

VOICE OF THE LAKES



Winter 2019

Letter from the President

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Happy new year!!!

It's hard to believe that more than a month has passed since we were together for the national conference in Dallas! It was wonderful to see three of our GLR members receive recognition at this conference! Congratulations to Amy Furman, who received the AMTA Service Award, and to Todd Schwartzberg and Nancy Swanson, who received Changemaker Awards for Music Therapy Advocacy! We appreciate your dedication and service to the region and the profession!

Thank you to everyone who represented the GLR through CMTes, presentations, research posters, and service on AMTA committees. Your time spent in preparation is valuable and much appreciated! Special thanks to the Assembly of Delegates who had a very full agenda and engaged in much lively discussion!

You will notice that this issue of the Voice has a different format. We are trying to streamline the newsletter to make it reader-friendly but also disseminate the hard work of the officers and committee representatives. Please take time to read the reports and share feedback about the new format with Editor Andy Panayides.

As we look ahead to our regional conference, concurrent session presenters have been notified. The local committee, co-chaired by Tanya Corso, Amy Foley, and Brittany Scheer, along with Melaine and Todd, have been working hard to plan a terrific conference in Cincinnati (March 14 - 17). We are pleased to welcome Brian Schreck as our keynote speaker. The deadline for conference sponsorships, advertising, and exhibit hall opportunities is January 30. Plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us and 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 Cincinnati for GLR 2019!

Warmly,

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Goals

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

Accomplishments and 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
- Communicated time-sensitive AMTA information to Assembly Delegates and members, as appropriate and necessary
- Answered phone calls and emails regarding GLR business
- Provided support to Executive Committee and AMTA Standing Committee representatives, as needed
- 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 and 1st Disaster Response Task Force at AMTA conference

Action Items

- GLR Representative to Judicial Review Board remains unfilled
- Milestone Program Anniversaries: >25 years

Respectfully submitted,

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



The duties of the 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 the 2019 GLR Offices -The election was completed via Survey Monkey. I want to thank Julie Palmieri for her assistance once again in getting this task accomplished. Thanks to all who took the time to vote!

The Elected Officers will begin their term after the 2019 GLR conference and serve through the 2021 GLR Conference.

Congratulations to:	President Elect Melaine Pohlman	VP Elect Kellee Coviak Hansen	Treasurer Lindsey Wright	Secretary Megan Brewer
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As a reminder, at the conclusion of the 2019 GLR Conference the current President Elect, Rebecca Barnard will become President and the current VP Elect, Edward Schwartzberg, will move into the role of Vice President.

Officer Handbook: no changes required at this time

Member Support:

I would also like to remind members of the Membership Support Fund. These funds are to assist members who are experiencing financial hardships with payment of AMTA dues or to support their continuing education opportunities. The application for the member support fund can be found on the website, or at the end of this issue on pg. 30.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 13, 2019. 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), as well as at the end of this issue on pg. 29.

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 1, 2018.

Disaster Response Task Force

In response to the numerous disasters across the U.S., AMTA has created a disaster response task force to make sure that each region has a plan in place to assist our members in the event of a disaster in their area.

By-laws

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Items for Consideration:

- ▶ Conference Planning Policy Handbook
 - ▶ Provided in Drop Box now. Please review and share thoughts and feedback.
 - ▶ We will provide additional policies for consideration in March of 2019.
 - ▶ This is a working document at this time.
- ▶ Conference Code of Conduct
 - ▶ Seeking Board approval for use in the 2019 Conference Registration materials.
 - ▶ Rationale
 - ▶ Specific to conference
 - ▶ We want to ensure our conference attendees and community we are visiting are met with integrity and mutual respect.

Future Conference Planning

- ▶ GLR 2020: Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, IL March 4-9, 2020
 - ▶ Room Rate: Single, Double, Triple, Quad \$129
 - ▶ Parking: Free
 - ▶ A lovely urban feel in the suburbs; we'll have the run of the hotel. Ty are very excited to have our business!
 - ▶ Co-Chairs: Allison Gunnik, Reagan Thompson, and Kate Taylor
- ▶ Looking for board approval to explore a joint Conference with MWR in 2021
 - ▶ Is there a specific protocol for seeking this?
 - ▶ Will iron out possible co-chairs for MN as possible collaborators with MWR by March board meeting.

Completed Tasks:

- ▶ Completed conference wrap up for 2018 GLR Conference.
- ▶ Regularly met with 2019 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
- ▶ Launched Sponsorship/Exhibitor and Advertiser campaign via Constant Contact
- ▶ Met in person with 2019 Co-Chairs and Committee Chairs in October of 2018 at the hotel in Cincinnati to review details about the upcoming conference and meet with their local planning committee.
- ▶ Secured 2020 Conference Co-Chair Candidates for GLR Board Approval
- ▶ Visited 3 hotel sites in Illinois for possible conference; negotiated contract and reached signed agreement

Ongoing Action Items:

- ▶ Continue updating of documents on Google Drive
- ▶ Continue to monitor and modify conference policies as needed and gather in one place in Conference Planning Policy Handbook
 - ▶ Advertisements
 - ▶ Tax Exempt Status and Benefits
 - ▶ Possible Tiers of Registration Rates: Early Bird, Late and On-site
 - ▶ AMTAS Representative on Local Planning Committee
 - ▶ Policies surrounding registration for conference speakers

