



Voice of the Lakes

Letter from the President

Larisa McHugh

Greetings, GLR Members-

I hope that this finds you enjoying the beauty of spring! It seems that each day something new blooms and begins to grow. I think the recent conference reminded all of us that we could do the same. Thank you to the 2015 Conference Co-Chairs: Mike LimBybliw, Jessica DeVillers, and Christina Brantner and to the entire planning committee for reminding us to *Plant, Grow, Cultivate Wellness in Music Therapy*. Minnesota MT-BCs and students worked tirelessly to develop a great conference and to make everyone feel welcome. The presentations, music shared, and networking opportunities were just what we needed after the long winter! In addition we were able to celebrate the success of GLR MT-BCs during the awards luncheon. Congratulations to the 2015 recipients: Ed Roth, Scholarly Activity Award; Peter Meyer, Service Award, and Bill Webb, Honorary Life Member Award.

Prior to the conference the GLR Executive Board, under the direction of President Lisa Gallagher, met for Strategic Planning with our consultant, Bill Hogan. It was a productive day and plans were put into place to ensure that the momentum continues. Results of the day are reflected on the website in the updated Mission and Vision Statements, through changes to the Bylaws, in plans for the 2016 GLR conference in Indiana, the Mentorship program, and the awarded special projects.

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Letter from the President (continued)

Please take the time to read the reports of all of our officers and committee representatives in this newsletter to learn more about the work of the GLR. 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. Spring is the time to allow your visions and dreams to unfold and take root. 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!

I am excited to step into my new role and look forward to all that is to come. I would like to publically express my appreciation to Lisa Gallagher, Immediate Past President and Tracy Richardson, Past President for years of service and dedication to the GLR.

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 or by phone at: 937-478-0664.

Be well,
Larisa

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Letter from the Editor

Andy Panayides

Dear Readers,

Thanks so much for viewing the Spring 2015 edition of Voice of the Lakes. The theme of this issue is advocacy, which has been an area of focus in this region, as well as other AMTA regions. Please look out for sections highlighted in the **GLR-AMTA blue font**, which was introduced with our latest logo in Spring 2014. Specifically, look for information related to advocacy on the following pages:

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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

Lisa Gallagher

The **goals** I set for my presidency were to: 1) continue making progress with the Strategic Planning process; and 2) have a new website that is user friendly, meets goals of Strategic Planning initiatives, and offers new things to Members. I am pleased to see that we have met these goals.

At the recent GLR conference in Minneapolis, members of the GLR Executive Board met with Bill Hogan, our Strategic Planning Consultant from San Antonio, Texas. He worked with us for over 3½ hours on the Thursday of conference to continue to develop a strategic plan for the GLR. Much progress was made, and we are currently in the process of documenting the goals, objectives, action steps, timelines, and responsible parties in the written strategic plan. This will then guide us as we move forward in working on the goals we have set. More information will be provided in the future as things progress.

During the last two years we have created a new logo and launched a new website that has more updated information on it, as well as a Members Only section. Once a few more things are worked out, we will also be launching our new Mentorship program via the Members Only section. In addition, our most updated Mission and Vision statements are on the website, and I will provide them for you here. Once you read them I think you will see that the two goals I mentioned above are interconnected.

- **Mission:** *The mission of GLR is to advance and support the mission of AMTA (advance public awareness of the benefits of music therapy and increase access to quality music therapy services in a rapidly changing world) on the regional level and to serve GLR-AMTA members.*
- **Vision:** *By 2018 we will be the resource for members in our region for information that meets their needs.*

In addition to the goals I had above, I worked on a variety of other things as well. Some of these things included encouraging the EC to share reports via Dropbox, conducting regional business with the Executive Board via email and conference calls as necessary, submitting President's letters for the *Voice of the Lakes*, submitting President's reports to AMTA twice a year for inclusion in their Board of Directors books, following up on any requests and questions raised by AMTA, submitting President's reports and information to AMTA for the 990 and working closely with AMTA Executive Director Andi Farbman, the AMTA Accountant, and GLR Treasurer Stephanie Harris to correct and complete it each year. I also met with the Presidents from the other regions via email, conference calls, and during the Regional Presidents meeting at the AMTA conference. This connection has been extremely important and helpful as many of the same questions and concerns are raised in all of the regions.

