



# Voice of the Lakes

## Letter from the President

Larisa McHugh

Greetings, GLR Members-

It was wonderful to see many of you during the AMTA conference in Sandusky. It seems that the GLR is a popular location for conference and it was nice to welcome everyone back to Ohio. A big shout out to those who were involved in planning and preparation for the big event. The GLR was certainly well represented during the conference, as members were active with presentations, posters describing research studies, performances, and numerous committee and assembly meetings.

Prior to the start of the conference I had the privilege of attending the Regional President's meeting. During this meeting, we got to hear from the AMTA Executive Board as well as share news from our region. I was pleased to report on the GLR Mentor Program, the Member Support Fund, and our Special Projects. All of these GLR initiatives are ways that we give back to our members but they also highlight the work that is taking place in the GLR. During conference the GLR Executive Board voted to award both Special Projects as well as the Member Support Fund. Following the conference the GLR Mentor Program CMTE was offered free of charge. There will be opportunities to take advantage of GLR offerings in the future so please stay in touch.

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## Letter from the President (continued)

During the GLR Conference in March we will recognize not only Academic Programs in existence 25 years or more, but also Internships and State Associations that meet that criterion. Please let me know of any Academic Programs, Internships, and State Associations celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more so that they can be recognized.

Please take the time to read the reports from all our officers and committee representatives in this newsletter to learn more about the work of the GLR. And please take the time to express appreciation for the work of these committee representatives. They not only give of their time and energy during conference they represent us throughout the year. There is so much happening in the GLR and there is always opportunity for more. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees please let us know! Each and every one of us can make a difference and offer something to the profession in the GLR. If you have ideas to share, if there is a change you would like to see, if you just want to be more involved, then there is no time like the present!

Thank you for taking the time to catch up on all that is happening in the GLR. As we move forward if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me. I welcome your input and feedback. I can be reached at the following email address: [larisamchugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larisamchugh@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at: 937-478-0664. I look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee for GLR 2017!

May the spirit of this season bring you peace, the gladness of the season give you hope, and the warmth of the season grant you love.

Be well,  
Larisa

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## Letter from the Editor

Andy Panayides

Dear Readers,

Thanks so much for viewing the Fall 2016 edition of Voice of the Lakes. The theme of this issue is **lending a helping hand**, which is meant to recognize times when one GLR-AMTA member or organization helped another pursue a dream or overcome a difficult situation. Please look out for sections highlighted in the **GLR-AMTA blue font**. Specifically, keep an eye out for information related to **lending a helping hand** on the following pages:

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I would also like to introduce a page of useful links for readers, including resources from our region, as well as AMTA. These links may be found on Page 36.

It is my pleasure to serve as GLR-AMTA Editor. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns about Voice of the Lakes.

Respectfully submitted,

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# President's Report

Larisa McHugh

Accomplishments, Updates, and Action Items:

- Submitted President's letter and reviewed VOL for publication
- Submitted information to AMTA for 990
- Completed reports to AMTA Board of Directors
- Answered phone calls and emails regarding GLR business
- Increased Dropbox storage for reports, agendas, minutes, etc. Investigating Dropbox for Business for future use
- Attended Regional Presidents meeting
- Continue to work on Strategic Planning initiatives: Improving Communication and Increasing Board Accountability
- Shared regional conference information with national office
- Conducted business with Executive Board via email and conference calls
- Developed agendas for Executive Board meeting and General Business meeting
- [Region offered support to members impacted by disasters](#)
- Appointed new Representatives: Ann Hannan, Affiliate Relations; Kyle Fleming, Reimbursement; Jennifer Fiore, Standards of Practice
- This year at the GLR Conference we will recognize not only Academic Programs in existence 25 years or more, but also Internships and State Associations that meet that criterion. Therefore, please let me know of any Academic Programs, Internships, and State Associations celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more so that they can be recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## Past President's Report

Lisa Gallagher

### Duties of the Immediate Past President include:

- Act as Parliamentarian for the Executive Committee and General Business meetings of the GLR.
- Chair the Nominating Committee for elections.
- Update the Officer Handbook/Job Descriptions.
- Oversee requests for Membership Support and take to EC for consideration.
- Participate in Strategic Planning meetings and initiatives.

### Action Items:

- **Membership Support**
  - The GLR Membership Support Fund is 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. Note; however, that a member may not receive Membership Support Funds from GLR of AMTA more often than once in a three-year period.
  - One application was received, and support was provided. Thank you all for your very fast turn-around with this last minute application.
  - The application is on the GLR website in the Members Only section. It may also be found at the end of this newsletter (**Page 37**). Please encourage members who may need this type of assistance to complete the application and email it to me.
- **Nominating Committee**
  - I serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and I have compiled a list of nominees for our elected positions. The list was presented at the GLR Business Meeting at the GLR conference last April.
  - I obtained a bio and statement of interest from all nominees. These were uploaded to the Members Only section of the GLR website.
  - Two nominees withdrew their names from the positions they were running for, but one of them decided to run for the other open position.
  - Emails were sent out to all members encouraging them to read the statements and utilize the Survey Monkey ballot to vote.

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## **Past President's Report** (continued)

- The new officers are:
  - President Elect – Rebecca Findley (IN)
  - Vice President Elect – Todd Schwartzberg (MN)
  - Secretary – Jennifer Whitlow (IN),
  - Treasurer – Stephanie Harris (IN)
  
- **Officer Handbook/Job Descriptions**
  - No recent updates have been made to the Officer Handbook/Job Descriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gallagher, MA, MT-BC  
Immediate Past President, GLR of AMTA

## President Elect's Report

Debbie Bates

The responsibilities of the President Elect include acting as chairperson of the Awards Committee, reviewing the Bylaws and proposing revisions as needed, and receiving and reviewing applications for Special Projects.

***Awards*** – Each year the GLR presents the following awards; Honorary Life for long time dedication to the field of music therapy, Scholarly Activity for significant contributions to the knowledge base of the profession, and Service for outstanding service to the region. All three awards were presented during the 2016 awards ceremony, with recipients and their guests in attendance when possible. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations and to the state representatives for responding to the vote

***Bylaws*** - No revisions to present at this time.

***Special Projects*** – We have two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (Musical instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services and Education) and the Research Fund. Application and descriptions of the funds are on the website and included at the end of this newsletter (**Pages 38-40**).