- Explore division of sub-committees based on related responsibilities and duties
- Blind Peer Review Policies
- GLR Award Winner Submissions
- Monitor and Plan for GLR 2019 Conference
 - Co-Chairs: Amy Foley, Tanya Corso and Brittany Scheer
 - Date: Thursday, March 14th - Sunday, March 17th, 2019
 - Registration will open mid December via Constant Contact
 - 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
 - Passages Conference: We are still working on this. Two-day opportunity: rep share/intervention share, medical MT focus.
 - Food and Beverage Minimum: \$23,000
 - Changing format of opening night; no pre event food. Spread food throughout the conference: Snack breaks prior to Business meetings, breakfast for students during internship fair, etc.
 - Food Trucks in Fountain Square on weekdays

Action Items:

- Currently reviewing distributions of committees
- Add a student to planning committee
- Present tentative 2020 Conference Budget to GLR Board in April of 2019
- Continued review and edit timelines and responsibilities prior to sharing with Ohio committees
- Review and present conference survey results to GLR Board in April of 2019

Items to Note:

- Review the process for choosing Conference Hotels and how they relate to University Spring Breaks
- Review of process and sharing of feedback regarding how 2020 Conference Co-Chairs were chosen and the impact the process had on our members; willing, potential volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melaine Pohlman
GLR Vice President

Todd Schwartzberg
GLR Vice President-Elect

Membership

Membership: 88 Professionals, 1 retired, and 17 students- 106 total

Meetings/Continuing Education:

- ▶ Fall meeting at SMWC
 - ▶ Nir Sadovnik: Clinical Applications of Rap in Music Therapy and Keeping in Time with Groove.
 - ▶ Tracy Richardson: Empowering Your Clinical Song Writing.
- ▶ We implemented a call for papers for our state meetings and had more submissions for our meeting in February 2019.

Task Force:

Task force has been meeting regularly and just completed a survey with Waiver companies providing music therapy services

Other Business and New Universities:

- ▶ Updated our website and have a more user friendly 'find a therapist'.
- ▶ IUPUI has been approved for an Undergraduate program. University of Indianapolis celebrated 1 year for their program and SMWC celebrated 35 years Valparaiso University just hired their first MT-BC and continues to work on developing their program with AMTA.
- ▶ We created an advocacy chair to continue to connect with more community resources and continue advocacy work Our new executive board will happen after GLR-AMTA. The 2019-2021 AIMT board is:
 - ▶ President: Jennifer Whitlow
 - ▶ Vice-President: Kathy Williams
 - ▶ Treasurer: Melanie Wiseheart
 - ▶ Secretary: Leigh Ann Fuller

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Whitlow, MT-BC
President, AIMT



Membership

Our 2018 membership includes 53 Professionals, 40 Students, and 5 Lifetime members. We already have 11 members who have paid dues for 2019 membership. There are also active student groups at both Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities.

Continuing Education

Due to hosting GLR, we did not offering a Spring 2018 workshop. On September 9, we hosted our Fall Workshop, entitled, “We Have a Bill... Now What?” It was led by the Michigan Music Therapy Task Force, and was attended by 15 professionals and 1 student.

We are reviewing ideas for our Spring 2019 workshop, as well as length of workshops, day that it's held, and the possibility of using technology to allow those who can't physically attend still participate.

Task Force

Our bill for music therapy licensure (HB 6197) was introduced on June 12, 2018 and referred to the House Health Policy committee. Due to summer and the recent election, we are still waiting for the bill to be addressed within committee. The bill is sponsored by Representative Thomas Albert from Lowell.

MMT Memorial Scholarship

The recipient of our Fall 2018 Memorial Scholarship is Becky Miller, a student from Western Michigan University. Applications for the Spring 2019 Memorial Scholarship will be due March 1; application materials will be posted on the MMT website.

Honorary Lifetime Membership

At our fall workshop, we were pleased to present Roberta Justice with a Honorary Lifetime Membership to Michigan Music Therapists, in honor of her many contributions to our organization and profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisha Snyder, MM, MT-BC
MMT President



Membership

Current membership of the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota (MTAM) stands at 210 (94 professional members, 17 student members, 5 lifetime members) as of November 10, 2018.

Financials

MTAM, a 501(c)3 organization, is in good financial standing with a total of \$13,304.76 in assets (Checking - \$7058.73; PayPal - \$5497.53; Petty Cash - \$748.50) as of November 10, 2018.

State conferences

MTAM hosted two conferences in 2018 offering CMTE Credits: "Ethical Music Therapy Practice for the 21st Century" with Rachelle Norman in May and "Guitar Skills for Music Therapists: A Jenn Werner Stipend Fundraiser" with Peter Meyer, Jessica DeVillers and Destiny Boyum in October. The Fall conference was offered free to student members and all proceeds from this conference were allocated to a special stipend to offer assistance to MN MTs experiencing significant hardship in memory of Jenn Werner, a MN MT who passed away in 2016.

Awards

At our October conference, we honored Dawn McDougal Miller with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Dawn has been a music therapy clinician for over 30 years, the internship director with Park Nicollet Health Services for 20 years and is also an instructor at Augsburg University. Jennifer Hicks received the MTAM Service award for her service to MTAM as our Public Relations Chair, creating the Instagram and Twitter accounts and expanding the social media reach of the MN association. Jenn also co-chairs the AMTA membership committee, and recently created an innovative private practice national roster internship program in collaboration with another music therapist.

Scholarships

In July, we awarded Emma Evans-Peck with a \$300 stipend as she completes her internship with Park Nicollet Health Services, serving patients in oncology, the Struther's Parkinson's center, and in-home hospice care.

The board has made significant changes to the way we will award scholarships beginning in 2019. Rather than smaller scholarships offered each month, we will award up to two \$300 scholarships three times per year. We have also streamlined our application process using google forms for online application submission. In addition, rather than offering individual student scholarships we will now be donating to the student organizations at each University to assist those student music therapy groups in sending members to regional and national conferences.

The Terrie Wolles McCoss Internship stipend offered twice yearly was also updated with a streamlined online application process and opening up the applicant criteria to any music therapy intern in MN, whether completing it in a National Roster site or University Affiliated site.

National Roster Internship Sites & Educational Institutions

The following facilities and organizations offer national roster internship programs in the state of Minnesota. Congratulations to newly approved national-roster site Minnesota State Academy for the Blind directed by Jennifer Pelletier, MS, MT-BC.

Allina Health Hospice - St. Paul, MN

Augustana Care Health & Rehabilitation – Apple Valley, MN

Joyful Noises & Twin Cities Music Therapy Services – Minneapolis, MN

Lifeworks Services, Inc. – Eagan, MN

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind – Fairbault, 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

Public Relations

PR chair Brianna Larsen 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

A group of MN Music Therapists provided music along the way at the Alzheimer's Walk in September singing songs with walking themes, encouraging passers-by to bang drums on their way, and generally supporting those walking to end Alzheimer's.

On November 1st, Park Nicollet celebrated their 20-year anniversary of their music therapy internship program which has trained over 130 music therapy interns.

Other and Future Business

We congratulate Jennifer Hicks and Claire Klein who will be serving as the local co-hosts for AMTA in 2019 in Minneapolis. Both Jennifer and Claire have been valuable members of our MTAM board and we look forward to offering our support to them as they help coordinate the next AMTA conference.

The board is seeking nominations for board members to serve in the 2020-2021 term.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sieben, MT-BC

President, Music Therapy Association of Minnesota



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- This year we celebrated 40 years since the organization of AOMT. We accepted a plaque given to us by GLR at the GLR conference in Michigan.
- Our summer CMTE was held at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus, Ohio. Kevin Cardoso and Benjamin Turner taught about using technology in sessions to create musical artifacts.
- Our fall CMTE was held at the Lyndhurst Campus of the Cleveland Clinic in October. The presenters were Debbie Bates, Christine Bomberger, Emily Guthe, Stephanie Morris, and Wiley Smith on Medical Music Therapy Foundations: Highlights, Challenges, and Methods.
- Jessica Fletcher received the 2018 National Conference Scholarship award by AOMT.
- Our task force is active. The bill is waiting for a number to be assigned by Senator Yuko before dropping in the Senate.
- We are in the midst of planning our 2019 State Conference, held in Columbus in September. Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Robinson, MT-BC
AOMT President



MEMBERSHIP:

Currently we have 62 professional members, 4 students/interns, 3 retired professionals for a total of 69 members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

In September WCMT celebrated its 45th Anniversary with a picnic at a local park. The picnic was well attended with MT-BCs, students, interns, and retired professionals from around the state. Two of our founding members were also present at the picnic.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

On October 6th we had a CMTE in Appleton presented by music therapist Sara Devine and Occupational Therapist Amanda Kletti titled color Continuum: Learning Self-Regulation Through the Integration of Occupational and Music Therapies. We are also planning a Hill Day event in March in Madison at the the Capitol.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

WCMT purchased the CBMT email and mailing addresses for MT-BCs in Wisconsin. We were able to send out invitations to our membership for our anniversary picnic and fall CBMT. We will also potential use the addresses in the future for a membership drive. Currently Brenna Leibold, PR committee chair, is also taking nominations for our Music Therapist of the Year Award. E are also sending out applications for our Founder's Fund Scholarship Award for students/interns to attend GLR conference in Spring 2019.

WEBMASTER:

We updated our website over the summer. This was a huge undertaking and would like to thank Melissa Cole and Stephanie Appleton for their dedication on this project. Our new webmaster is Sammy Springer. WCMT continues to send out monthly newsletters to our members with intervention ideas from fellow WCMT members. Leading up to our 45th Anniversary celebrations, founding members and long-time members of WCMT shared great memories of their involvement with WCMT.

EDUCATION and INTERSHIPS:

Wisconsin MT Education Programs:

Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI
Undergraduate and Graduate Program

Carroll University, Waukesha, WI
Undergraduate Program

Currently have 5 National Internship sites and 1 inactive site.

Respectfully submitted,

Hanna Uchytıl, MT-BC
WCMT President



1. Review of student involvement at the 2018 GLR Conference
 - a. Passages was held on April 12th, 2018. It was live-streamed on our Facebook page. We had several student presenters, all of whom did a fantastic job!
 - b. The GLR Executive Board incorporated activities for student networking by including activities in-between student presentations that encouraged the students to collaborate and connect.
 - c. Tracy Richardson from SMWC was the keynote speaker.
 - d. The GLR-AMTAS members “crashed” the GLR Business Meeting and presented a music therapy rendition of “How Far I’ll Go” from Moana.
 - e. The GLR-AMTAS Exec Board presented the Gift of Music Grant to Alliance Music Therapy.
2. Gift of Music Grant 2019
 - a. A grant (typically \$400) will be awarded to a private practice in the region at the 2019 GLR Conference.
 - b. Applications for the grant will be available in mid to late December 2018. The link will be available on the GLR-AMTAS Facebook and the GLR-AMTAS Website.
3. The Music Therapy Times
 - a. After a break from a newsletter last year, the GLR-AMTAS Executive Board decided to bring back a monthly newsletter, entitled the Music Therapy Times.
 - b. In the newsletter, there is a column by the GLR-AMTAS President, a featured photo, and a special topics column which is written by a different board member each month. We are also hoping to incorporate student/school spotlights from around the region! The newsletter is emailed to all students who belong to their school organization, as well as posted on the GLR-AMTAS Facebook and the GLR-AMTAS Website.
4. Sweatshirt Fundraiser
 - a. This past fall, GLR-AMTAS hosted an online fundraiser selling music therapy sweatshirts and pullovers. The sweatshirts/pullovers feature a music therapy word cloud on the back.
 - b. With the help of students and professionals, we were able to raise over \$800 that will go towards all students from the Great Lakes Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bingheim
GLR-AMTAS President

Katie Fitch, MME, MT-BC
GLR-AMTAS Advisor



THE GLR WEBSITE

- **NEWS -- conferences, CMTEs, and events around the region**
 - **17 events** posted in 2018
 - Have an event? Contact us via the website and we'll post it for you!
- **MEMBERS ONLY AREA**
 - 21 job listings posted in 2018
 - **19 mentors** listed in the Members Only Section of the website
 - **NEW in 2018:** Each GLR member has their own username/password to access the Members Only Area.
- **SECURITY** -- An additional level of security was implemented on the GLR website by adding a SSL certificate in the summer of 2018.
- **MOST FREQUENT VISITORS** -- by location since **April 16, 2018** include:

1. Chicago	5. Cincinnati	9. Milwaukee
2. Minneapolis	6. Ann Arbor	10. Grand Rapids
3. Indianapolis	7. Cleveland	
4. Columbus	8. Fort Wayne	

THE GLR NEWSLETTER

We are continuing to communicate with our members on a frequent basis via our newsletter, as well (19 newsletters in 2018)

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.

GLR SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

As of Nov 2018 AMTA has 82 approved degree programs -

- 43 undergraduate/Bachelors only
- 34 undergraduate and graduate (including doctoral programs)
- 5 Masters only
- 8 Doctoral programs (included in the total with graduate programs)

Due to change in co-chairs, no report on new programs, or re-approvals since Nov 2017 was provided to committee members before or during the AMTA 2018 conference.

As a committee member, I currently:

- chair two sub-committees with on-going re-approvals (1+ years)
- serve on one re-approval sub-committee (since June, Bach and Masters)
- serve on one new program approval sub-committee
- serve on one on-going re-approval review (1+ years)

The committee has moved to a rolling submission calendar; committee members are assigned to sub-committees based on their current "caseload" of committee work.

Continuing work of the committee at this conference has been to:

- Review AMTA Standards of Education and Clinical Training, APAC Policies and Procedures and AMTA Applications for Approval and Re-Approval for inconsistencies in wording, explanations and definitions
- Define the role of the APAC in the overall AMTA mission and service to members and the profession
- Developing Procedural docs for AMTA National office to share with administrators who inquire about beginning new degree programs and those who administrate a unit which maintains MT degree(s)
- Committee co-chairs attended a portion of the AIAC meeting and reported back to the APAC committee on main points of those discussions
- All APAC members continue to be optimistic about the plan to move the applications for new degree programs and re-approval to an online format.

Respectfully submitted,

Lalene DyShere Kay, MT-BC
GLR Representative to the AMTA, APAC

2018 Talking Points

1. Clinical Practice Networking Committee representatives work to expand networking and mentoring opportunities by organizing and supporting networking events at regional conferences. In 2018, we have explored new and innovative formats for these regional networking events, and will work to bring successful elements to future regional and national networking initiatives.
2. At the conference in Dallas the committee joined forces with the Standards of Clinical Practice Committee to facilitate the Clinical Practice Networking Luncheon. Despite incorporating a networking bingo strategy to encourage attendance, the event drew lower numbers of attendees than previous years with approximately 60 professional and student participants. The committee will work to recommend an alternative networking strategy for the next national conference, as a response to the present day needs and scheduling of the national conference.
3. Members of the CPN committee will work during the coming year to identify successful mentoring initiatives within the regions that could serve as models for other regions.
4. Please report any networking or mentoring opportunities occurring in the region to your CPN Committee regional representative, so that we can help support and keep track of such events.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anna Rasar, MMed, MT-BC

GLR Representative to the AMTA, Clinical Practice Networking Committee

UPDATES

- We are in the process of creating a survey to send to members about technology needs, and we will be focusing on creating CMTEs for members.
- If you are a technology specialist, we are updating our AMTA technology specialist list, so let us know if you have an expertise in a certain area.
- We are waiting to hear back from the board about music streaming services and Terms of Use for businesses and in therapy sessions.
- At #AMTA18, we introduced our new logo for the Tech Stop! *See the logo in the bottom right corner of this page.*

Look for us online at the AMTA Tech Stop:

AMTA Tech Stop: <http://www.musictherapy.org/members/amtatechstop/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AMTATechStop/>

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC

Great Lakes Region Communications & Technology Committee Representative



Regional Activities:

At the 65th Annual Conference of the Great Lakes Region - held April 9-15, 2018 at Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI - 3 Institutes and 9 CMTEs were offered for a total of 93 credits. During summer and fall 2018, GLR served as the approved provider for 4 CMTE offerings. In addition, the GLR CE representatives are currently working with the GLR 2019 Conference committee to obtain CBMT approval for conference CMTE offerings.

National Activities:

More than 1500 people attended the 2018 AMTA Conference in Dallas. 42 CMTE courses were offered at AMTA with over 550 participants. The CE Committee is working to unify continuing education practices across regions, which includes working towards utilizing technology for streamlining attendance reports and distributing certificates. The committee is also exploring ways to better share tasks for preparing and implementing the CMTE offerings at AMTA Conference.

The CE Committee Members presented a concurrent session at AMTA on Tips for Submitting Strong Presentation Proposals: Meet the AMTA Continuing Education Committee. This session shared an overview of what makes a strong proposal for selection at national and regional conferences and what components are reported to comprise a successful course. In addition, the CE Committee recorded a podcast with Cathy Knoll and created a supplementary guidebook on the session content; these materials will be available on the AMTA website.