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President's Report (continued)

I also spoke with several of the GLR officers, standing committee, appointed committee chairs, and conference co-chairs on pertinent topics and provided assistance and input as needed. I responded to many questions, phone calls, and emails regarding GLR business; and I was honored to preside over the GLR Executive Committee meetings, the General Business meetings, and the Awards Luncheon at the GLR conference.

While I was in Minnesota I had the pleasure of visiting Christina Wood and having a tour of Mayo Clinic. She and I then went to KXLT Fox47's studio where we were interviewed about music therapy by Nicholas Quallich. The segment appeared on the Fox47 morning show on Friday, April 10th. If you would like to see the interview, the link appears on the GLR website and Facebook page. This was also shared by AMTA, and by many other music therapists via Facebook, Twitter, etc.

In the GLR EC meeting we also made some financial decisions, which I would like to share with you. As you probably know, we are financially secure, and because of this we like to be able to give back to our members and to support various efforts within our profession. Therefore, we decided to donate \$1,000 to AMTA to cover the full cost of a jam room at the 2015 AMTA conference. This not only provides financial support, it also supports the making of music, which is so very important to us as music therapists. **We also decided to donate \$2,000 to AMTA toward the State Recognition Operational Plan. At least 4 of the 6 states in our region are working on some type of legislation efforts; therefore, we felt that as a region it was important to support these ongoing efforts and the assistance provided to all of our states by Judy Simpson and the rest of AMTA.** In addition, as part of our continuing efforts to support our membership, the GLR Executive Committee decided that we will keep rates for next year's GLR conference the same. Although costs to put on a conference continue to rise, we feel that keeping rates low is a way to give back to our members.

I have been honored to serve as your President over the last two years, and I appreciate all of the support you have provided me along the way. Thank you for everything! I look forward to moving into my role as Past President and working with Larisa as she takes over the presidency. I know that she will do a wonderful job!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Past President's Report

Tracy Richardson

The duties of the Immediate Past President include:

- Act as parliamentarian for the Executive Committee (EC) meetings
- Chair the Nominating Committee for elections
- Update the Officer handbook

In addition, the requests for Membership Support come to me for consideration by the EC.

Officer Election:

Elections were held prior to the AMTA conference. As I'm sure everyone knows by now, our slate of incoming officers (taking office at the end of this conference) is as follows:

President:	Larisa McHugh
President-Elect:	Debbie Bates
Vice President:	Rebecca Findley
Vice President-Elect:	Melaine Pohlman
Treasurer:	Stephanie Harris
Secretary:	Lindsey Holmes

Membership Support:

I created a membership support application form, which the EC recently approved. It contains policy and procedures around applying for/receiving membership support, and it is included at the end of this issue of the Voice of the Lakes (page 42).

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 EC 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" 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 EC.

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Past President's Report (continued)

Officer Handbook:

I will work with Angie Snell on completing this task. Please, as you transition OUT of your current EC role, type a simple document stating 1) each duty you were in charge of in your officer role, and 2) a timeline of when those duties were accomplished throughout the year. Send them to me via email: trichardson@smwc.edu. **I would love to have these by May 15, 2015 to offer to the incoming board by the end of May.**

Assembly Election:

In odd numbered years the GLR of AMTA elects new Assembly delegates to serve in the next cycle (which begins in the following even numbered year). Therefore we will hold elections this summer for the Assembly that serves in 2016-2017. At the GLR conference in Minneapolis, we accepted nominations from the floor during our second general business meeting and these nominations form the slate found on the next page. The GLR of AMTA has 15 seats on the AMTA Assembly of Delegates. We will vote for 14 delegates because our new President of GLR, Larisa McHugh, is automatically one of our delegates on the Assembly per our bylaws. These people are your representatives to the Assembly and you should feel free to connect with them to let them know your opinion on issues that will be discussed and voted upon in Assembly. If you are elected as a delegate you need to be present for the new Assembly orientation at the 2015 AMTA conference, and to serve on the Assembly in 2016 and 2017. Fifteen alternates will be determined according to greatest number of votes and will be called to serve in cases where delegates cannot serve. Please ensure that your email is correct with AMTA Office so you will receive the Survey Monkey invitation to vote in this election.

Past President's Report (continued)

Candidate	State	Candidate	State
Debbie Bates	OH	Julie Palmieri	MI
Sharon Boyle	IN	Melaine Pohlman	IL
Laura Brown	OH	Lee Anna Rasar	WI
Deb Burns	IN	Ellen Rayfield	IL
Tanya Corso	OH	Tracy Richardson	IN
Rebecca Findley	IN	Jenni Rook	IL
Ed Gallagher	OH	Cindy Ropp	IL
Lisa Gallagher	OH	Jan Schreibman	IN
Kamile Geist	OH	Todd Schwartzberg	MN
Allison Gunnink	IL	Holly Semro	MI
Kellee Coviak Hansen	MI	Michael Silverman	MN
Jim Hiller	OH	Bernadette Skodack	MI
Melissa Hirokawa	MN	Angie Snell	MI
Jennifer Jones	IL	Mary Stryck	WI
Deb Layman	OH	Nancy Swanson	IL
Peter Meyer	MN	Jeff Wolfe	IL

It has been my pleasure to serve on this board, first from 1998 to approximately 2004 as Transition Member at Large (appointed by David Smith), and from 2008-2015 as President Elect, then President, and finally Past President. Thank you to all of you on this board for your hard work in serving the members of the GLR of AMTA. In my opinion, we are the region that ROCKS!

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Richardson, Ph.D., MT-BC
 Immediate Past President, GLR of AMTA

President Elect's Report

Larisa McHugh

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 2015 awards ceremony. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate a deserving colleague and to the state representatives for their timely response in voting.

Congratulations to the 2015 award recipients:

Ed Roth, Scholarly Activity

Pete Meyer, Service

Bill Webb, Honorary Life

Bylaws- the following changes were approved and made during the 2015 GLR conference. The changes are to reflect AMTA bylaws regarding membership.

Section 9. Members who pay membership dues after October 31 will be considered members for the following calendar year unless they request otherwise.

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

Suggest striking Section 12 completely as membership is from January – December.

The bylaws were re-numbered to reflect the above changes.

Special Projects – The GLR offers two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (Musical instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services and Education) and the Research Fund. Information on how to apply for the projects is included on the GLR website.

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President Elect's Report (continued)

During the 2015 conference the Executive Board voted to approve two applications:

- Honoring the Process: More Voices from Hospice Music Therapy, Carolyn Koebel
- The Sandbox, Denise Travis

Special projects award recipients are asked to share the results of their projects so be on the lookout for presentations during upcoming GLR conferences.

At the conclusion of the 2015 GLR conference Debbie Bates moved into the role of President Elect. All nominations for awards and applications for Special Projects should be sent to Debbie at the following address: dsbates@neo.rr.com

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vice President's Report

Bonnie Jean Barczak

GLR Conference 2015

April 8-12

“Plant, Cultivate, & Grow Wellness in Music Therapy”

Minneapolis, MN

Co-Chairs: Jessica DeVillers, Mike Limbybliw, and Christina Brantner

GLR Conference 2016

April 13-17

Indianapolis, IN

Co-Chairs: Amanda Cook, Jennifer Whitlow, and Ann Hannon

JW Marriott Hotel

\$159 Single through quad

We can bring in our own A/V company at no charge.

Complimentary high speed internet in guestrooms.

Complimentary basic wireless internet for presenter in each meeting room, complimentary at registration, office and board room.