At the 2016 GLR conference, one MUSE Fund was awarded to Lee Anna Rasar for Steel Pan Tenor drum for use in clinical practice. In September I received an email from her. She wrote in part, “I also wanted to thank you and ask that you share my appreciation for the tenor steel pan that I received. It has been a blessing to many people. I am so appreciative of it and excited to share about how people have responded to it. It is truly amazing to see how it motivates people. It has the ability to both calm and energize at the same time.” She has submitted a proposal for the 2017 GLR conference.

We reviewed one research application and one MUSE application.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## Vice President and Vice President Elect Report

Rebecca Findley Barnard & Melaine Pohlman

### Completed Tasks:

- Visited 3 hotel locations in Michigan for 2018 GLR Conference
  - Consulted with AMTA, GLR President, President Elect and Treasurer regarding conference planning trends
    - Meeting Room Rental Fees
  - Negotiated Contract details.
- Continued updating and creation of Conference Planning documents on Google Drive
- Regularly met with 2017 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
- Participated in GLR Conference Call discussion to confirm new GLR Conference Planning Policies
  - Developed Conference Sponsorship Guidelines
  - Conference Planning Financial Policies and Procedures

### General Action Items:

- Continue updating of documents on Google Drive
- Investigate online continuing education tracking and logistics (CMTES, institutes)
- Continue compilation and organization of past conference statistics, trends and data
- Network with other regions about conference planning trends
  - Possible collaboration with another region?

### GLR 2016 Indianapolis, Indiana

We would like to extend a thank you to 2016 Conference Co-Chairs, Ann Hannan and Jennifer Whitlow for their wonderful work chairing this year's conference. After the conference concluded we worked towards making sure all of the loose ends were taken care of. The conference survey was sent out via Survey Monkey to all attendees and reports were gathered from all of the committee chairs. The results from the survey and the reports were sent on to the 2017 co-chairs. The final hotel bill was received and charges were reviewed for accuracy.

481 total full conference attendees

294 Professionals

187 Students

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## Vice President and Vice President Elect Report (continued)

Conference Income: \$70,787.00

Conferences Expense: 108, 276.57

Final Conference Deficit: \$37,489.57

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

Preparations for the 2017 conference in Milwaukee are well underway. Local Committee Chairs, Erica Flores, Tom Brefka, and Tamra Fricke are in frequent contact. Committees have all received information via the Google Drive and are utilizing the forms and templates recently shared. New financial procedures are in place and all financial transactions are handled through the VPs.

The call for papers yielded a positive return and the blind review is expected to be completed by the end of November. We are very excited to announce the keynote for the conference will be Meredith Pizzi. With the conference being almost a month earlier this year, we are hoping to have registration open by the middle of January. Constant Contact and Guidebook Accounts have been activated.

Date: March 15- 18, 2018

Location: Crowne Plaza Milwaukee, Airport

Room Rate: \$119 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

Food and Beverage Minimum: \$20,000

**Action Item:** Approval of payments and fees for Constant Contact and Guidebook Accounts.

- Constant Contact: (return customers, non profit discounts taken into consideration)
  - 6 month pre pay is \$52/month = \$312 for six months
  - 12 months pre pay is \$45.50 = \$546 for 12 months
  - custom brand email template being created free of charge
  - Currently in 60 day trial
- Guidebook: (Guidebook plus; used in previous years)
  - 1 year contract \$1750
  - 2 year contract 10% discount off one year price
  - 3 year contract 15% discount off one year price

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## **Vice President and Vice President Elect Report** (continued)

### **GLR 2018 Ypsilanti, Michigan**

The 2018 GLR conference will be held in Michigan. The contract for the hotel is under review by the GLR executive board, Al Bumanis and Cindy Smith. 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

### **Action Items:**

- \$2,000 hotel deposit to be sent next week
  - Begin discussion regarding CMTEs and Institutes
- File Tax Exempt paperwork with hotel
- Apply for direct billing
- Begin Budget Planning for 2018
- Begin Logo and Theme Design for PR purposes
- Begin Sharing Google Documents with 2018 Co-Chairs

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

# Illinois State Report

Allison Gunnink

## Activity: May 2016-October 2016

### **Membership:**

136 total members

88 professional members

3 intern members

1 student member

2 student groups

Illinois State University: 15 members

Western Illinois University: 27 members

### **Financials:**

IAMT is currently in good financial standing and our accounts are balanced with our bank account at \$10,413.57 and PayPal at \$2,869.55.

### **Programming and Continuing Education:**

IAMT hosted its Fall CMTE on Saturday, October 15th in Lisle, IL. Yusra Al-Shawaf, LSW presented "Isms: How They Relate to Music Therapy Practice." The course counted toward the ethics requirement, which was a great bonus. Attendees provided positive feedback and felt that they gained from the course. The board will brainstorm topics and presenters for next year's CMTE courses offered by IAMT.

### **Government Relations/State Recognition Task Force:**

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations and the Music Therapy Advisory Board continues to hold meetings where testimony is given by different organizations. A report will eventually be generated from all testimony with recommendations for or against licensure in Illinois.

To date, most testimony given by invited speakers has degraded the need for a music therapy license due to a lack of demonstrated threat to the public health and safety from the unregulated practice of music therapy. Dena Register will be testifying at the November meeting where, based on previous anti-licensure testimony, she will be recommending Title Protection as a viable option.

### **Public Relations:**

IAMT recently held a summer social for its members at Harrer Park in Morton Grove in August. We also celebrated Illinois Music Therapy week in September. IAMT plans to have a table at the Illinois Music Educators Association Conference in January, as well as exploring other opportunities for advocacy in the community.

### **Clinical Training:**

Currently, IAMT has fourteen approved internship sites in the state of Illinois, two of which are university affiliated. Eight internship sites are active and four internship sites are inactive.

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## Illinois State Report (continued)

IAMT now has a committee dedicated to help address the feedback we have received from our internship survey. This committee consists of an internship director, internship supervisor, university professor, and a music therapist currently applying for an internship program. We are very optimistic that we will brainstorm ideas and identify solutions to help improve our clinical training in Illinois.

### Website:

IAMT has been working on a brand new website, which is planned to be launched right around the AMTA Conference in conjunction with our membership drive. We are looking forward to a more efficient and ADA compliant website

### Student Affairs:

The student presidents have been doing a great job of communicating with IAMT this semester. Both schools have registered their student clubs as IAMT members, and so each student in the clubs will receive student membership benefits. The student retreat is yet to be determined, but will be at WIU this school year.

### Past President:

IAMT Past President Jenni Rook is thrilled to share that IAMT is officially at 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization! The application process has recently been streamlined quite a bit, and she was able to submit it much earlier than anticipated. Allison received the notification of our tax exempt status very quickly, and we now join AMTA, GLR and many of the state organizations in our region who have decided to become nonprofits. This means we will have to file a 990 every year, and the board has a list of things to discuss as we transition to a nonprofit and begin to understand how that will impact us. Next, we will be filing an application for sales tax exemption so we will no longer have to pay taxes for purchases we make.

### Other Business:

IAMT is excited to officially be a non-profit organization. The executive board recently voted to bring on a fundraiser chair. The board is also looking forward to finding new ways to give back to the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Gunnink, MBA, MT-BC  
IAMT President

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# Indiana State Report

Morgan Sparks

## Membership/Treasurer

The Association for Indiana Music Therapy currently has 82 members, including 7 students and 2 retired members.

As of 11/8/2016, we have \$4,125.48 in our account. We are currently exploring ideas to increase membership perks.

## Past Meetings

The Fall Meeting was held September 24 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. The morning session was, "Music Therapy and ABA: an Introduction to Assessment, Treatment Planning, and Collaboration" presented by Jordan Blitz Novak. The afternoon session was, "Making Modes More Accessible for Music Therapists," presented by Sharon R. Boyle, MM, MT-BC & Dr. Tracy Richardson, MT-BC. 3 CMTE's were offered for attending the morning session.

## Clinical Training/ Internships

The 2016 AIMT Internship Scholarship was awarded to Laura Russell who was an intern with Lindsey Wright at Opportunities for Positive Growth.

Indiana currently has six active national roster internship sites: Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, Bi-County Services, Opportunities for Positive Growth, Meaningful Day Services, Season's Hospice, and State of the Heart Hospice. In addition, our state has five institutions educating future music therapists: Saint Mary of the Woods College, Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis, Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne, University of Evansville, and, Indiana Wesleyan University. See below for detailed reports from each internship:

**Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health** – Ann Hannan, No internship at present.

**Bi-County Services**– Karel Decker, Internship Director

- Beth Allard Yoder from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College finished her internship on July 1.
- Vickie Wen-Chi Chiu from Illinois State University is the current intern until January 2017.
- Danielle Whitney from IPFW will begin her internship in January 2017.

**Opportunities for Positive Growth** – Lindsey Wright, Internship Director

- Emily Crabtree - Kokomo Site: Jun-Nov16
- Shelley Anderson - Lafayette Site: Sep16-Mar17
- Kailey Weiringa - Fishers Site: Jun-Nov16

No stipend is available, but mileage is reimbursed.

**Meaningful Day Services** – Leigh Ann Fuller, Internship Director

- Hannah Becker – began her internship in June 2016 at the Kokomo location.
- Jessica Barcus - began her internship in June 2016 at the Fort Wayne location.
- Patricia Walke and Alex Dickerson – began internships in July 2016 at the Indianapolis location.

January 2017 –

- Allison Custer - Indianapolis
- Alexandra Blakewell - Kokomo
- Georgia Gladding - Ft. Wayne

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## Indiana State Report (continued)

Currently interviewing for spots for June/July 2017 spots and still have one remaining spot for January 2017. Hoping to start an internship site in Jeffersonville within the next 6 months.

**State of the Heart Hospice** – Amy Pearson, Internship Director

- Stephanie Appleton - from IPFW is the current intern through Dec. 2016. Currently interviewing prospective interns for the January 2017 opening.

**Season's Hospice** – Russell – \$5000.00 stipend applications at [www.seasons.org](http://www.seasons.org)

### University News:

**St Mary of the Woods** – Tracy Richardson

National Roster:

- Nathan Mensah - Cincinnati Children's Hospital - July through December 2016
- Patricia Walke - Meaningful Day Services - July through January 2017

University Affiliated:

- Nicole Reynolds - St. Ignatius Health Care until December 2016 with no stipend • Sarah Oguich - Private Practice with Erica Iocco until March 2017 with no stipend.

**IPFW** – Peggy Farlow and Nancy Jackson

- VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System, IN – university-based (2) • State of the Heart Hospice, IN (1)
- Meaningful Day Services, IN (1)
- Lurie Children's Hospital, IL (1)
- Park Nicollet Health System, MN (1)
- Opportunities for Positive Growth, IN (1)
- Mainstay Music Therapy, IN – university-based (1) • Students beginning internships in the next year:
- Park Nicollet Health System, MN (1)
- BiCounty Services, IN (1)
- Meaningful Day Services, IN (1).

**Evansville University** – Mary Ellen Wylie

- Rachel Blalock - Elaine Ritzert at Good Samaritan Home in Evansville. She will conclude the internship sometime next summer. There is no stipend.

### **Public Relations**

AIMT hosted a dinner gathering during AMTA conference on Friday evening.

### **State Task Force**

As reported at GLR 2016, HB 1303, Registry of Certified Professions, a bill that the Indiana State Task Force followed closely during the 2014-2015 legislative session, passed. Unfortunately, music therapy was excluded from participating in the registry. With a new governor being elected and other potential changes to our state legislature, the Task Force plans to re-access after the election to determine the best direction in which to go.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Sparks, MT-BC  
AIMT President





# Michigan State Report

Kellee Coviak Hansen

## GLR 2018

Preparations are underway for the GLR 2018 Conference in Michigan. Conference co-chairs – Kellee Coviak Hansen, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, and Bernadette Skodack – visited numerous potential locations over the summer. Following input from the GLR Executive Board, we are happy to announce that Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti has been selected as the conference location!

## Membership

We are concluding 2016 with 52 professional members, 4 lifetime members, and 52 student/intern members. In addition, there are active student groups at both Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities.

## Fall Workshops

MMT held our fall workshop on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the MSU Community Music School in East Lansing, MI. More Bang for Your Buck focused on reimbursement and scholarship opportunities for therapists and the use of the waiver system with clients. Presenters included Jeff Wolfe, Cindy Lu Edgerton, and Kellee Coviak Hansen.

MMT also partnered with Eastern Michigan University to present a workshop titled, Music Therapy and Neuroscience. This was a 6 credit CMTE course presented by Dr. Elizabeth Stegemöller (Iowa State University) and was held at EMU on September 24.

## Expanding Continuing Education Opportunities

MMT is currently considering options for those who cannot attend a workshop, but would like access to the information presented. Specifically, we are reviewing ways to use technology to increase accessibility to workshops: webinars, making video recordings available at a later date, etc.

## MMT Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that our Fall 2016 Memorial Scholarship recipient is Amber McDaniel. Amber is a Western Michigan University student interning at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell, MI.

## Public Relations

This fall, we made the unfortunate discovery that our Mailchimp subscriber website opt-in was compromised and, presumably, bots added approximately 300 e-mails to our list over approximately six weeks' time. Consequently, when our first fall mailing was sent, distribution was interrupted due to a high rate of unsubscription and SPAM reporting. We worked with Mailchimp support to address the issue and continue to monitor unknown e-mail addresses in our mailing list. If you have not received e-mail updates from MMT and would like to, please contact Kellee Hansen (kellee@codamts.com) to check your subscription status.

Finally, our Fall 2016 newsletter was published at the end of September and is available in the Members-Only section on our website. Our website address is [www.mmtonline.org](http://www.mmtonline.org). We also have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MMTonline/>) and Twitter account (@mmt\_online).

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee Coviak Hansen, MS, MT-BC  
MMT President





# Minnesota State Report

Claire M. Klein

## VISION

1. To advance clinical and professional skill sets of music therapists
2. To help the community understand and value qualified and board-certified music therapists
3. To create a culture of openness to collaboration with other non-music therapy professionals and organizations

## MISSION

The Music Therapy Association of Minnesota, a 501(c)3 organization, strives to enhance quality music therapy services in the state of Minnesota through providing engaging and relevant education opportunities to members and the public, supporting the professional community, advocating for professional recognition, and fostering community partnerships.

## Membership

Current membership of the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota (MTAM) currently stands at 110 (97 professionals and 13 students).

## Financials

MTAM, a 501(c)3 organization, is in good financial standing with a total of \$10,425 in assets (Checking - \$5,531.40; PayPal - \$4,280.65; Petty Cash - \$100).

## State conferences

MTAM hosted a 6-credit CMTE “Supervision: An Interdisciplinary Perspective” in October featuring Dawn Miller and Sandra Holten speaking on supervising interns, Todd Schwartzberg and Emma Moonier sharing expectations for supervising practicum students, and a panel taking questions on their philosophy of supervision and being a part of an interdisciplinary team.

In May, MTAM also hosted another 6-credit CMTE with several speakers on how to healthfully use our bodies and voices in our daily work called “Wellness for the Music Therapist: Mind, Body, Voice.”

## Awards

We were pleased to award Kay Luedtke-Smith with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She is best known for her 27 years of working with young children. She has served as the Association Internship Approval Committee Representative for the Great Lakes Region to the national committee of AMTA since 2010. She has mentored more than 55 practicum students and 62 music therapy interns. She served MTAM as the MTAM as the President and Past President.

Additionally, MTAM honored Doug Schmitt of Schmitt Music with a Friend of Music Therapy award. This company has been vocal and active supporters of music therapy in Minnesota for generations.

## Scholarships

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

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## Minnesota State Report (continued)

### Task Force

The Task Force, led by Todd Schwartzberg and Melissa Hirokawa, awaits the results of this fall's elections to begin with new bills with the start of the legislative session in 2017. In the meantime, the Task Force is calling for video examples of music therapy in the state, secure bi-partisan support of the bill, and build a base of advocates in the state.

### National Roster internship sites & Educational institutions

The following facilities and organizations offer national roster internship programs in the state of Minnesota. As stated above, we hope that our fall conference inspires other music therapists to start a program at their worksite, as the need for internship placements is high in Minnesota.

- Allina Health Hospice, St. Paul, MN
- Good Samaritan Society – Special Care Community, Robbinsdale, 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 Jennifer Hicks posts regularly on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. This fall, we featured posts on Minnesota interns, out-state music therapists, Music therapists in the schools, and our MTAM history.

### Special Events

After our community faced the shooting of Philando Castille, MTAM felt called to offer a space of emotional expression and community building. Mike Limbybliw, MT-BC led a group of music therapists, members of our host church St. Paul's UCC, and protestors camped outside the governor's mansion in 60 minutes of communal drumming.

Christina Brantner, MTAM Reimbursement chair, along with MTAM hosted a Halloween-themed fundraiser event for previous MTAM President and state AMTA delegate, Peter Meyer who suffered health issues earlier this year.

### Future Business

At our spring state conference, members vote to accept new Vision and Mission statements, listed above. Going forward, MTAM will update our by-laws as well as create a policy and procedure book to pass information between outgoing and incoming board members. We are considering adding an appointed position of Internship Chair for music therapists to consult in starting and managing internships in our state. We also plan to create a mission-based budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Klein, MT-BC  
MTAM President



## Ohio State Report

Lindsey Holmes Doty

- Membership: Professional: 74  
Student: 39  
Retired: 1  
Total: 114
- The state task force remains active in pursuing licensure in Ohio. Members are encouraged to invite your legislators to observe sessions.
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- AOMT brochures are available for members to use at various advocacy events. Contact [pr@aomt.org](mailto:pr@aomt.org) for more information.
- AOMT.org continues to receive regular updates and now features 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
- The membership drive for 2017 is currently underway. You can now join and pay online. Please stop by the exhibit hall to renew membership or join while here at conference. Membership is free to those in their first year in the profession or for those new to the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Holmes Doty, MT-BC  
AOMT President



## Wisconsin State Report

Rebecca Frize

WCMT held a CMTE and General Business Meeting on September 10, 2016. The CMTE was on Literacy with Children using Music Therapy led by Kathy Schumacher and held in Fond du Lac, WI. About 15 people attended the CMTE.

As of September 10<sup>th</sup>, WCMT currently has 63 members including professionals, students and retired professionals. There were several networking or “outfly” meetings throughout the state this summer and we continue to seek out new members.

Our focus, currently, is the spring regional conference and volunteers were sought out for the variety of areas including registration, presiders, and many more. We continue with the call for papers and exhibitors. We look forward to hosting this next year!

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!

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Frize, MT-BC  
WCMT President



# Student Affairs Advisory Board Report

Abigail Prochaska & Katie Fitch

1. Review of Passages at GLR Conference, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - a. Passages was live streamed to our Youtube and Facebook page for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. This live stream video has been viewed 33 times.
  - b. The GLR executive board incorporated new activities for student networking which included activities in between student presentations that encouraged the students to collaborate and connect
  - c. Jenni Rook, MT-BC for ITA in Illinois was the key note speaker with the topic consisting of being student advocates for music therapy
  - d. The GLR executive board awarded 3 student scholarship for conference fee reimbursement (\$55)
  - e. The GLR executive board awarded Alverno College with a \$100 award for putting together an advocacy project within their college community
2. Gift of Music Grant 2017
  - a. A \$400 grant will be awarded to a private practice in the region
  - b. Applications can be found on the GLR-AMTAS website, [www.glrantas.weebly.com](http://www.glrantas.weebly.com)
  - c. Application are due January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017
3. The Music Therapy Beat
  - a. We have combined our monthly newsletters with last year's podcast project to increase organization and student communication
  - b. A school in the GLR has signed up to create a podcast on a topic of their choice that is between 15-20 minutes and educational for the other students in the region
4. Lip Sync Battle
  - a. At national conference we held a Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser in order to raise money for the Gift of Music grant and student scholarships at GLR Conference in March 2017
  - b. Further information in the next report will be added on this fundraiser

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Prochaska  
GLR AMTAS President

Katie Fitch, MT-BC  
GLR AMTA Student Advisor

## 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.

### 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

*And much more!*

### NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATIONS

We are continuing to communicate with our members on a frequent basis via our newsletter, as well. If you are not receiving these emails and you are a member, please check your spam/junk folder OR contact me via the GLR website.

### HOSTING RENEWAL

Our hosting package through <http://Powweb.com> increased this past year, but I reached out to the company to see if the yearly fee could be reduced. I let them know that the Great Lakes Region is a non-profit organization made up solely of volunteers. They were able to give us a much lower rate that saved our organization approximately \$50/year.

### 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 are connecting with our audience on social media. We have 897 Facebook Likes, 545 Tweeters, and 178 Instagrammers on GLR's social media. Recently, we reached out via social media to those music therapists in Chicago and Cleveland...during a very stressful World Series.

The hashtag for the upcoming conference in Milwaukee is #GLR2017.

See you online at [www.GLR-AMTA.org](http://www.GLR-AMTA.org)!

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Association Internship Approval Report

Kay Luedtke – Smith

## New Internship Site

Lawrence Hall Youth Services, Chicago, IL  
Internship Director, Courtney Wrubel

## Closed Internship Site

Good Samaritan Society Stillwater, MN

## New Internship Director

Hospice of the Western Reserve, OH, Christina Axelrod

Remember to send in all internship paperwork including: annual report via survey money, acceptance letters and site evaluations to the AIAC representative (me).

Please remember that the regional representative is here to help interested people in navigating the national roster internship application process. As reminder to all National Roster Internship Directors, the acceptance letter you send to the university needs to include:

- A statement that the applicant has accepted the internship
- When the internship will begin
- A target date for formulating the internship agreement
- Status of the legal affiliation agreement
- All other site-specific requirements as applicable.

A copy of this letter shall be sent to the regional representative of the Association Internship Approval Committee (AIAC).

The AIAC diligently worked on completing the Supervising the National Roster Intern e-course. This is a new opportunity for interested music therapists to access the supervision course. We are excited about what this will mean for our profession. Thank you to Cathy & Dwight Knoll for their invaluable and remarkable assistance in this process.

Received 31 acceptance letter notifications and 33 site evaluations.

Co-facilitated the Educator & Internship Director Roundtable with Lalene Kay MM, ACC, MT-BC at the GLR conference in Indianapolis in April 2016.

### ACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
8	5	4	4	10	6	37

### INACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
4	1	1	-	3	-	9

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Clinical Practice Networking Report

Lee Anna Rasar

1. The Clinical Practice Networking Committee is focused on promoting networking across a broad range of practice settings, populations and specialty topics of focus.
2. Our committee joined forces with the Standards of Clinical Practice Committee to facilitate a vibrant and constructive Clinical Practice Networking Luncheon at the national conference in Sandusky, OH. More than 110 professional and student participants attended and engaged in lively dialogues within 12 different practice areas.
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. Clinical Practice Networking Committee representatives continue to expand networking and mentoring opportunities by organizing and supporting networking events at regional conferences. The GLR-AMTA conference in Indianapolis included a networking session, but logistics were not ideal for groups to meet. Music therapy business owners and people involved in long-term care settings who had questions about the Music and Memory program came by to network with each other.
5. 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.
6. In line with our revised tasks, we will also begin to identify various structures that enable mentoring for music therapists working with a broad range of populations and promote the dissemination of such information to members.

Contact Lee Anna Rasar at [rasarla@uwec.edu](mailto:rasarla@uwec.edu) with any other ideas or resources you have regarding networking and mentoring.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anna Rasar, MMed, MT-BC  
GLR Representative to the AMTA Clinical Practice Networking Committee



## Communications & Technology Report

Julie Palmieri

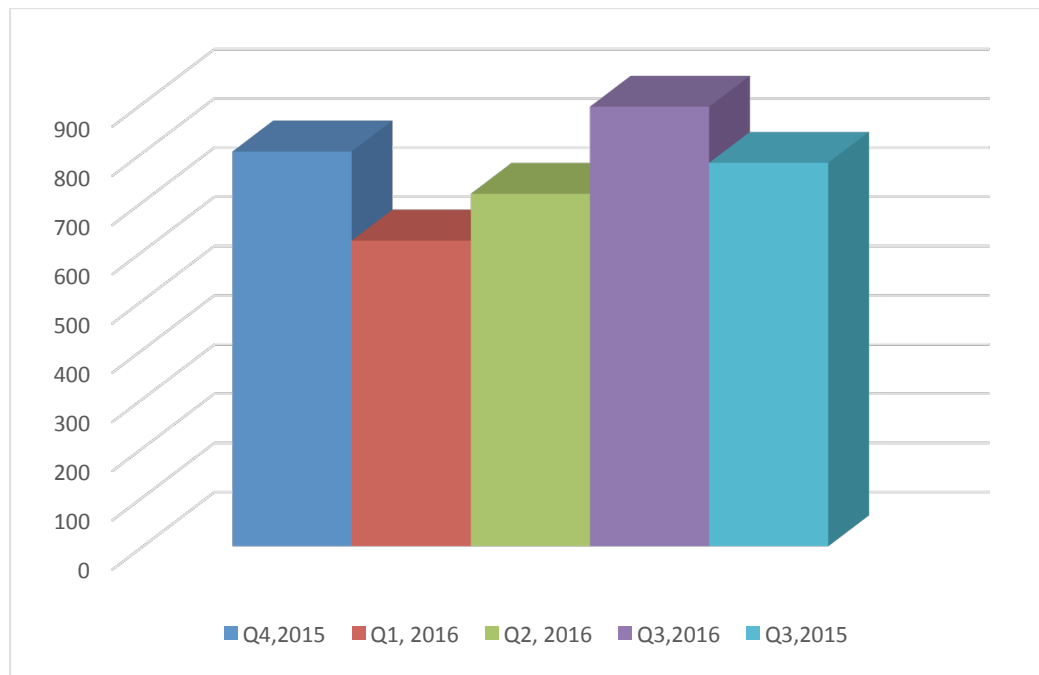
- The Technology Committee presented 3 concurrent sessions at this conference: Budget Friendly Technology Tools, Technology to Simplify Your Life, and The Good Stuff: Technology in Clinical Practice.
- The committee discussed the current state of the TechStop, its' benefit to the membership and the importance of the committee task. With that, the committee refocused the upload schedule and content, and discussed the importance of our social media presence to reach the membership. Such changes will be in effect following this year's national conference.
- We continued our discussion regarding collaboration with the Ethics committee on matters such as social media presence and HIPAA compliant technology. We will be reaching out to them to discuss the possibility of presenting a pilot concurrent session at one or more of the regional conferences.
- We will continue to reach out to tech savvy members and presenters to add to our specialist list.
- We plan to set another online meeting in the spring of 2017 to discuss our presence at next year's conference regarding concurrent session and/or CMTE proposals, ethics collaboration, and the possibility of having another Tech Stop help booth.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC  
GLR-AMTA Communications & Technology Representative

# Membership Report

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton



**4<sup>th</sup> quarter (2015) = 802**

**1st quarter (2016) = 621**

**2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (2016) = 716**

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (2016) = 893**

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (2015) = 779**

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (2016) new members = 177**

Affiliate- 1

Associate- 3

Grad Student- 16

Professional- 78

Retired- 1

Student- 78

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter membership category totals:**

Affiliate- 4

Associate- 3

Grad Student- 83

Honorary Life- 9

Inactive- 0

Life- 1

Patron- 0

Professional- 544

Retired- 14

Student- 239

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, MA, MT-BC

GLR-AMTA Membership Committee Representative

## Professional Advocacy Committee Report    Jessica De Villers

In February 2016, Jessica De Villers was appointed Professional Advocacy Representative for the Great Lakes Region of AMTA. Leslie Henry and Jessica De Villers are working together in the transition process. The committee continues to educate membership regarding the evaluation of appropriate and inappropriate representations of music therapy.

Efforts include:

- The executive board has charged the committee with initiating a decision tree infographic that can help promote work flow when cases of misrepresentation occur. They are currently being submitted for proper vetting and should be published on website soon.
- We continue to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues.
- The committee manages and maintains a resource file of responses and have created a new committee google doc to store committee documents.
- The committee continues to update reports of committee action on the Members Only section of the AMTA website.
- Several representatives of the PAC will be presenting at regional conferences. The presentation is an updated version of that given at National conference, which focuses on how to handle misrepresentation in an articulate and clearly understood manner.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **Standards of Clinical Practice Report**

Jennifer Fiore

- The Standards of Clinical Practice Committee is continuing to work on our on-going task of maintaining and revising the Standards to reflect current music therapy practice.
- We examined the document to identify areas that need additional attention. We always welcome feedback from music therapists regarding any changes they feel are needed in the document, or any concerns they have about the document.
- The committee is in the process of examining supporting documents from both AMTA and CMBT to inform revisions of the Standards document.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fiore, MT-BC  
Standards of Clinical Practice Committee Representative

## **Workforce Development and Retention Report** Laura Brown

The Workforce Development and Retention Committee had a productive meeting at the AMTA National Conference. We reviewed our tasks as outlined from the AMTA Board of Directors and prioritized those that we would address immediately.

The committee will work with the local conference committee for the 2017 National Conference in St. Louis to provide a high school track for students to come and learn about music therapy. We will also explore connecting with local MT student groups to present in high schools prior to the conference. Members of the committee will work on developing a survey to gather information from music therapists who are leaving the field to gain understanding about their decisions. Finally, the committee will be reviewing junior/community college locations that are in close proximity to university MT programs. After identifying those locations, we will work to help connect the university programs and junior/community colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Brown, PhD, MT-BC  
Workforce Development and Retention Committee Member

# General Business Meeting Minutes

Sandusky, OH

Saturday, November 12, 2016

I. Call to order

Larisa McHugh called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was received by M. Stryck and seconded by S. Boyle. All in favor. Motion passed

III. Approval of minutes from Indianapolis, Indiana (April 2016)

Motion to approve the agenda was received from C. Klein and seconded by S. Boyle. All in favor; the agenda was approved.

IV. Elected Officer Reports:

a. President: Larisa McHugh

Regional Presidents' Meeting updates: Members have access to the mid-year and annual Board Book, available on the AMTA website. Please take the opportunity to review it and ask your Assembly Delegates if you have questions. We all have an opportunity to provide service, so if you are interested in becoming involved, please let us know. One opportunity is to review AMTA scholarship applications. AMTA provided 5 free registrations to the Leadership Academy. We sent some members of executive board and members who were interested in attending.

Please let Larisa know about academic programs or state associations that have existed for >25 years, so that they may be recognized at the regional conference.

b. Past President: Lisa Gallagher

One member support fund application was received, which the Executive Committee voted on and approved in the amount of \$700. Lisa thanked the EC for their fast turn-around with this last minute application.

c. President Elect: Debbie Bates

Duties include chairing GLR awards committee, reviewing Bylaws, and reviewing applications for special projects. We have two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (Musical instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services and Education) and the Research Fund. Reminder that the deadline for GLR awards is Feb 1. No bylaws revisions at this time, but we will be comparing GLR bylaws to AMTA bylaws to identify differences. Awarded two special projects funds at this conference; one research: MI for military and non-military women with sexual trauma related PTSD and one MUSE: Group Music Therapy Resources.

d. Vice President: Rebecca Findley

Rebecca continues to build Google drive of conference policies, sponsorship guidelines, financial policies and procedures.

GLR 2016: Thanks to Jennifer Whitlow and Ann Hannan for serving as conference co-chairs. Attendance at this year's regional conference was 481.

GLR 2017 (Milwaukee): The conference will be held at the Crown Plaza, next to the Milwaukee airport. Room rates are \$119 regardless of occupancy. Blind review of conference proposals is in process. Registration will open in the middle of January. Meredith Pizzi will be the keynote speaker.

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## General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

e. Vice President Elect: Melaine Pohlman

GLR 2018: The conference dates are April 12 – 15. A hotel contract with Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti is closed to being signed. Room rate will be \$159. Kellee Hansen, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, and Bernadette Skodak are the conference co-chairs.

Work continues to streamline the conference process. Becca and Melaine met with other regional conference planners during this conference to collaborate and share resources.

Larisa recognized Becca and Melaine's hard work in streamlining the process.

f. Secretary: Debbie Bates for Lindsey Doty

No report except for the minutes. Please remember to put your report in Dropbox if you have not done so already. If anything has come out of committee meetings, please update your reports.

g. Treasurer: Stephanie Harris

Committee members and Assembly Delegates were reminded to return their reimbursement forms. 990 tax information has been provided to AMTA. 1099's will be submitted for those who were paid over \$599 by the end of the year. Reminders that the Fiscal Year (FY) is July 1- June 30 and that Conference Revenues/Expenses reflect multiple conferences in preparing to present balance sheets.

Stephanie requested that CMTE fees be submitted at least one month prior to the event. We are charged a \$100 for late submissions of fees. Please use the updated form from Continuing Ed chair, as Stephanie's address has changed.

Balance sheet was presented. Few transactions since March. Deficits are related to conference expenses. Total Assets: \$ **40,354.26** Total expenses: **2334.27**. Total revenue: **4074.13**

If we hadn't had the challenges with last year's conference, we would've had a \$16,000 surplus.

### V. State Representative Reports:

a. Illinois: Meryl Brown reported for Allison Gunnink.

IAMT currently has 136 members and is in good financial standing. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations and the Music Therapy Advisory Board continue to hold meetings where testimony is given by different organizations. A report will eventually be generated from all testimony with recommendations for or against licensure in Illinois. Dena Register will attend the next meeting and testify on IL's behalf. IAMT attained 501(c)(3) status.

b. Indiana: Morgan Sparks

AIMT has 82 members and is in good financial standing. MT was excluded from a pilot program for registry of certified professions. State Task Force is back at square one. New board takes office as of midnight November 12. See report in Voice.

c. Michigan: Kellee Coviak- Hansen

MMT has 52 members. MMT is working on membership drive for 2017, as well as GLR 2018. The conference co-chairs worked with Melaine to scout possible conference locations. Fall workshop was held in October with Jeff Wolfe, Cindy Lou Edgerton and Kellee Hansen. MMT is exploring ways to use technology to disseminate workshop information and plan to collaborate with AOMT on this. The Fall scholarship winner is Amber McDaniel (WMU), who is interning at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Task force is re-grouping. PR uses mail chimp; a bot started adding email addresses and MMT was shut down for spamming. Please see Kellee if you have not been receiving emails.

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## General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

d. Minnesota: Claire Klein

MAMT has 110 members and is in good financial standing. MTAM hosted a 6-credit CMTE “Supervision: An Interdisciplinary Perspective” in October featuring Dawn Miller and Sandra Holten speaking on supervising interns, Todd Schwartzberg and Emma Moonier sharing expectations for supervising practicum students, and a panel taking questions on their philosophy of supervision and being a part of an interdisciplinary team. Kay Luedtke-Smith received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Doug Schmitt of Schmitt Music was honored with a Friend of Music Therapy award. After our community faced the shooting of Philando Castille, MTAM felt called to offer a space of emotional expression and community building and sponsored a drum circle. Christina Brantner, MTAM Reimbursement chair, along with MTAM hosted a Halloween-themed fundraiser event for previous MTAM President and state AMTA delegate, Peter Meyer who suffered health issues earlier this year. The mission statement has been revised. MAMT is reviewing Bylaws and budget.

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Tanya presented the AOMT Past Presidents’ Award at GLR to Larisa McHugh.

f. Wisconsin: Rebecca Frize

See the full report in the Voice. A Summer CMTE was held. Current membership is 63. Networking events are being planned. Wisconsin is preparing to host the regional conference, as well as preparing for a fall CMTE.

### VI. Appointed Officer Reports:

a. Archivist: Ed Roth

No report submitted.

b. Editor: Andy Panayides

The upcoming issue will be published on Nov 28. The deadline for articles and reports is Nov 20. Andy will wait for committee reports to be updated following meetings at this conference.

c. Student Advisor: Katie Fitch

Congratulated Abbey on her work as President and recognized GLR student board.

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## General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

d. Student Representative: Abbey Prochaska

Abbey reminded members about the Gift of Music Grant (\$400) for a MT in the region who owns a private practice. AMTAS has donated \$200 to help support the fund. MT Beat is a regional project (podcast and newsletter combo) to increase communication among students in the region. There will be a Lip Sync battle fundraiser to help fund the Gift of Music Grant and regional scholarships during this conference. The suggested donation is \$5. See the Voice for the report.

e. Website Coordinator: Julie Palmieri

Please visit the website for the most up-to-date information on conferences, CMTEs, events, and news around the region, as well as job listings and members only information. GLR has social media accounts including FB, Twitter, and Instagram. We are continuing to communicate with our members on a frequent basis via our newsletter, as well. If you are not receiving these emails and you are a member, please check your spam folder OR contact Julie via the GLR website. Website hosting fees increased this year, however Julie reached out to the company and was able to receive a reduced rate for the next two years.

### VII. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Academic Program Approval: Lalene Kay  
Report not submitted.

b. Association Internship Approval: Kay Luedtke-Smith

If considering having an internship, please contact Kay for assistance. GLR/AMTA is need of internship sites. 37 active sites. 9 inactive sites.

c. Communications & Technology: Julie Palmieri

See report in the Voice.

d. Continuing Education: Kristen Lueck

There are 40 CMTEs offered at this conference, nine of which are free. There were 14 institutes. Please complete CMTE course evals by midnight on Monday in order to receive certificate.

e. Standards of Practice: Jennifer Fiore

Currently reviewing the Standards. The committee is open to feedback regarding document changes.

f. Research: Debra Burns

Clinician grant call for papers is out. The maximum award is \$5000. Applications are due Dec. 1. Contact Deb Burns if you need help finding the information or have questions about the application process.