Please be sure you are using measurable language when constructing your CMTE course objectives. If you have questions regarding how to properly do this, please utilize the Guidebook created by the CE Committee and/or contact the GLR CE Representatives for assistance.

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. The CBMT payment must be submitted to GLR Treasurer, Stephanie Harris, a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. Please be share you are utilizing the current form; some payments are still being sent to the incorrect address.

Finally, please send us any recommendations you have for great CMTE presenters and/or topics! Our email address is glr.ce.rep@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

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

Illinois Government Relations/Task Force Report - Nancy Swanson, MA, MT-BC, IL Government Relations Chair/Task Force Chair
Earlier this year, IL Senate Bill 2653 went from being a bill for licensure to a study bill called a Sunrise Review. This amendment was mostly due to heavy opposition from social workers. Senator Murphy, chief sponsor of Illinois' music therapy legislation, asked that the task force consider proposing a license for master's level, board certified music therapists only. She stated that focusing on the master's level music therapists would help to appease other professionals, namely social workers, who believe that our scope of practice is too extensive for a bachelor's level music therapist. We as a task force deliberated on this request and ultimately declined the idea since it would divide an already small group of music therapists in Illinois. As of 11.9.18, Senator Murphy reported that currently there is not enough legislative support of a Sunrise Review of music therapy, so she most likely will not call our bill in the Veto session happening the weeks of Nov. 12th and 26th. She stated that the Senate will only be calling bills that are time-sensitive in nature since there are so many bills waiting to be heard. The task force will communicate with Senator Murphy as to next steps for the 2019 legislative session.

Also, the task force sponsored an Advocacy Contest, where Illinois music therapists were asked to write letters and other forms of communications to their legislators. The task force would like to thank the organizations that provided amazing prizes for the contest: The American Music Therapy Association, The Illinois Association for Music Therapy, and Rachel Rambach with Listen & Learn. Unfortunately, there was limited participation in this contest with only one person earning a prize- K-Rae Knowles, who won a 2019 AMTA membership. The task force will discuss ways to improve this contest in the future.
In addition, another student advocacy contest was held for the two AMTAS groups at Western and ISU. Both schools submitted advocacy work and will each be reward with a \$75 pizza gift card donated by the Illinois Association for Music Therapy.

Indiana Government Relations/Task Force Report - Casey DePriest, IN Music Therapy Advocacy Task Force Chair
AIMT and the Indiana Music Therapy Advocacy Task Force have been surveying Indiana agencies who employ music therapists to gather important information before we re-visit music therapy legislation during the next legislative session. We have been approached by Indiana art therapists and drama therapists about collaborating on legislation, however, we have not committed to doing so. We had strong support in the state house during our last attempt to pass legislation, but our bill was vetoed by then Governor, Mike Pence. With a new Governor in office and a Lt. Governor who was our previous bill sponsor in the House, we feel fairly confident about our chances of getting legislation passed this time around. We have also reached out to the ARC of Indiana for their support.

Michigan Government Relations/Task Force Report - Bernadette Skodak & Kellee Coviak Hansen, Tasks Force Chairs
Michigan currently has a music therapy licensure bill- HB 6197 introduced on June 12th by Rep. Thomas Albert. It's been referred to the Health Policy Committee, where it's currently sitting. Michigan has a 2-year legislature, so if it doesn't get passed by the end of December (and we don't expect it to), we can re-introduce next year. Rep. Albert has been re-elected to the house. Senator Rebekah Warren, who attended our meet-and-greet event at GLR, was term limited in the Senate but was elected to the House, so she will continue to be a strong advocate for us. Michigan also held an advocacy training CMTE on September 9th in Lowell, which is the home district for Rep. Albert.

Minnesota Government Relations/Task Force Report - Ericha Rupp and Todd Schwartzberg

We are working with our current chief author Sen. Jerry Newton in crafting a new licensure bill for the next session. After the mid-term elections our past chief author from the house was unseated. In result we are in the midst of gathering information to search for a new chief author. At the same time we are continuing to communicate with the state association for Speech-Language Pathologists (MNSHA).

Ohio Government Relations/Task Force Report - Erin Spring and Ed Gallagher: Co-Chairs of the Ohio Music Therapy Task Force

- A Music Therapy Hill Day was held in February of 2019 on the day included:
 - The day started with a session concerning advocacy led by members of the Ohio Task Force and Erin Hoppe, from VSA Ohio.
 - 30 elected official from the Ohio House and Senate and/or their aides.
 - They attended a luncheon that included presentations and videos from music therapists, supportive interested parties and parents of music therapy participants.
- The Legislation language was drafted and approved by the Ohio Music Therapy Task Force (OHMTTF) and AMTA/CBMT in March 2018.
- Task Force Chairs and Senator Yuko's Office met to develop a plan for moving forward and scheduling an Interested Parties Meeting.
- An interested parties meeting was held at the Ohio Statehouse on May 16th. In attendance were:
 - Senator Kenny Yuko along with three legislative aids his office.
 - Members of the Ohio Task Force
 - Two national music therapy task force members (via phone)
 - A pro-music therapy licensure Speech Language Pathologist and Attorney
 - Representatives from Speech & Audiology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling & Social Work
 - Concerns and suggestions were discussed in the following categories: Scope of Practice, Education & Training, Reimbursement & Oversight.
- Task Force Chairs met with Senator Yuko's legislative aids on May 30th to collaborate and identify improvements that could be made in the drafted bill based on the input received in the IP meeting.
- Items were addressed throughout the summer and early fall with final language being approved by the OHMTTF, AMTA/CBMT and Sen. Yuko
- It was decided by Sen. Yuko that the bill would not be introduced during this General Assembly time period which concludes on December 31. Instead it will be introduced at the beginning of the next session which runs from January 2019 through December 2020. Sen. Yuko was recently re-elected and it is expected that he will retain his minority leadership role in the Ohio Senate.
- In 2019 we will kick off a campaign to encourage visits by elected official as we head into the bill language being introduced.

In other GLR news, the State Recognition Task Force chairs submitted two proposals for the 2019 GLR conference: One is a task force roundtable and the other on advocacy. We are waiting to hear if the proposals were selected.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Swanson, MA, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Government Relations Representative

GLR Members of AMTA By Quarter



1st quarter (2018) = 666
2nd quarter (2018) = 750
3rd quarter (2018) = 810
3rd quarter (2017) = 836
4th quarter (2017) = 882

3rd quarter (2018) new members = 56
Grad Student- 4
Professional- 28
Student- 24

3rd quarter membership category totals:

Affiliate- 5
Associate- 1
Grad Student- 57
Honorary Life- 9
Inactive- 0
Life- 1
Patron- 0
Professional- 543
Retired- 7
Student- 187

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, MA, MT-BC
Membership Committee Representative

The committee worked collaboratively with AMTA's videographer to create three professional videos for dissemination to the membership regarding the evaluation of representations of music therapy in the public and various forms of the media.

The following videos are will be published early 2019:

- ▶ What do you rock and what do you want to role?
- ▶ Shifting from correction to connection
- ▶ Advocate with intention and sensitivity

The committee is planning presentations at regional conferences and publications to educate members about advocacy.

The committee has developed subcommittees to evaluate current committee guides for membership.

The committee developed a new subcommittee to create a plan to develop guidelines to respond to the development of Music-based Apps that relate/overlap with music therapy in collaboration with a representative from the Technology Committee and with AMTA staff liaison Angie Elkins.

The committee continues to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues, by monitoring and responding to misrepresentation of music therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica De Villers, MA, MT-BC
GLR of AMTA Professional Advocacy Representative

First, thank you to everyone who was asked to complete the reimbursement survey this year! Due to the information we were trying to gather with the survey, it was only sent out to a specific group of practitioners who could provide specific information about how they are reimbursed. A team will be analyzing the data and the results should be available by early 2019.

There is now a section on the AMTA website for Reimbursement information! Under the Member Resource section, you will soon be able to find such resources as a CPT Code Fact Sheet, webinars from Reimbursement Committee members, and one-page overviews of specialized funding topics, such as Worker's Compensation, "Incident-To" billing, and Prompt Pay Discounts.

Reports of reimbursement successes through different private and public third party payers have been positive overall, but rates and sources of reimbursement vary by state. If you are having any success with billing to insurance or other third party payers, please contact me with the details so we can stay current.

Federal regulation and Executive Order changes to the Affordable Care Act have the potential to limit access to services that were originally guaranteed through the ACA. The national office staff are monitoring these changes and are collaborating with Washington-based coalitions to advocate for continued coverage of essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions.

Finally, in 2019, the Reimbursement Committee will start looking into outreach opportunities to different academic programs in all regions to offer live or virtual trainings in different reimbursement topics and processes. More information to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Fleming, MT-BC
GLR Representative for Reimbursement Committee

- After receiving feedback from both the AMTA Board and the CBMT Board on the draft of the Standards, it was decided for us stop working on those at this time due to the large overlap of the draft of the document and the CBMT Board Certification Domains.
- We, with the assistance of our Council Coordinator, sent questions regarding our task and the direction of the committee in how to move forward with updating the Standards of Clinical Practice.
- We spent our meeting time pulling parallel documents from other related fields (OT, PT, SLP, Dance Therapy, Counselors, Art Therapy, Drama Therapy) as well as other music therapy associations, and creating a comparison table.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fiore, MT-BC
GLR Representative for Standards of Practice Committee

This year the Workforce Development and Retention Committee worked on establishing high school events at all regional and the national conferences. High school students were invited to attend these events for a “What is music therapy” presentation as well as the opportunity to stay for 2-3 concurrent sessions afterwards. This event will be taking place on Saturday morning at the 2018 AMTA conference.

As requested by AMTA, the database of junior colleges and contact information of appropriate music departments within 50 miles of established music therapy programs was finalized in October of 2018. The WDR committee is has drafted a letter to the junior college contacts providing information and contact for any of their students that might be interested in music therapy. This letter is awaiting approval from AMTA.

At the AMTA 2018 Conference meeting, the WDR committee reviewed assigned tasks from AMTA regarding development & retention and is awaiting clarification regarding our requests to move focus more towards retention, while maintaining our awareness/development tasks. The WDR committee is working on avenues to provide opportunities to members, most likely through surveys, to start to identify more specific tasks and plans of action regarding workforce retention.

