the desired format for distributing results. All applicants proposing research involving human participants must have clearance by to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Human Subjects Review Board (HSRB). The GLR Executive Board will consider only those research proposals that have such a mechanism in place for protection of human participants. Research that is approved by the GLR Executive Board will receive funding only after the applicant/researcher provides written proof of IRB/HSRB approval.

Research funding can be used to cover expenses related to research including but not limited to the following areas: travel costs, materials, testing measures, computer time, analysis support, instruments, clinical services for another music therapist, etc. Stipends for the primary researcher are not the purpose of this fund, but will be considered in conjunction with other expenses and funding sources.

Applications for either fund are due to the President Elect 30 days before the conference (GLR or AMTA) during which they will be considered. One project can be funded at the annual AMTA Conference, and one project may be funded at the GLR Regional Conference. If no project is funded at the AMTA Conference, then, two projects may be funded at the GLR regional conference. Each project, regardless of the type, that is approved by the Executive Committee will be funded at an amount up to \$1,500.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

1. Complete Special Projects Fund Application (*on the next page*) and use it as a guide in creating your proposal.
2. **Submit completed cover letter with your full proposal.** Submit to the GLR President-Elect at least 30 days before a GLR or AMTA conference.
3. **Submit a separate document for blind review.** In this copy, please do NOT include the cover letter. Also, please remove any identifying information (name of music therapists, facility name, city, etc.) from the proposal. Submit to the GLR President Elect at least 30 days before a GLR or AMTA conference. This is the copy that will be shared with the GLR Executive Board members; discussion and voting will take place during the GLR Executive Board meeting at the next conference (GLR or AMTA).
4. Applicants will be notified within 30 days after a GLR or AMTA conference regarding the GLR Executive Board's decision.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 days before GLR or AMTA conference.

Special Projects Fund Application

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Please complete the following information and submit with your formal request for funding:

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

Title of Project:

Which Fund Applying For: MUSE Fund Research Fund

Name of Agency in which Project Funds will be used:

Please provide the details about the project on a separate page with a limit of three pages in total, including:

- Statement of need
- Detailed explanation of the project
- Project design
- Breakdown of funds request
- Timelines
- How you will share outcome information with the membership
- Other information that you feel supports the need for the funding request.

All materials must be submitted to the President-Elect within 30 days of the GLR or AMTA Conference. Questions concerning Special Projects should be directed to the President-Elect of the GLR.

Signature:

Date: