



Voice of the Lakes

Letter from the Outgoing President

Tracy Richardson

Dear Colleagues,

I was so happy to see so many of you in Columbus for the 2013 GLR conference. It was indeed a fantastic celebration of our 60th year! My thanks again to the terrific conference co-chairs, Larisa McHugh, Jim Hiller, and Tanya Corso. And thanks to ALL the Ohio folks who were scurrying around doing a multitude of things before and during the conference to make it a memorable event.

This is just a brief update regarding what I worked on during my last few months as your GLR President. My goals throughout my term were to: 1) continue making progress with Strategic Planning, and 2) find creative ways to give back to members. I think both goals were met. The Executive Board has been working on strategic planning for about 3 years, and we continue to chip away at our to-do list (see Accomplishments below).

Accomplishments of Executive Board (partial listing) 2011-2013:

Continued work on Strategic Planning.

Started a Survey Monkey account. Have used this for several surveys.

Added the position of Vice President Elect to our Executive Committee.

Revised Bylaws; added several policies (Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, Document Retention & Destruction, Social Media) as well as wording that allows us to formally recognize GLR-AMTAS.

Restructured Special Projects awards and increased amount dedicated to them.

Got our expenses more in line with our revenue. Gave more money to student conference, reduced registration cost for GLR 2013, supported AMTA and GLR conferences via funds for receptions.

Completed (and survived!) the very complex IRS tax form 990.

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Outgoing President's Report, continued

Tracy Richardson

The Board is dedicated to continuing our strategic planning process; one of our next initiatives will be to begin a website overhaul. We will also continue to look for creative ways to give back to members.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your President. I look forward to continued work on the Board as your Past President. We are in very capable hands with [Lisa Gallagher](#) as our new GLR President!

Respectfully,

Tracy Richardson

Tracy Richardson, Ph.D., MT-BC

President, GLR of AMTA, 2011-2013

Immediate Past President, GLR of AMTA, 2013-2015

Past President's Report

Angie Snell

Member Support

There was one request for member support since our last meeting. GLR pays a lump sum of \$150 toward national membership. This member wishes to express gratitude to the region for supporting uninterrupted membership. Feedback from this member regarding access to requesting member support suggests a need to more prominently post and explain the process to members.

Elections

Since the re-alignment of the GLR election of officers, the region holds an election each year. Last year we held the election of officers. This year is the election for the 2014-15 GLR Assembly Delegates. The term of office begins the final Sunday of the 2013 AMTA Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, and will continue through the 2014 and 2015 national conferences. A slate of nominations was presented at the business on Friday, April 5, 2013 and on Saturday, April 6, 2013, nominations from the floor were accepted. State presidents are encouraged to make sure their membership is well represented on the slate. Please see me today review the current draft slate. Individuals who speak with me before the GLR business meeting on Friday will be presented to the membership. Nominations from the membership will be accepted on Saturday during the business meeting. Tracy Richardson, in her new role as Immediate Past President, will be overseeing the election that will occur by the end of June.

Officer Handbooks

I have collected the basic information for the job descriptions for each office. During this conference I am asking each officer to fill out the form posted for their office in Dropbox on the internet to the best of their ability. Draft documents will be distributed via Dropbox at the conclusion of the conference or by the end of the month of April 2013.

Concluding Comments

It has truly been an honor to serve the region along side all of you. My time on the board has enriched me on both a personal and professional level. Thank you for including me on the "GLR Team".

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Snell, M.S., MT-BC
Past President

President-elect's Report

Lisa Gallagher

Dear Colleagues,

I cannot believe that my term as President has already begun. These past two years as President-Elect have gone so quickly and enjoyably. It is definitely the best position that I have ever held because it so great to be able to honor our members who are so very deserving of awards, and it is great to be able to tell people that they have received Special Projects funds. Admittedly, revising the bylaws is not the most exciting part of the job, but they are definitely essential in moving our organization forward.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Larisa McHugh, Jim Hiller, Tanya Corso, and all of the committee chairs and members that helped to make the GLR conference so enjoyable. It was very well attended, and the sessions were excellent! Thank you all for a job well done!

As mentioned above I had three main aspects to my job as President Elect, and I will provide you with an update on each of these areas.

Awards

It was my pleasure and honor to re-present the Service Award that was given to Michael McGuire in the summer of 2012. Dr. Terra Merrill was on hand to both accept the award and to share how much it meant to Michael to receive this award. I was also very pleased to present the 2013 awards. These included the Service Award, which was presented in absentia to Soozie Cotter-Schaufele; the Scholarly Activity Award, which was presented to Dr. Russell Hilliard, and the Honorary Life Award, which was presented to LeeAnna Rasar. It is so amazingly thrilling to be able to present these awards to my colleagues, mentors, and friends. In other sections of this edition of the *Voice of the Lakes* you will find the nominations that were written for each of the winners, and you will find a list of all of the award winners since 1993. It is helpful to see who has received awards, as well as to help in thinking about who one might want to nominate. So, please start thinking now about who you might want to nominate for the 2014 awards!

Special Projects

As a reminder we have two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (**M**USical instruments and supporting materials, **S**ervices, and **E**ducation) and the Research Fund. Each fund has its own specific purpose, protocol, and eligibility requirements. The application and descriptions of these awards are on the website, and in every edition of the *Voice of the Lakes*. I was pleased to share at the business meeting that we awarded the MUSE Fund to Stephanie Morris and the Research Fund to Dr. Nicole Rivera.

Bylaws

Initially there were no bylaws changes; however, after participating in Strategic Planning during the Executive Committee meeting it became clear that some changes to the bylaws were needed. More detail on the bylaws revisions will be found later in this edition of the *Voice of the Lakes*.

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President-elect's Report

Lisa Gallagher

As I transition into the role of President, I must thank Tracy Richardson for her excellent example of leadership and dedication to both music therapy and to the GLR Region. The GLR Executive Committee has done an excellent job of future thinking and identifying ways to help and give back to the GLR members. I am very proud of this, and I look forward to working with the new Executive Committee and continued work in this direction. Over the next two years I plan on continuing the Strategic Planning process so that we can create our vision for the organization, as well as the necessary action steps that are needed to meet our goals. The other main thing that I want to accomplish is to have a new, up-to-date, state of the art, user-friendly website which will allow us to do many more things than are currently possible.

I look forward to my next two years, and I invite you to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns that you have may have. It is our GLR, and as such every member is invited to participate. My email is shamrocks@stratos.net, and my phone number is 440-843-7854. Thank you for confidence in me, and let's continue to move our organization forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gallagher MA., MT-BC

President, GLR of AMTA (2013-present)

President Elect, GLR of AMTA (2011-2013).

Vice-President's Report

Ellen Rayfield

GLR of AMTA

VP Report

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GLR 2013 Ohio

Thank you co-chairs for a wonderful conference.

*Larisa McHugh, Tanya Corso and Jim Hiller are the co-chairs

***Being Musical, Being Human**

Here are the final numbers for the conference. Wow!

441 total registrants.

Institute - 18 registrants

CMTEs - 132

GLR 2014 Illinois

*Co-chairs: Melaine Pohlman, Nancy Swanson, Victoria Storm

***Arts: Arrive, Refuel, Take-off, and Soar**

*Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Rosemont, IL

* March 26-30, 2014

*Single-Quad- \$119/room

*Registration- \$90

GLR 2015 Minnesota

*Co-chairs: Jessica De Villers, Christina Brantner, and Mike LimByblew

Thank you for allowing me to be your Vice President for the last two years. I leave you in good hand with Bonnie Jean Barczak as your new VP and Rebecca Findley as the VP Elect.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Rayfield, LCPC, MT-BC

Membership Committee

Tara Griest

Ended 4th quarter of 2012 with 677 members

Currently 1st quarter of 2013= 646

1st quarter state member totals

Illinois= 151

Indiana= 86

Michigan= 96

Minnesota= 83

Ohio= 167

Wisconsin= 63

4th quarter membership category totals

Affiliate members	4
Associate members	2
Grad Student members	49
Honorary Life members	9
Inactive members	0
Life members	1
Patron members	0
Professional members	338
Retired members	7
Student members	236
TOTAL	646

The membership committee used social media including Facebook and Twitter in December and January to promote membership.

Videos were gathered for a new membership video to post on the AMTA website. Content will include members of AMTA answering the question “Why are you a member of AMTA?”

Calling drives are to be completed in the next month or two. Follow ups will be made with GLR conference registrants who are not members as well as members who did not renew their membership for 2013. If you would be willing to make several calls please volunteer by contacting me at tjgriest@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Griest, MT-BC

GLR Membership Committee Chair

Workforce Development and Retention Committee

Cindy Ropp

1. Encourage regions to consider providing a workshop/session aimed specifically at high school students at each regional conference. Someone from the local planning committee could meet with music teachers and guidance counselors from the area to identify students who might be interested in participating.
2. Support local music therapists who choose to set up an informational booth at state/regional guidance counselor, allied health, or music education conferences. Perhaps the regions could financially assist with the cost of the booth, and or provide information sheets, cards, posters, etc. to assist local therapists as they interact with this other professionals who are instrumental in getting information to prospective music therapy students.
3. Calendar Challenge - The committee is developing a challenge with the goal of increasing awareness of music therapy as a career choice. The challenge is expected to begin following the National Conference in Jacksonville, FL in November. Points are awarded for a variety of advocacy tasks including making a presentation at a high school, or bringing a student to work. Details will follow.
4. The committee is actively engaged with the AMTA office in creating a presence on the AMTA website for prospective employers of music therapy services. This is intended to answer frequently asked questions, and direct readers to pertinent content located elsewhere on the website.
5. The Workforce Development and Retention Committee invites all regions to participate in a brief survey to be presented to local therapists to identify persons who would be willing to serve as mentors to those who want assistance in planning a presentation. The committee will compile the list and make it available to all regions who participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ropp, EdD, MT-BC

Workforce Development and Retention Committee Chair

Academic Program Approval Committee (APAC) Report

Lalene DyShere Kay

During the past year, I have served on three different re-approval sub-committees for AMTA degree programs. I chaired one committee which reviewed both Bachelors and Masters programs at one University and served as one of three sub-committee members for two other reviews. Most of the committee work for these reviews was completed by the national conference in October; the next reviews are anticipated in early June (annual due date for re-approval applications is June 1 to the AMTA office).

Cathy McKinney stepped down as APAC co-chair after the national conference and Kamile Geist (APAC member at large) was appointed to this position joining Karen Miller as co-chair.

The committee is actively discussion Masters level competencies as well as the implications of the “under-consideration” move to Masters level entry.

Work is labor-intense for this committee during the summer months and our meetings at national conference continue to be productive (meeting 8 hours on Wed, and 4 hours on Thurs pre-conference). As part of our meetings, we also meet with the Association Internship Approval Committee which expands both committees perspectives on issues involving clinical training, both pre-internship and internship.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Call for Research Abstract Submissions for AMTA National Conference

RESEARCH POSTER DEADLINE: June 7, 2013

(Note: There have been substantial changes to the submission process, please read the directions carefully. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Debra Burns at desburns@iupui.edu)

Abstracts may be submitted for an Oral Presentation (Paper) or Poster Presentation.

The abstract submission deadline is June 7, 2013, by 5 pm Eastern time.

Paper Presentations (Oral Presentations)

Individual oral papers provide researchers the opportunity to present original work related to music therapy.

Oral paper presenters will have 15-minutes to present and 5 minutes to answer questions from attendees.

Paper presentations will be grouped by the research committee around a common theme. Researchers are asked to provide 5 keywords at the end of the abstract for consideration.

Research Poster Presentations

The 2-hour Research Poster Session provides an interactive forum for researchers to discuss their work with conference attendees

The Research Poster Session is Saturday, November 23 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Presenters will be assigned a location to put up each poster, and posters will be organized by Topic.

Student Awards

Music therapy students are eligible for best research poster awards. Research abstracts will be published in Music Therapy Perspectives.

In order to be considered for this award, you must indicate on the top of the abstract, if the first author is a music therapy student and what level (undergraduate, master's/master's equivalency, doctoral). Without proper identification of students, submissions will not be eligible.

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Submission Options

Authors must submit research abstracts as "Paper only," "Poster Only," or "Paper or Poster." Researchers are encouraged to submit using the "Paper or Poster" option. Abstracts submitted using this option will be considered for either option by the Research Committee.

Research Abstract Content and Format

Paper and Poster abstracts are limited to one page. All research abstracts must be formatted with 1 inch margins; 11-pt font or larger for narrative, 10-point or larger for figures and tables.

Consider including the following information in the research abstract (as relevant):

- Introduction, objective, phenomenon under investigation, hypotheses or research questions
- Description of rigorous and relevant research methods (qualitative/quantitative or mixed methods)
- Description of research participants and data gathering methods
- Description of the data analysis and results
- Summary of findings that are supported by the data presented
- Statement of how the research advanced music therapy clinical practice.

Each submission must include complete information for judging research quality:

1. Submissions must be received as an e-mail attachment using pdf
2. Use the following format for the file name: AuthorLastName_First Name_Topic.pdf (for example: Burns_Debra_HospiceMT.pdf)
3. In the MAIN BODY OF THE E-MAIL include all of the information necessary for listing in the final program in APA format including 1) the title of the paper, 2) name(s) of author(s) 3) institutional affiliation(s) and a complete address. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
4. On the abstract INCLUDE ONLY the title. DO NOT include authors' name or affiliations.
5. At the end of the abstract, include 5 keywords/topics for use in grouping abstracts

The deadline for submissions is JUNE 7, 2013.

Please send pdf submissions to: desburns@iupui.edu

Debra S. Burns, PhD, MT-BC Chair, AMTA Research Committee.

If, after 5 days of submission you have not received a confirmation of your abstract being received, contact Dr. Burns by email or phone (317) 278-2014. Incomplete submissions will be ineligible. After a blind review by the committee, each corresponding author will be notified via email by July 15 of acceptance or rejection of the submission.

Continuing Education

Nikki Durni

Since the last official meeting of the Great Lakes Region in Grand Rapids, MI during the spring, the region has co-sponsored 3 CMTE sessions (1 from The Association of Ohio Music Therapists and 2 from the Wisconsin Chapter of Music Therapy at Alverno College), and another opportunity coming up in Indiana offering 2 additional CMTE courses, making another **33 CMTE credits** under the GLR provider number. The CMTEs are as follows:

Songwriting for Beginners: A Guide to Making Original Composition Fun and Accessible presented by Lindsey Holmes, MT-BC & Katy Capestrani, MT-BC for 5 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the The Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – October 20, 2012.

Music Therapy Technology Share presented by Nancy Dexter-Shabow, MT-BC, Sarah E. Hudziak, MTS, Lynnae R. Novak, MTS, Diandra Russo, MTS, Melissa E. Schumann, MTS, Emily McRae, MTS, Thea Vorass, MT-BC, Fran Scheunemann, MTI for 5 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Wisconsin Chapter for Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – February 2, 2013.

Multicultural Aspects of Music in Healthcare presented by Nicole Rivera, PhD, MT-BC, Peter Roller, PhD, Nancy Dexter-Schabow, MMT, MT-BC, WMTR, Lynnae Novak, Alverno College Music Therapy Student, Diandra Russo, Alverno College Music Therapy Student for 16 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Wisconsin Chapter for Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR AMTA – March 2-3, 2013.

Creativity and Self Care presented by Kathy Murphy, PhD, LCAT, LPC, MT-BC for 3 CMTE credits. This CMTE will be sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – April 20, 2013.

From Chaos to Community: Early Childhood Groups for Young Children with Autism presented by Beth Schwartz, LCAT, MT-BC for 4 CMTE credits. This CMTE will be sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – April 20, 2013.

As the GLR Continuing Education Chair I will attend meetings at this conference. I will serve as proctor for various CMTE sessions and assist the conference chairs in preparations for the regional conference.

For information concerning offering an approved CMTE with GLR please contact Nikki Durni at nikkidurni29@gmail.com or 608-723-2113 ext 137 or 608-386-8028(cell).

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Durni, MT-BC; GLR Continuing Education Committee Chair

AMTA Internship Approval Committee (AIAC)

Kay Luedtke-Smith

GLR Internship Changes:

1. We have one new National Roster Internship Sites in the GLR:
Allina Hospice, MN
Internship Director, Anna Roberts
2. Woodbury Health Care Center, MN has moved to inactive status.
3. Bethany Village, OH has closed their internship.

Other Updates:

1. Presented the Internship Supervision CMTE at the GLR in Cleveland - April 2012.
A. Twenty six people attended.
2. Scheduled to co-facilitate Educators and Internship Directors Roundtable with Lalene Kay MM, ACC, MT-BC at this conference.
3. Submitted the AIAC report to the Voice of the Lakes

Great Lakes – Active Sites

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Foreign	Total
8	7	4	8	12	5	-	44

Great Lakes – Inactive Sites

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Foreign	Total
2	-	-	1	2	1	-	6

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Luedtke – Smith, MT-BC

AIAC Representative for the GLR of AMTA

Special Target Populations Committee

LeeAnna Rasar

GOAL:

To provide coordination for networking opportunities among practitioners of special target populations, between committees and with professionals in related fields

TASKS:

1. To develop resources and structures to support music therapists working with special target populations.
 - ◆ The new website offers accessibility to further develop and disseminate resources to support music therapists.
 - ◆ We discussed using social media as a means of community building for music therapists working with specific populations.
 - ◆ Facebook closed group with moderator and have user agreement
 - ◆ Stephanie exploring safe guards for user agreement and conditions
2. To host an unopposed round table with cash luncheon at the national conference to further expand the development of special target population sub-groups.
 - ◆ The Special Target Populations Committee hosted the Networking Sessions at the St. Charles AMTA National Conference.
 - ◆ At Mid-Atlantic, New England, and the Southeastern Regional Conferences there were networking sessions held.
3. To inform AMTA members of the work of this committee via regional and national publications as well as on the Members Only section of the AMTA web site.
 - ◆ This work is ongoing and is done through the reports of the regional representatives to their respective regions, the submission of this report for publication on the website, and through announcements on the AMTA website.

Future Ideas for Committee:

- ◆ Council Coordinator Andrew Knight asked for brainstorming ideas and met with us about suggestions.
- ◆ Recommendations: Improve ability to access and increase use of resources by:
 - Members,; Prospective Students; Consumers (Physicians, Related Professionals; Employers); Caregivers and Families; Potential Donors; Funding Sources

We continue to note the need for updated fact sheets and bibliographies to represent the current state of the field for all populations listed in Standards of Practice.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anna Rasar

Chair, Special Target Populations Committee

International Relations Committee

Dale Taylor

The committee has continued to work on tasks and goals that were reviewed during meetings at the 2012 AMTA conference. The committee is planning to host a third annual Global Perspectives Poster Session showing international music therapy activities, such as service projects, guest lectures, conferences and other events at the next AMTA Conference. We are pursuing with national office our efforts to identify speakers of languages other than English in order that they may be available to assist in welcoming international guests and supporting these guests at the conference. An email has been sent to the music therapy listserv to begin identifying AMTA members willing to assist in this capacity. We anticipate that the International Reception hosted by the AMTA President will occur again during the 2013 conference.

The AMTA International Relations Committee announces the following international conferences. You are strongly encouraged to seriously consider attending and/or submitting to present your work.

Evidence Related to Music and the Brain: Implications for Music Therapy Practice

April 20, 2013

Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.themusicsettlement.org>

Music Therapy Symposium: Music Therapy Infusion

May 4, 2013

Seattle, Washington, USA

MTAWBoard@gmail.com

Music Therapy Drumming: Level One Intensive

May 3-5, 2013

Rochester, New York, USA

<http://musictherapydrumming.com/mtd-level-one-intensive-nazareth-college-rochester-new-york/>

39th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Music Therapy

May 8-11, 2013

Saskatchewan, Canada

camtconference13@gmail.com

Neurologic Music Therapy Training

May 15-18, 2013

Toronto, Ontario

notesbyamy2@yahoo.ca

Introduction to Receptive Music Psychotherapy: The Bonny Method of Guided Imagery and Music

Amsterdam, Netherlands

May 17-19, 2013

<http://www.gimtherapy.eu>

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Dale Taylor

Music Therapy Advances in Neuro-disability: Innovations in Research & Practice

June 7-8, 2013

London, UK

http://www.rhn.org.uk/_u/_files/pdf/CONFSMTACallforAbstractsandRegForm.pdf

Healing, Culture and the Creative Arts Therapies: An Experiential Workshop

Bali, Indonesia

June 9-15, 2013

<http://app.streamsend.com/s/1/WnYX/3JvnmEd/7ev41?>

3rd International Conference on Music & Emotion

June 11-15, 2013

Jyväskylä, Finland

www.jyu.fi/icme3

22nd Conference of the Association for Music & Imagery

June 18-22, 2013

Surrey, British Columbia

<http://ami-bonnymethod.org/conference.asp>

V. Latin American Congress of Music Therapy: Music, Nature and Community

July 26-29, 2013

Sucre, Bolivia

gimusicoterapia@gmail.com

Interdisciplinary Society for Quantitative Research in Music and Medicine

July 26-27, 2013

Athens, Georgia, USA

<http://www.isqrm.org/>

European Congress of Music Therapy

August 7-10, 2013

Oslo, Norway

<http://www.musikkterapi.no/emtc2013> or www.emtc-eu.com

Vocal Psychotherapy Institute with Dr. Diane Austin

August 24-29, 2013

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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Dale Taylor

39th Annual Australian Music Therapy Association Conference

September 14-15, 2013

Melbourne, Australia

<http://www.austmta.org.au/news-and-events/2011-national-conference/>

1st. Iberoamerican Congress on Research in Music Therapy: Developments and Updates on Music Therapy

October 10-12, 2013

Lousada, Portugal

<http://www.giimt.org/4.html>

14th World Congress of Music Therapy

July 6-12, 2014

Vienna/Krems, Austria

www.musictherapy2014.org or 14thWCMT.doc

Please also note the following:

American Music Therapy Association Annual Conference

November 21-24, 2013

Jacksonville, Florida USA

<http://www.musictherapy.org>

The Global Perspectives Session to be held at the 2013 AMTA Conference showcases international music therapy activities, including events, conferences and service opportunities from around the world. The 2013 Global Perspectives Session will consist of flash presentations and will be a 2-hour session incorporating our networking lunch. Previous poster sessions have highlighted both professional and student experiences. Please contact Flossie Ierardi, Chair, International Relations Committee, at fmi22@drexel.edu.

Submitted by

Dale Taylor, PhD, MT-BC

GLR IRC Representative

GLR Recognition Awards

Instituted in 1993

Recipients to date are:

YEAR	Honorary Life	Service	Scholarly
1993	Mary Ann Ferolo	Brian Wilson	
1994	Marilyn Sandness	Michelle Schumacher	
1995	Mary Scovel	Alan Solomon	
1996	Robert Unkefer	Laurie Farnan	
1997		Ronna Davis	Charles Furman
1998 (none submitted)			
1999	Louise Steele	Faith Johnson	
2000	Dale Bartlett	Roger Smeltekop	Deforia Lane
2001	Alan Soloman	Lalene Kay	
2002 (none submitted)			
2003	Dale Taylor	Lee Anna Rasar	
2004		Mary Ellen Wylie	
2005	Michael McGuire	Diane Knight	
2006	Brian Wilson	Linda Wright Bower	Deb Burns
2007	Amy Furman	Ed Gallagher	Lisa Gallagher
2008	Marcia Humpal	Mary Stryck	Susan Gardstrom
2009	Roberta Kagin	Ellen Rayfield	Frederick (Ted) Tims
2010	Mary Ellen Wylie	Nancy Dexter-Schabow	
2011		Rebecca Houghton	Laurie Farnan
2012	Roger Smeltekop	Angela Snell & Michael McGuire	Michael Silverman
2013	LeeAnna Rasar	Soozie Cotter-Schaufele	Russell Hilliard

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ARTICLE I Name and Composition

Section 1. The name of the organization will be Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as GLR.

Section 2. The GLR may authorize state, local and student chapters within its structure.

ARTICLE II Mission Statement

Section 1. 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.

ARTICLE III Credentials

Section 1. The GLR will recognize the following professional designation in music therapy: the Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC) credential, the Registered Music Therapist (RMT), the Certified Music Therapist (CMT), and the Advanced Certified Music Therapist (ACMT). The RMT, CMT, and ACMT will expire and no longer be recognized after January 1, 2020.

Section 2. The MT-BC, RMT, CMT, and ACMT credentials will hereinafter be referred to as professional music therapy credentials.

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1. Membership in the GLR shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. membership in good standing with AMTA,
- b. employment, residence or college/university enrollment in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, or Wisconsin, and
- c. the member shall not possess voting rights or hold office in any other region of AMTA.

Section 2. Membership in the GLR will be of five classes: Professional, Associate, Students, Retired Professional, and Honorary Life.

Section 3. Professional membership shall be open to persons professionally engaged in the practice of music therapy. Such membership will provide the privilege of participation in the activities of the GLR, the right to vote and to receive all issues of the Voice of the Lakes. Only those professional members who hold professional music therapy credentials shall have the right to serve as a GLR officer, a State Representative, or a delegate to the AMTA Assembly of Delegates.

Section 4. Associate membership shall be open to people not professionally engaged in the use of music in therapy but who wish to support the GLR. Such membership includes the right to participate in the activities of the GLR and the right to receive all issues of the Voice of the Lakes, but does not include the right to vote or hold office.

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Section 5. Student membership shall be open to declared music therapy majors enrolled in AMTA-approved schools or other interested college/university students. Such membership includes the right to participate in the activities of the GLR and the right to receive all issues of the Voice of the Lakes, but does not include the right to vote or hold office.

Section 6. Retired Professional membership will be open to Professional members who have reached the legal age of retirement, as defined by the Social Security Administration, and whose retirement is a fact. Rights and privileges will be the same as those for Professional membership.

Section 7. Honorary Life membership may be conferred upon any person in recognition of distinguished service in the field of music therapy. Honorary Life members who qualify for Professional membership will have all the rights and privileges of such membership without the payment of annual dues.

Section 8. The membership year shall coincide with that of AMTA and shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 9. Members who pay membership dues after October 1 will be considered members from the date their dues are received through the end of the following calendar year.

Section 10. Rights and privileges of membership will be restricted to those who are in good financial standing with the GLR.

Section 11. Annual dues shall be 15 dollars for professional members, 15 dollars for associate members, 7.50 dollars for retired professional members, and 7.50 dollars for student members, payable through the AMTA National Office.

Section 12. Members failing to pay dues by April 1 shall forfeit all rights of membership, including receipt of the Voice of the Lakes.

Section 13. Persons who have forfeited rights of membership as a Professional, Associate, Retired Music Therapist, or Student because of non-payment of dues shall be able to reinstate themselves with payment of dues for the current period.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1. The officers in the GLR shall be elective and appointive.

Section 2. Officers must hold Professional membership in the GLR and a professional music therapy credential.

Section 3. The elective officers of the GLR shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Elective officers have the right to vote at Executive Committee meetings.

Section 4. No elective officer with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer shall hold the same office for more than one consecutive term.

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Section 5. The appointive officers of the GLR shall be an Archivist, Editor, and Student Coordinator.

Section 6. A Student Representative, elected by the student members of the GLR, will serve as an officer.

Section 7. Duties

- a. The **President** will preside at Annual Conferences of the GLR; call and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee; appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all appointive officers and all standing and special committees, designating the chairperson of each special committee; be an ex-officio member without the right to vote of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee; conduct GLR Executive Committee and general business meetings; and submit a written summary of the AMTA Annual Conference to be published in the Voice of the Lakes.
- b. The **President-Elect** will assist the President as requested; study the duties of the President in order to be prepared at the suitable time to take over the responsibilities of the President's office; and assume all duties of the President in case of the resignation, disability, or absence of the President. The President-Elect will annually review the Bylaws, bringing recommendations for amendments to the Executive Committee; will chair the Awards Committee, consisting of the State Representatives, presenting Awards at the annual conference; and will receive Special Project proposals, serving as liaison with the project director and assisting the project director in completion and reporting of the results.
- c. The **Vice-President** will serve as Program Chairperson, taking responsibility for program planning for the Annual Conference, conferring on all details of management with the Chairperson of Arrangements (Local Program Chairperson) and special conference committees, supervising the finances of the conference participants and submitting their contributions in manuscript form. The Vice-President will succeed to the Presidency in case of the disability or resignation of the President and President-Elect; and will assume other duties as may be assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.
- d. The **Vice President-Elect** will assist the Vice President as requested, study the duties of the Vice President in anticipation of assuming the responsibilities of the Vice Presidency, and assume all duties of the Vice President in case of the resignation, disability, or absence of the Vice President. The Vice President-Elect is elected to serve 2 years as Vice President-Elect and 2 years as Vice President.
- e. The **Immediate Past President** will serve as Parliamentarian for Executive Committee meetings and be the authority in deciding matters of procedure according to the Bylaws; chair the Nominating Committee and coordinate the updating of the GLR Officer and Representative Handbook.
- f. The **Recording Secretary** will keep the minutes of all general business and Executive Committee meetings; distribute copies to each member of the Committee within sixty days; notify AMTA National Office of newly elected and appointed GLR officers; and assume other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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- g. The **Treasurer** will pay all bills authorized by the Executive Committee; keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; present a financial report on request of the President; and present a written report to the GLR at the Spring and Fall meetings.
- h. The **Editor** will publish the Voice of the Lakes Newsletter in the Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Copies will be mailed to all members in good standing of the GLR, AMTA officers, and Presidents and Editors of other AMTA regional organizations. State Editors elected or otherwise selected by each state organization shall provide assistance.
- i. The **Archivist** will keep in a secure place all items of historical interest to the GLR such as programs, newspaper and magazine articles, and correspondence and forward appropriate items to the AMTA Archivist for permanent preservations in the AMTA Archives.
- j. The **Student Coordinator** will serve as a liaison between GLR student members and the GLR Executive Committee and will be accompanied by the Student Representative or his/her designee at GLR Executive Committee meetings. The Student Coordinator will serve as the GLR Representative to the AMTA Student Affairs Advisory Board.
- k. The **Student Representative** will serve as a liaison between AMTAS and the GLR students, and between the GLR students and professional members. The Student Representatives will keep the GLR Executive Committee informed of student interests, needs, and concerns, and work with the Student Coordinator and local Conference Chair(s) to plan student oriented sessions and activities at the annual conference.
- l. Elective officers, upon retiring from office, will arrange to confer with their successors during the Annual Conference of the GLR to clarify procedure and responsibilities and will deliver to their successors, within two weeks, all record books, papers, and other property belonging to the GLR. Outgoing appointive officers will send all similar materials to their successors with two weeks of being notified of their successor's appointment.

Section 8. Terms of Office

- a. The elective officers of the GLR will be elected for a term of two years. Their terms of office will begin at the conclusion of the final General Membership meeting of an Annual Conference in an odd-numbered year.
- b. The appointive officers of the GLR will be appointed for a term of two years by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, during the first month following an Annual Conference in an odd-numbered year. Appointive officers may hold the same office for more than one term at the discretion of succeeding administrations.
- c. The Student Representative will be elected for a term of one year. The term will begin at the conclusion of the last general business meeting at the annual conference.

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Section 9. Vacancies

- a. Any vacancy existing in an elective office at the time of an Annual Conference during an odd-numbered year will be filled by an election held during the annual Conference.
- b. Any vacancy occurring during another time may be filled by Presidential appointment with Executive Committee approval to complete the prescribed term of service.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee will determine the place and time of Annual Conferences.

Section 2. A special meeting of the GLR may be called during the Annual Conference at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The President may call a special meeting of the GLR if requested by four members of the Executive Committee, or upon the signed petition of members in good standing of the GLR.

Section 4. The President, upon the joint request of not less than three members of the Executive Committee, may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Executive Committee business will be transacted via various means such as e-mail, fax, mail ballot, or conference telephone call.

ARTICLE VII – Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee will consist of thirteen voting members: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and the six State Representatives. The Archivist, Editor, Student Coordinator, and Student Representative will be ex-officio members without the right to vote.
- b. A member will serve on the Executive Committee in only one of the following capacities: (1) elective officer, (2) appointive officer, (3) State Representative, or (4) Student Representative.
- c. The Executive Committee will have the power to transact the general business of the GLR, will be responsible for the control of its funds, and will be empowered to appoint assistants to any officer of the GLR.

Section 2. Financial Committee

- a. A standing Financial Committee, consisting of the Treasurer and two elected officers appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval, will review the GLR accounts on, at least, an annual basis.
- b. The Financial Committee will review and approve the proposed budget to be presented to the Executive Committee in the spring.

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Section 3. Nominating Committee

- a. If the Immediate Past President cannot serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee, the President with Executive Committee approval will appoint some other experienced officer. The President, however, may not serve on this committee in any capacity.
- b. The Nominating Committee will consist of the Chairperson and the six State Representatives or a representative's designated alternate.
- c. The Nominating Committee will contact the total membership in locating potential leaders, contact recommended candidates for their consent to be nominated, and propose a slate of nominees for elective offices to the GLR membership.
- d. Nominations from the floor at an Annual Conference business meeting will be taken before the slate is finalized. Background information and consent of the additional candidates must accompany such nominations.
- e. The Nominating Committee will facilitate the biennial election.
- f. A simple majority, which must include the chairperson, of the total committee will constitute the needed quorum for determining the slate of officers.

Section 4. Awards Committee

The Awards Committee will be chaired by the President-Elect and comprised of representatives from the six state organizations.

ARTICLE VIII – State Representatives

Section 1. Each state in the GLR will elect a Representative to serve on the GLR Executive Committee.

Section 2. State chapters will elect their respective representatives and alternates and notify the GLR President and the GLR Chairperson of the Nominating Committee within 2 months of the conclusion of the election.

Section 3. Each State Representative will serve as a liaison between GLR members of the state and the GLR Executive Committee, assist in conducting the business at hand and carry out any duties assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The State Representatives will be elected or otherwise selected by each state organization. State Representatives may be selected for succeeding terms at the discretion of each state chapter.

Section 5. The State Representatives will hold professional membership in the GLR and a professional music therapy credential.

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ARTICLE IX – Biennial Elections

Section 1. The Nominating Committee will propose a slate of nominees to the membership before the end of the last session on the day preceding the final business meeting of the Annual Conference in an even-numbered year. At the final business meeting, the final ballot will be determined from the Nominating Committee slate and additional nominations from the floor.

Section 2. Ballots will be sent to the voting members of the GLR (via U.S. mail, electronic mail, or electronic survey), and returned by the listed date, which is 21 days from the date the ballot is sent.

Section 3. The counting of election returns will be done in a manner that preserves the anonymity of the voters.

Section 4. If ballots are cast via U.S. mail or electronic mail, the Nominating Committee Chairperson and at least three other tellers selected, when possible, from members of the Nominating Committee or their alternates will count ballots. If necessary, local professional members of the GLR in geographic proximity to the Nominating Committee chairperson may serve as tellers. If ballots are received via electronic survey, the computer technology will tabulate the results.

Section 5. The requirement for election will be a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate for a given office receives a majority of the votes, a second ballot of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be taken.

Section 6. The election results will be published in the Voice of the Lakes in an even-numbered year.

Section 7. Returned ballots and the election report will be sealed and retained in the files of the Nominating Committee Chairperson for a period of six (6) months following the subsequent election.

ARTICLE X – Representatives to AMTA

Section 1. Assembly of Delegates

- a. Primary and alternate delegates will be elected to represent the GLR on the AMTA Assembly of Delegates. The number of delegate positions will be determined each selection year by the AMTA Executive Board.
- b. Primary delegates or their alternates will attend all Assembly meetings held during the AMTA conferences and perform other duties as assigned to them by the Assembly.
- c. Primary and alternate delegates will hold Professional membership in the GLR and possess the appropriate professional music therapy credential as defined in Article III, Section 1.
- d. The delegates will meet at three consecutive AMTA conferences. At the conference immediately following the election, they will serve as Assembly Delegates-Elect. The following two years, they will represent the GLR as Delegates to the AMTA Assembly.

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- e. Election as a primary delegate will be by a plurality of votes cast. Alternate delegates, equal in number to the primary delegates, will also be elected by a plurality vote. In the case of a tie determining the last primary delegate, the candidate whose last name has alphabetical priority will serve as the primary delegate.
- f. The election results will be reported to the AMTA National Office by June of an odd-numbered year.
- g. Alternate delegates will serve in place of primary delegates according to the order of their election. Having exhausted the list of alternate delegates, the President may appoint temporary alternate delegates.
- h. Prior to the first Assembly meeting, the President will appoint a delegate to report Assembly actions to the GLR membership.

Section 2. AMTA Standing Committees and Boards

- a. A representative of the GLR will serve on each AMTA Standing Committee, attend the specified meetings, and perform duties as assigned by the committee chairperson.
- b. Representatives to Standing Committees will hold Professional membership in the GLR and possess the appropriate professional music therapy credential. Holding a GLR office will not prevent a member from having the opportunity to serve on a Standing Committee. Standing Committee members may also serve on the Assembly of Delegates.
- c. The GLR President, with Executive Committee approval, will appoint standing Committee representatives.
- d. A Professional member of the GLR will be appointed to the AMTA Judicial Review Board and will perform duties as assigned by the Board's chairperson. The GLR President, with Executive Committee approval, will appoint the Judicial Review Board member.
- e. The Student Coordinator will serve on the AMTA Student Affairs Advisory Board, attend its meetings, and perform duties as assigned by the Board's Chairperson. The Coordinator will hold professional membership in the GLR and a professional music therapy credential. The Coordinator will be appointed by the GLR President, with Executive Committee approval. An alternate may be appointed to serve in the absence of the Coordinator.
- f. The term of service on AMTA standing committees and Boards will be two years to coincide with the terms of AMTA officers. GLR representatives to these committees and boards may serve more than one term in succession subject to the appointment or at the discretion of the incoming President.

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ARTICLE XI – Quorum

Section 1. Seven voting members of the Executive Committee, four of whom must be elective officers, will constitute a quorum for an Executive Committee meeting.

Section 2. A Quorum of the Executive Committee plus five percent of the active membership in the GLR will constitute a quorum for business meetings. At no time will a lack of quorum at a non-business meeting prevent those present from proceeding with the program of the day.

ARTICLE XII – Official Publication

The official publication of the GLR will be the Voice of the Lakes.

ARTICLE XIII – Auxiliary Organizations

Section 1. The GLR recognizes the state music therapy chapters from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin as auxiliary organizations. These organizations will conform to the requirements for auxiliary organizations as specified in these Bylaws.

Section 2. A small group of GLR members desiring recognition as an organized subdivision of the GLR will prepare bylaws patterned after the AMTA and GLR Bylaws. The new bylaws will be presented for approval to the GLR Executive Committee. If that Committee gives its approval, the GLR President will so inform the AMTA Executive Board. Current copies of the auxiliary organization's bylaws must be sent to the GLR President-Elect.

Section 3. The Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association Students (**GLR-AMTAS**) is the official student organization of the Association and will conform to the requirements for auxiliary organizations as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV – Affiliation Agreement with Canadian Music Therapists

Section 1. Canadian music therapists from provinces contiguous with the GLR, who are members of AMTA, will qualify for GLR membership comparable to that which they hold in AMTA.

Section 2. Canadian music therapists from provinces contiguous with the GLR who are not members of AMTA may apply to the AMTA national office for GLR Associate membership.

ARTICLE XV – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year will be from July 1 through June 30.

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ARTICLE XVI – Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised will be the authority for all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by these Bylaws.

Section 2. The presiding officer will appoint a Parliamentarian for business meetings.

ARTICLE XVII – Amendments

By laws may be amended at any general business meeting by two-thirds vote of eligible voting members present, the proposed changes having been announced at least twenty-four hours prior to said session.

Adopted: March 1999

Revised: March 2003

Revised: March 2010

Revised: April 2012

Revised: April 2013

Bylaw Changes - April 2013

Current:

ARTICLE II Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the GLR is to advance and support, on the regional level, the goals of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA), and to serve GLR members by

- a. advancing the use of music for restoring, maintaining, and improving physical and mental health;
- b. training and education music therapists;
- c. supporting research which advances knowledge of music therapy; and
- d. providing a forum for the exchange and publication of information about music therapy.

Section 2. The purpose will be carried out in a non-partisan, non-sectarian manner with equal opportunity being given to all, regardless of race, religion, gender, disability age, veteran status, sexual orientation, ethnicity or national origin.

Approved Change:

ARTICLE II Mission Statement

Section 1. 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.

Rationale:

During the Strategic Planning meeting of the GLR Executive Committee (EC) held on April 4, 2013, it was recommended by the EC that Purpose be changed to Mission, that this be tightened and be made more general. This will stay with us for a long time. The EC will continue with Strategic Planning and will create a Vision Statement, goals, objectives, and action steps.

Bylaw Changes - April 2013

Current

ARTICLE IX – Biennial Elections Section 2. Ballots will be mailed to the voting members of the GLR, to be returned by the date on the ballot, which is 21 days from the date the ballot is sent.

Section 3. The counting of election returns will be done in a manner that preserves the anonymity of the voters.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee Chairperson and at least three other tellers selected, when possible, from members of the Nominating Committee or their alternates will count ballots. If necessary, local professional members of the GLR in geographic proximity to the Nominating Committee chairperson may serve as tellers.

Section 5. The requirement for election will be a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate for a given office receives a majority of the mail ballot votes, a second mail ballot of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be taken.

Section 8. The terms for elected officers and appointed positions will be extended to the length of 3 years during the years 2008 to 2011.

Approved Changes: ARTICLE IX – Biennial Elections

Section 2. Ballots will be sent to the voting members of the GLR (via U.S. mail, electronic mail, or electronic survey), and returned by the listed date, which is 21 days from the date the ballot is sent.

Rationale: *Remove terminology limiting to distribution of ballots via mail in order to include US mail, electronic mail, or electronic survey.*

Section 4. If ballots are cast via U.S. mail or electronic mail, the Nominating Committee Chairperson and at least three other tellers selected, when possible, from members of the Nominating Committee or their alternates will count ballots. If necessary, local professional members of the GLR in geographic proximity to the Nominating Committee chairperson may serve as tellers. If ballots are received via electronic survey, the computer technology will tabulate the results.

Rational: *Clarifies the counting of ballots to address how they are counted if they are received by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or electronic survey.*

Section 5. The requirement for election will be a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate for a given office receives a majority of the votes, a second ballot of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be taken.

Rationale:: *Removes wording regarding mail ballots.*

Section 8. The terms for elected officers and appointed positions will be extended to the length of 3 years during the years 2008 to 2011.

Rationale: *Remove because this time period has been completed.*

Technology Committee

Rachel Rambach

The technology committee sent a survey to AMTA members regarding technology needs and knowledge. The survey results have been submitted for consideration in *Music Therapy Perspectives* and will be included in the technology committee's section of the AMTA website.

The technology committee is planning to collaborate with AMTAS and offer a Technology Help Desk in the exhibit hall at the 2013 AMTA National Conference. Music therapists on the technology specialist list have been invited to volunteer at the desk throughout conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Rambach, MM, MT-BC

GLR Student Affairs Advisory Board

Jeffrey Wolfe, Student Affairs Advisory Board Advisory

Scott Schmitz, GLR AMTAS President

- 1) Members of the GLR AMTAS executive board attended national conference and met with the AMTAS board of directors and SAAB. GLR AMTAS will be incorporating bylaw suggestions and fundraising concepts shared at these meetings.
- 2) At national conference several GLR students were elected for office in AMTAS:
 - President: Sara Thomas, University of Minnesota
 - President-Elect: Scott Schmitz, University of Minnesota
 - Secretary: Diandra Russo, Alverno College
 - Parliamentarian: Melissa Heffner, Ohio University
- 3) The pedagogical musicians' exchange program was renamed the "Making Young Musicians Grant" or MY musicians. Submissions are being collected and \$500 worth of instruments will be distributed to a public school in our region for the coming school year.
- 4) GLR AMTAS purchased custom made T-shirts as a long-term fundraising item. They will be sold at regional conferences for as long as they last.
- 5) GLR AMTAS hosted Passages 2013 on Thursday, April 4th, from 1-4pm. Passages featured student presentations on research and clinical experience, an internship panel, and a keynote presentation by Deborah Layman, MA, MT-BC. Total attendance was 40 students from across the region.
- 6) The 2013-2014 GLR AMTAS executive board was elected at Passages 2013, and they are as follows:
 - President Elect: Hannah Gadzinski, Baldwin-Wallace College
 - Vice President: Melanie Brison, University of Evansville
 - Secretary: Adrienne Boni, Illinois State University
 - Treasurer: Kelly Ryan, Illinois State University
 - Parliamentarian: Jen Lind, Alverno College
 - Webmaster: Jason McGlynn, Baldwin-Wallace College

President-Elect Melissa Schumann will begin the role of President at the conclusion of the 2013 GLR-AMTA conference. Scott's leadership will be missed as he takes the reins as the president of AMTAS. A big thank you goes to Scott Schmitz, Melissa Schumann, Melissa Paulsen, Amy Dunlap, Melissa Heffner, Nora Fronjian, and Maggie Morrissey on a wonderful term as the 2012-2013 GLR AMTAS executive board. A big thank you also goes to the GLR AMTA body. With the increase in student annual funds, the GLR student organization has been able to increase their efforts toward student membership, scholarships, and fundraising.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Wolfe, MT-BC and Scott Schmitz

Minnesota State Report

Peter Meyer

It has been a busy spring for MTAM. MTAM's Conference has been booked for Sat. April 27th at Woodbury Care Center and will kick off music therapy week, April 27th to May 4th. The conference title is Brain Tuning: Teaching others to Improve Attention, Memory and Problem Solving Skills featuring Dr James Gardiner. MTAM bought a booth at GLR to help promote the event. We still were not able to get a hearing for our bill this year, due to it being a very busy session for the legislature. Next year we are going to focus on getting more people to the hearing to provide testimonials/stories. We will have people do this in letter format because of the spontaneous nature of the hearing. 501-C3 Status is still pending. Bill Webb was awarded the MTAM Lifetime Achievement Award. Representative Nora Slawik and Sarah Sinderbrand were presented with The Friend of MTAM award. Scholarships were created to award CMTE fees for two MTAM members to attend the CMTE of their choice at, MTAM, GLR and AMTA National. Student scholarships were created for student members to attend GLR, AMTA and MTAM conferences. GLR co-chairs for the 2015 conference have been picked. They are Jessica De Villers, Mike Limbyliw and Christina Brantner.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meyer, MA, MT-BC

President MTAM

Indiana State Report

Lindsey Wright

Membership

The Association for Indiana Music Therapy currently has 92 members for the calendar year.

Spring Meeting

The AIMT Spring Meeting was held at the University of Evansville on Saturday, April 20th. 29 students and 23 professionals for a total of 52 people attended the event. There were 2 presentations: *Creativity and Self Care* presented by: Kathy Murphy, PhD, LCAT, LPC, MT-BC (3 CMTE) and *From Chaos to Community: Early Childhood Groups for Young Children with Autism* presented by: Beth Schwartz, LCAT, MT-BC (4 CMTE). AIMT would like to thank the University of Evansville for hosting the event!

Clinical Training

AIMT awarded the 2013 Student Scholarship to Cathleen Flynn during the Indiana state meeting at GLR. This is intended to aid students who might need financial assistance during their internship. The scholarship is available to any student in an Indiana music therapy program. Indiana currently has five, active approved national roster internship sites: Bi-County Services, Season's Hospice, Opportunities for Positive Growth, Meaningful Day Services, and State of the Heart Hospice. In addition, our state has four institutions educating future music therapists: Saint Mary of the Woods College, Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis, Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne, and University of Evansville.

Elections

The association held elections at the fall meeting in November of 2012. Melissa Brown was elected Vice president and Lauren Stoner elected treasurer. AIMT would like to thank our outgoing Vice President, Mary Kay Bonner and Treasurer, Stephanie Harris for many years of service!

Clinical Training

AIMT is currently working to update our website and communications systems. A Website and Communications Committee has been formed to ensure that the website is properly updated. This committee consists of Leigh Ontiveros as chair, Morgan Sparks, Kellie Schallert, and Jennifer Whitlow. Please email Lindsey Wright at aimtpres@gmail.com if you are interested in technology and would like to help in this process.

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Lindsey Wright

State Task Force

The Indiana Music Therapy Task Force has had a busy winter! We worked successfully with State Representative Suzanne Crouch to introduce HB 1051 on January 7, 2013, which provides increased recognition for music therapy as well as practice and title protection for music therapists living and working in Indiana. The bill received a first reading in the House and was referred to the Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions on January 23rd. The Committee offered a hearing on the bill and several Indiana Music Therapists and supporters traveled to the Statehouse to testify in favor of this bill. The bill passed out of the committee with unanimous support. We were then faced with a roadblock in a Senate committee that would not give us a hearing. Through networking efforts with the ARC of Indiana and ongoing support by Representative Crouch, we were able to get our language added to a senate bill as an amendment. This new bill passed on April 26, 2013 needing a signature from Governor Mike Pence as the last step to make it law. Indiana is lucky to have a fantastic task force and leader in Casey DePriest who have put in countless hours to make this happen!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Wright, MT-BC
AIMT President

Illinois State Report

Melaine T. Pohlman

Membership: IAMT currently has 90 members: Membership categories include:

- 1 Associate
- 2 Interns
- 81 Professional
- 2 Student clubs
- 4 Students

This includes 22 new members! The executive board of IAMT is currently exploring the option of regrouping the student and student club membership categories. Currently, we are getting feedback from the IAMT membership and also from the students at both ISU and WIU.

Programming and Continuing Education:

On March 2nd, IAMT held their Winter Meeting and Student Retreat at Western Illinois University. 43 people attended, including: 15 Professionals and 28 students. 9 participants received CMTE credit. Bill Matney presented an incredibly informative and beneficial CMTE; “Hands Drums; a musical and clinical primer.” The day-long program included hand drum technique, traditional drumming history, and musical and clinical improvisation. Participants enjoyed hands-on experiential time as well as an intervention swapping during this wonderful continuing education opportunity. We thank Bill for sharing his time and expertise with Illinois MT’s.

This fall, IAMT will present at CMTE experience focusing on the collaboration that can occur between Music and Art Therapists. The CMTE will bring together art and music therapists to learn how to ethically incorporate aspects of art and music into our clinical practice, what tools and experiences are used in both practices, and will have a roundtable/collaboration panel discussion for questions and answers. A tentative date of September 21st is currently set for this CMTE. Stay tuned for more information on dates, fees, speakers and content.

Government Relations/State Recognition Task Force:

The Government Relations/Task Force Committee has been busy planning a series of events to help increase the understanding of music therapy advocacy in Illinois. It will start with a “pub crawl” offering an evening out for music therapists to get together, socialize, and ask their questions about possible legislation, how they can advocate for music therapy, and what ever else they may need. It will finish with student events at Illinois State University and Western Illinois University in the fall. Members who are interested in helping plan these events are asked to contact the committee. All music therapists in Illinois are invited to join us as we continue to promote music therapy in the state!

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Melaine T. Pohlman

Public Relations:

April is Autism Awareness Month and IAMT is excited to be doing its part to advocate for continuing autism research and awareness! Join IAMT in this year's Walk Now for Autism Speaks on Saturday May 18, 2013 at Soldier Field in Chicago. You can sign up to donate or walk with team "Illinois Association for Music Therapy". This is a great opportunity to network and support a great cause!

[Walk Now for Autism Speaks](#)

Student Relations:

28 students from ISU and WIU participated in the 2013 IAMT Student Retreat held at WIU. Students participated in the CMTE course with Bill Matney, as well as had some time on their own as well.

Clinical Training:

There are currently 8 active National Roster sites in Illinois. The active sites are the following: Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, Lurie Children's Hospital, Lutheran General Hospital, Giant Steps, Helping Hand Center, Northshore University Health System, Season's Hospice & Palliative Care of IL and ITA.

Website:

The IAMT website was recently updated to include a comprehensive list of blogs, websites and podcasts (available to members only). This list will be added to on a rolling basis. Other new features on the website include articles about IAMT's 40th Anniversary and advocacy celebrations.

Job Hotline:

There are currently 4 job openings listed in the members-only section of the IAMT website, including a brand-new position added on April 1. For the convenience of employers looking to submit job openings, submission info has been added to the homepage.

Archives:

I am continuing to put any news articles, publications, IAMT Newsletters, etc. into the archives on our Google Drive account. If there is anything people would like to be stored in the archives, please send it to me via email at allisongunnink@gmail.com.

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Melaine T. Pohlman

2013 Membership Awards:

This year IAMT will give three awards: Honorary life member, Service award, Advocate of MT (can be parent or non-clinician). Awards will be given at Fall 2013 IAMT meeting. Submissions for nominations are due August 1, 2013 and may be submitted to Nancy Swanson.

2014 GLR Conference:

Victoria Storm, Nancy Swanson, and Melaine Pohlman are conference co-chairs. The theme is ARTS: Arrive, Re-fuel, Take Off, and Soar. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rosemont, IL. The local planning committee met the first week in January 2013 to tour the hotel and begin planning and brainstorming. The hotel is located 1.5 mile from airport and offers a free airport shuttle every 30 minutes. On-site parking is \$6 a day. The hotel is located 2 blocks from public transportation to downtown Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

Melaine T. Pohlman, MT-BC, DT
IAMT President

Michigan State Report

Julie Palmieri

Spring 2013 MMT Workshop

We are looking forward to our Spring Workshop entitled *Music Therapy and Assessment Tools: Working with Today's Clients Across Settings*. The workshop will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Our presenters include music therapists Angie Snell, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, Rebecca Findley, and Erin Wegener. Assessment tools will be explored in population-specific settings including schools, hospice, and rehabilitation settings. We are looking forward to a great day focusing on assessment!

Membership

MMT currently has 46 members as of April 12, 2013. We recently held a membership drive in which professionals were entered in a drawing for a single course from MusicTherapyEd.com and students were entered in a drawing for an iTunes gift card. Our lucky winners were Elisabeth Spinniken (Leelanau, MI) and Jennifer Cannell (student at Eastern Michigan University). Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all who joined MMT so far this year!

Honorary Life Membership

It is with great pride that Dr. Frederick (Ted) Tims and Mr. Roger Smeltekop have been named Honorary Life Members for MMT. MMT Honorary Life Membership recognizes distinguished service in the field of music therapy within the state of Michigan. Honorary Life Members have all the rights and privileges of professional membership, without the responsibility of annual dues. MMT extends heartfelt gratitude for the contributions of both of these men, in particular the dedication and the direction they offered countless students through their service at Michigan State University.

Donation to Michael McGuire Scholarship

MMT also made a donation to the Michael G. McGuire Music Therapy Endowed Scholarship in 2012. We recognize and appreciate all that Professor McGuire brought to the field of music therapy and to MMT, as both a long-time member and leader of our organization.

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Julie Palmieri

MMT Memorial Scholarship

The winner of our Spring 2013 MMT Memorial Scholarship is **Jennifer Cannell** from **Eastern Michigan University**.

Here is a note from Jennifer:

I am a music therapy student at Eastern Michigan University finishing up my internship in Lincoln Park Public Schools in June. Throughout my studies at Eastern, I have had the privilege of observing and leading music therapy sessions with a variety of populations, and have also continued to play my clarinet in many ensembles throughout the community. As an intern, I work with elementary school students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Visual Impairments, and Severe Multiple Impairments under the supervision of Elizabeth Buckmaster, Med, MT-BC. I love making music with the students, and am lucky enough to be able to work with them both in groups and individually. I am so grateful for the opportunity to grow professionally alongside these students who are also showing visible progress throughout the school year, and I hope to be able to find a job in a similar environment!

Michigan Music Therapy Week – April 22-26, 2013

Music Therapy Week in Michigan will take place April 22-26, 2013! We will be celebrating online with different ideas on how to advocate for the profession of music therapy.

MMT Website

Our official website has been completely renovated recently, so please check it out at <http://www.mmtonline.org>! We are also active on Facebook and Twitter, so please follow us and like us in the social media world, too!

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC
MMT President

Wisconsin State Report

Tiffany Vollrath

Public Relations:

We currently have an advertisement in *Healing Arts Directory* that is distributed in the Madison and surrounding areas which includes our name, address, web page and contact info. We will again have an exhibit booth at the Greater Wisconsin Chapter Alzheimer's Association Conference in May and at the Autism Society of Wisconsin Conference in April. Both conferences take place in Wisconsin Dells. We just started a new "Music Therapist of the Year" award for our state. Music therapists in WI can vote for a Music Therapist they feel earned the award. Governor Walker declared March "Music Therapy Month". All WI members have access to a packet to help them celebrate and promote MT in their community and work place.

Continuing Education:

In February, Alverno College hosted a technology workshop for the chapter and a workshop entitled "Multicultural Aspects of Music in Healthcare" was available in March at Alverno. We will be holding our 6th "Hill Day" at the capitol building in Madison in April for our spring meeting. We are looking at either a leadership or ethics cmte for our fall meeting.

Membership:

As of February, we had 35 professional members, 8 student members and 1 retired professional for a total of 44 members. We still offer a free first year of membership to all new professionals to our state.

Webmaster:

Our new and improved website - www.musictherapywisconsin.org is finished. Our new website includes the following changes:

- ◆ mobile compatible (with phones, etc)
- ◆ integrate on-line forms to database (i.e. membership form)
- ◆ keep Find-A-Therapist section up to date
- ◆ make the WCMT store more user-friendly
- ◆ create an on-line form for those wishing to post a job

Our webmaster, Thea Vorass has done a wonderful job with our site and we thank her! She is still looking to social media and other professional networking connections to promote WCMT and to connect website news articles, membership news, CMTEs and job opportunities to Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Vollrath, MT-BC, CD (DONA)

WCMT President

Ohio State Report

Tanya Corso

AOMT has continued to make updates to the AOMT Website and hope to add a “Find a Therapist” option before summer. Check it out at www.aomt.org. Twitter account is up and running! Follow us @Assn_of_Ohio_MT and “Like” us on Facebook: **Association of Ohio Music Therapists**. There are regular posts on MT in Ohio and around the country. The AOMT newsletter “The Octavist” has been updated to have a spotlight section on a student, a professional and an internship in Ohio.

Due to some extenuating circumstances our June CMTE in Columbus is being postponed until a later date...more details to come as they are available. Current plans underway for **State Conference on October 4 & 5, 2013**: Hosted by Ohio University; “Music Therapy: Sharing the Journey”. Keynote speaker chosen, Lisa Gallagher; Reservations can be made at The Ohio University Inn

Task Force

We completed survey to constituents for input regarding whether to pursue licensure or registry. Results as follows: Respondents = 139 of 274 (50.73%) Ohio MTs listed with CBMT: For just a registry = 22 (16%), For just a license = 23 (17%), For Both = 79 (57%), For Neither = 9 (7%), Did not answer = 4 (3%)

The Task Force created a FAQ based on comments and questions from the survey and had it posted on the AOMT website and held a question and answer session regarding potential legislation at GLR. The Task Force has worked with CBMT on course of action regarding state recognition, an Advocacy CMTE and Hill Day and to organize combined advocacy and anniversary breakfast during the GLR conference. We have contacted 2 state legislators regarding possible sponsorship of any MT bill.

Congratulations!

AOMT is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year!!

The Delaina Hodgson Memorial Music Therapy Intern Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.00, was awarded to Joy Willenbrink of the University of Dayton.

The Spring AOMT Scholarship, in the amount of \$300.00 was awarded to Julie Alton of Ohio University.

Congratulations to Ed Gallagher on receiving the 2012 Past Presidents Club Award!

Finally AOMT would like to thank everyone who organized, volunteered and attended the 60th Annual GLR Conference in Columbus. We all had a great time and hope you did too!

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Corso, MT-BC

AOMT President

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