Deb will be stepping down as co-chair of research committee. Larisa recognized her service.

g. Government Relations: Angie Snell

Oklahoma attained licensure this year. Connecticut attained title protection. Sixteen states have hosted hill days. Twelve states introduced legislative. Forty-two states have task forces. Possible recognition in 10 states in 2017. National education association recently launched viva idea exchange. Online collaboration for SISPs. U.S. Office of Management and Budget: Submitted AMTA comments regarding the Standard Occupational Classification Policy Committee's (SOCPC) recommendations for revising the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC); Requested a "detailed" definition of music therapy be included in the "broad" group of therapies listed under "Section 29-1120 -Therapists" in the proposed 2018 SOC definitions. Arts Advocacy day will be March 20-21. Members are encouraged to participate. Angie recognized state government relations chairs.

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## General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

h. Reimbursement: Kyle Fleming

Recognized Nancy Dexter-Schabow's years of service to this committee. The committee is working on a national reimbursement survey to track how MT is being billed and providing presentations and networking opportunities at regional conferences.

i. Affiliate Relations: Meganne Masko for Ann Hannan

Becca was thanked for her service, as she has been on this committee since 2006. If presenting to non-MTs, consider providing at least one concrete way that non-MTs can use music with their client population. This creates goodwill among professionals. They are creating a list of associations with which they would like to build relationships and compiling a list of those who are dually certified or presenting at non-MT conferences. Affiliate Relations is in charge of Fact Sheets and will be making recommendations about authors for updated Fact Sheets and other revisions. Affiliate Relations is also looking for a new name and open to suggestions.

j. Workforce Development & Retention: Laura Brown

Working with St. Louis conference committee to develop a student track for HS students and a survey for MTs who've left profession to find out why. They are also compiling a list of junior and community colleges within 50 miles of MT programs to disseminate accurate info about MT to those schools.

k. International Relations: Kay Luedtke-Smith for Roberta Kagin

Contact Roberta with international activity.

l. Membership: Rachael Lawrence-Lupton

GLR has 893 members, this is up 114 members from last year. AMTA has almost 4100 members, which is the highest in AMTA history. Graduate membership has increased 400% since 1998. Everyone is encouraged to take 10 minutes to make 10 phone calls for phone calling drive. Rachael will provide a list of names. A social media drive is currently underway: #AMTA23daysofthx, with daily posts to recognize what AMTA does for members.

m. Professional Advocacy: Jessica DeVillers

PAC is initiating a decision tree for cases of misrepresentation, which will help members to know how to proceed in addressing issues. Please email Jessica with PAC issues so the committee can manage and maintain a resource file. Also working on putting documents on Google drive. There will be presentations at regional conferences, as well as a presentation at this conference.

n. Clinical Practice Networking: Lee Anna Rasar

See report in the voice.

o. Diversity and Multiculturalism: Peter Meyer

First meeting of the committee is being held at this conference. The committee is identifying goals: encourage and increase diversity in profession of MTs, increase diversity and multicultural training for AMTA members, support system/tools for minority groups. The committee is also considering revisions of AMTA documents to reflect diversity and multicultural issues.

### VIII. Old Business

a. Election Results

President Elect: Rebecca Findley Barnard. VP Elect: Todd Schwartzburg. Secretary: Jennifer Whitlow. Treasurer: Stephanie Harris. Assembly elections will be held next year.

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## General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

### VI. New Business

- a. Conference 2017 – no additional updates.

### VII. Updates/Announcements and Adjournment

- a. Angie and Jeff: Eleven new mentors will be trained (for free) at the CMTE at this conference. Current mentees are reporting high levels of satisfaction. Please consider being a mentor. Thanks to AMTA for providing training space for free. Thanks to region for sponsoring CMTE. Recognized mentors.
- b. IN waiver providers – positions going unfilled. Long wait list. Encourage students/interns to consider IN taking jobs in IN.
- c. University of North Dakota is revisiting the program suspension. Please support the program.
- d. Leslie Henry announced that Alverno College will host a 16-credit CMTE in spring with Louise Dimiceli-Mitran.
- e. Ronna Kaplan: The program committee for Milestones Autism Conf (June 14-16) in CLE is accepting calls for papers. Please consider submitting. Temple Grandin is keynote speaker.
- f. Laura Brown: OU will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the School of Music. Celebration is planned in the spring. Please consider attending.
- g. Bobbi Justice: Manages MT-BC listserv. If you have jobs to post, send info to Bobbi: [rjustice@emich.edu](mailto:rjustice@emich.edu) If you know MT-BCs and want to be added, contact Bobbi.
- h. Carol Olzewski: Applications for Blue Star connection donations are still be accepted. Few applications have been received so far. Please submit.
- i. Larisa recognized Carol and Tara for conference planning.
- j. Erin Spring: Music and Memory workgroup: State contacts for this workgroup. Resources on the AMTA website.
- k. Jennifer Jones: Open discussion for journals to find out what is working well for members. Meet at 1215 in the Empress room.

Motion adjourn received and seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

## **Useful Links**

[Board of Directors/Assembly Board Book, 2016 Mid-year Meeting](#)

[Call for Applications: Clinician-Based Grant Award Program](#)

[2017 GLR Conference Call for Posters](#)

[GREAT LAKES REGION RECOGNITION AWARDS](#)

[Scholarship Opportunities for AMTA Members](#)

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

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

At the request of the GLR-AMTA Treasurer, a copy of the GLR-AMTA sponsored CMTE Billing form is also included in this issue of the Voice. It may be found on Page 41.

**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.

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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

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## 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.

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### 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.**

**Signature:**

**Date:**



(Date)

GLR-AMTA  
Continuing Education Activities

	CBMT Fee	GLR fee	Total
(Name of Activity or Event) (Date of Activity)	75.00	\$20	95.00
<b>Total</b>			

Remit Payment to: **GLR of AMTA**  
**c/o Stephanie Harris**  
**4101 Victoria Drive**  
**Valparaiso, IN 46383**

For questions please call Kristen Lueck, GLR-AMTA Continuing Education Chair at (651) 447-9433 or email [music.kristen@gmail.com](mailto:music.kristen@gmail.com).