Warm Regards,

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



General Business Meeting Minutes

Dallas TX
November 17, 2018

- I. Call to order
Debbie Bates Called to order at 9:32
- II. Approval of agenda
Lalene Kay motioned to approve the agenda. The agenda was seconded and approved.
- III. Approval of minutes from Ypsilanti MI (April 2018)
Leslie Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Kellee Coviak Hansen seconded, and they were approved.
- IV. Elected Officer Reports:
President: Debbie Bates
Possibility of getting disaster relief and help with strategic planning.
Still in need of someone to be on the Judicial Review board, been trying to fill this position for more than a year. The board meets when there are matters that the ethics board cannot conclude.
GLR Wants to recognize programs that are older than 25 years, we want to highlight them at GL2019
Past President: Larisa McHugh
Member support funds are available when people need them.
The new board (March 2019):
President Elect: Melanie Pohlman Treasurer: Lindsey Wright
Vice-President Elect- Kellee Coviak Hansen Secretary: Megan Brewer
President Elect: Rebecca Findley Barnard
GLR offers scholarship and funds for the following: GLR Special Projects: Research and MUSE (Clinical services)
Three Awards: Honorary Life, Scholarship, and Service Award; nominations due by February 1st.
At this time no bylaw changes
Vice President: Melaine Pohlman *Vice President Elect: Todd Schwartzberg* (Combined report)
Gave away pens with information for GLR 2019 in Cincinnati.
They have a conference handbook to help mainstream conference ideas and to work on GLR-AMTA conference code of conduct
GLR 2020 (In March of 2020) - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, IL. Room rates \$129. Free Parking! Co-chairs: Allison Gunnick, Regan, and Kate Taylor
GLR 2021 – Minnesota, looking at doing a joint conference with Mid-West Region.
The past conference in Ypsilanti: Budget- did well. 520 attendees and roughly half of them were students
GLR 2019 – Cincinnati, Co-chairs: Brittany Sheer, Amy Foley, and Tanya Corso. Hilton Cincinnati at Netherlands Hotel - 1930s style hotel. They have a room called the Hall of Mirrors. Parking will be a bit of a challenge and affordable and reasonable options will be provided. Brian Shrek will be the Key Note; his bio was read: He has been piloting the heart beat project and has shared it worldwide. He has also had a movie about his work. There will be a Pay it Forward campaign. Passages for two days this year.
Secretary: Jennifer Whitlow
No Report
Treasurer: Stephanie Harris
Committee members and Assembly Delegates should return reimbursement forms to get reimbursed for time spent in meetings.
The 990 tax information for FY 17-18 has been provided. Our fiscal year is July 1st-June 30th. Total Assets: \$74,586.68 is the budget. Summary of Revenue: Income: Dues, Interest, CMTE Deeds, GLR-AMTAs, Conference, and Investment Gains. Expenses: Meeting reimbursements, travel, conference, liability insurance, CBMT fees, etc. About \$1600 of dues for this fiscal year. The Morgan Stanley account has lost some money this year. The Students had a successful fundraiser. We donated to the GLR-AMTA- Andi Farman advocacy fund and plan to donate to Al Bumanis fund.

GLR GB Mtg. 11.17.18

I. State Representative Reports:

Illinois: Deborah Soszko

Given by Allison Gunnick: Our website fixed. Had a Fall CMTE on private practice. Gov-relations- New governor in Illinois. Have a bill right now. A board member had a house burn down- looking for ways to support her and members.

Indiana: Kathy Williams for Jennifer Whitlow

Updated their website. Task force has been meeting regularly. Implemented a call for papers for the Spring/Winter meeting. IUPUI approved for an undergraduate program. U of Indy celebrated 1 year. Added an Advocacy chair to the board. 106 members and have \$4400 in our account. Two-day conference in the fall with SMWC to celebrate 35 years. New executive board takes over in 2019.

Michigan: Alisha Snyder

Kellee Hansen gave report. Have 53 professionals. Active student groups at Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan. House Health Policy and sat all Fall and Spring. Our sponsor and bill approvals have been re-elected or switched from Senate to house. Did not offer Spring workshop because of GLR. Presentation 'We have a bill, now what'. Becky Miller won the Michigan service award. Honorary Lifetime Membership to Bobby Justice

Minnesota: Michelle Sieben

210 Members. Recently held a CMTE for Music Therapists all of the proceeds from that went to a stipend to Music Therapists in Minnesota in memory of Jenn Werner. Dawn McDougal Miller and Jennifer Hicks won awards Scholarship overhaul. Offering more substantial scholarships instead of more little ones. Student Scholarships: Opened it up to University affiliated interns. New internship sites Minnesota. Seeking new signer for the bill.

Ohio: Valerie Robinson

Allison Brady gave report. Celebrated 40 years as an organization. Summer CMTE- Technology in Sessions. Fall workshop at Cleveland Campus- Medical Music Therapy. Jessica Fletcher received a scholarship. Have an active Bill. 2019 state conference in September.

Wisconsin: Hanna Uchtyl

Leslie Henry gave report. 69 members. Wisconsin celebrated 45th anniversary and had a picnic to celebrate. Had a CMTE for self-regulation for MT and SLPs. Hill Day is planned in the spring to begin efforts to turn Registry in Wisconsin and want to go further. New updated website. Lots of job openings in Wisconsin right now. Scholarships for students in the 'founders' fun. Taking nominations for the Music Therapy of the years. Alverno is celebrating 70 years and will be offering a master's program.

II. Appointed Officer Reports:

Archivist: Ed Roth

Editor: Andy Panayides

Reduce the size of the voice, Reports one page or shorter. Considering links on the website with more information and complete reports. We are open to comments and suggestions. Email reports to GLRAMTAeditor@gmail.com. Reports due by November 25th and be published in December

Student Advisor: Katie Fitch

Shout out to Jeff Wolfe in his role for the AMTA students. He put together a guide book for all of the students and student advisors

Student Representative: Michelle Bingham

April 2018 Passages keynote speaker was Tracy Richardson. The gift of music award went to: Alliance Music Therapy. Made Bylaw changes to begin meeting earlier in the year instead of waiting until the next school year. Increasing communication to students: Monthly newsletter, highlighted students and more information, video chatting in with each of the schools. giving the schools opportunities to give information. Had a fundraiser selling shirts. Raised over \$800. Gift of Music Scholarship given in 2019, give to a private practice in need. Been in contact with the Co-chairs in Cincinnati. Passages will have a call for paper soon.

Website Coordinator: Julie Palmieri

Visit the Website. Benefits of the website: 17 new posts about conferences, 21 job listings since January, membership software, 19 mentors, Added extra security on the website. We are currently on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, At least 100 new followers on them. Newsletter- 19 this year. To help members stay connected-40% of our members do open them. www.Glr-ama.org

GLR GB Mtg. 11.17.18

I. Standing Committee Reports:

Academic Program Approval: Lalene Kay

Long meetings at conference. 82 degree programs. Adding to the committee, three new members Programs for re-approval as well. Will have a Spring Zoom Meeting

Association Internship Approval: Kay Luedtke-Smith

Approved 12 new internship sites: Journey Cares and Hospice of Kankakee. Supervisors will be at the round table discussion. 87 internship sites that went unused in the past year. Currently have 42 active sites and 6 inactive site in the GLR. Park Tutor in Wisconsin: 122 interns and 30 years of service

Communications & Technology: Julie Palmieri

Survey was sent to members about technology needs. Looking for individuals with technology expertise. If you know something, she would like to highlight you on the website to potentially help others. Looking for information about using technology in sessions and needing streaming services in their sessions

Continuing Education: Kellee Coviak-Hansen & Bernadette Skodack

At National Conference, 42 CMTE courses being offered. The Continuing education chairs presented about 'Tips to submitted strong proposals'. Meeting later today with Kathy Knoll to do a Podcast. Unifying with all of the regions in terms of policies and processes. 559 participants in continuing education during this conference. In the region: GLR 2018- 3 institutes and 9 CMTEs. Hoping to get CMTEs for 2019 approved by December 1st. When you use GLR approved provider. We need a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the course being offered. Make sure you get the correct address and send it to the correct person

Standards of Practice: Jennifer Fiore

Research: Annie Heiderscheit

Look at the newsletter for the complete report. Lots of opportunities at conference to be exposed to research. Such as CMTEs, Institutes, concurrent sessions, or Research Poster Events. Wants to see more individuals getting involved in research.

Government Relations: Nancy Swanson

Reimbursement: Kyle Fleming

See complete report in the Voice. Reimbursement survey: Sent to specific music therapists. Kimberly Sena-Moore is gathering the information. Reimbursement resources page on the AMTA website Incident 2 billing- will be explained and educated. 2019 reaching out to academic programing

Affiliate Relations: Ann Hannan

Rebecca Barnard gave report. Reworking the Fact Sheets on the AMTA page. Updating the client population sheets. Those 5 are: Child/adolescent mental and behavioral health, Adult mental and behavioral health, Hospice and Palliative care, Special Education, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Child/adolescent mental and behavioral health fact sheet draft is in a final edits phase. Program director: Inter collaboration on campuses. Looking at music therapist and would like to make a list of people who hold outside licenses

Workforce Development & Retention: Jessica Fletcher

Erin Spring gave report. Looking at retention in our field. Wanting to identify what they can do better

International Relations: Roberta Kagit

Membership: Rachael Lawrence-Lupton

#eachnotcounts. Is the GLR-AMTA membership drive hash tag. Many members were calling past AMTA members. We were calling people and making connections in hopes to increase membership in AMTA and connect with our colleagues.

Professional Advocacy: Jessica DeVillers

Leslie Henry gave report. Working with AMTA Videographer to create videos about advocacy in music therapy. 'What do you Rock and What do you Roll', 'Shifting from correction to connections' and 'Advocate with Intention' They are wanting to help Universities and students learn to advocate. Hoping to present in Cincinnati about Professional Advocacy. They continue to monitor situations of misrepresentation and encouraging people to write blog posts and getting information out there

Clinical Practice Networking: Lee Anna Rasar

Networking sessions at the regional meeting. Advertised online and often people are having difficulty finding the rooms and areas. Find full report in the Voice

Diversity and Multiculturalism: Peter Meyer

Encourage increased diversity in clients, Increase diversity and multicultural Provide support to professionals and students. Monitor and recommend to AMTA documents
Wanting to provide more opportunities to people in the remote areas.

I. Old Business

Program Anniversaries:

Western Michigan University Celebrating 60 years: A plaque was given
St. Mary of the Woods College Celebrating 35 years: A plaque was given
Still looking for GLR Representative to Judicial Review Board
In need of AMTA Scholarship Reviewers
2019 GLR – Cincinnati

II. New Business

GLR Disaster Relief Task Force: Rebecca Barnard and Debbie Bates attended this meeting. We will be streamlining a process in place.
Spam/Phishing Emails: If you get an email from anyone from the Executive Board Committee, let Debbie know and disregard them
Meeting Lee Grossman: He gave background information regarding his work with the American Vascular Society and American Autism Society. He will be starting on January 1st, 2019. Focused on the future of the profession. Music Therapy should be a major part of health care. Has been motivated to be more of an advocate for healthcare reform.

III. Updates/Announcements and Adjournment

- a. Nancy Swanson and Todd Schwartzberg received a Change Marker Award in Advocacy
- b. Andi Furman won a life time award.
- c. Karen Miller from text is a new professor at Indiana Wesleyan
- d. Natasha Thomas: IUPUI
- e. New professor for the master's program at Alverno
- f. Welcomed all new members
- g. Jennifer Hicks announced the AMTA 2019 National Conference
- h. Gaston Research Award: Music Therapy Educators to join

IV. 10:37 meeting was adjourned with a motion and approved.

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 (MU^sical 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

Special Projects is a mechanism by the Great Lakes Region for members to support clinical projects, research projects or committee-related projects. Funding has been used to cover some expenses related to travel costs, materials, testing measures, or computer time. Funding is typically not approved for stipends. 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. Persons interested in any type of research or conducting a project directly related to clinical practice are encouraged to apply.

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.

Membership Support & Useful Links

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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

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