Discounted self-parking at 30% off for all meeting attendees.

Co-Chairs are currently seeking several volunteers to chair or serve on a conference committee at GLR 2016. Please contact new GLR Vice President, Rebecca Findley, at rebeccafindley@yahoo.com, or Association for Indiana Music Therapy President, Morgan Sparks, at president@indianamusictherapists.com to volunteer.

GLR Conference 2017

Wisconsin co-chairs: Tom Brefka, Erica Flores, and Tamra Fricke

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Jean Barczak

Vice President, GLR of AMTA

Vice President Elect's Report

Rebecca Findley

In order to serve the members of the GLR better, I conducted a survey to find out their preferences and thoughts about where conferences are held and what is being offered. The survey was sent out to the 4th quarter GLR membership list and saw a 41% return rate. The results were as follows:

1. Which type of location appeals to you most?
 - a. 62% City (shopping, maximum food options, close to airports, but possibly higher hotel rates and parking fees)
 - b. 31% Smaller Town (minimal food, activities, but lower hotel costs and parking fees)
 - c. 7% other
 - i. Easy access to flying
 - ii. Large suburbs
 - iii. Places that have food options in walking distance
2. What events, outside CMTEs and sessions, would you most likely attend at a conference?
 - a. 49% may attend Population Specific Roundtables
 - b. 47% Jam Sessions
 - c. 62% Pre-planned trips to event/location
3. Other suggestions to make GLR conferences better?
 - a. Another combined conference with the Midwest region
 - b. Better deal on CMTEs if you buy more than one
 - c. Keeping costs down

In addition to the survey, I have been looking for more ways to update the forms the co-chairs receive and make them more clear. I have already talked to the co-chairs for this current conference about discussing what issues they had during the planning process. One of the things that I would like to do is combine all of the thumb drives from previous conferences and create a google drive to make transitions between co-chairs more smooth.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Illinois State Report

Jenni Rook

Membership:

IAMT has a total of 112 members:

68 professional members

3 interns

2 student groups with a combined total of 41 student members

Financials:

IAMT is currently in good financial standing and our accounts are balanced with our bank account at \$11,317.38 and PayPal at \$2099.17.

Programming and Continuing Education:

The spring CMTE focused on Advocacy. On March 15th, therapists participated in an advocacy webinar and then attended Hill Day on March 18th to meet with legislators about our licensure bill. This was a well-attended event. The board plans to offer a CMTE this fall focused on clinical improvisation in music therapy.

Government Relations/State Recognition Task Force:

The Illinois Task Force for State Recognition has been very active pursuing licensure for Illinois music therapists. Both Senator Dan Kotowski and Representative Michael McAuliffe filed bills for licensure in March. To gather support from Legislators, the Illinois Association for Music Therapy (IAMT) and the Task Force held an Advocacy CMTE and Hill Day in Springfield where over 30 music therapists and students connected with EVERY legislative office, educating about music therapy and asking for support of our bills. Despite a huge gain of supporters and hours of work by the music therapy community, our bills had significant opposition from the Department of Finance and Professional Regulations (DFPR). The department stated that Illinois is currently trying to de-regulate professions and the state is not licensing any new professions, especially those with small numbers like music therapy. The cost for a license would be astronomical. The DFPR was not willing at this time to come to an agreement and work with cost effective solutions proposed by CBMT/AMTA. Senator Kotowski and task force members had several (sometimes heated) calls with the DFPR to see what could be done to help our profession move forward and receive some type of state recognition. Since licensure is currently off the table for this legislative session, Kotowski's office has recommended creating an official Music Therapy Act that would recognize the profession of music therapy in state language. This act would contain AMTA's official definition of music therapy and language from CBMT of who is qualified to practice music therapy. Senator Kotowski believes this Act will be a good first step towards licensure in the future.

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Illinois State Report (continued)

The spring newsletter for IAMT included tips from Task Force Chair, Nancy Swanson, on how to respond to instances where music therapy is misrepresented. Music therapists were provided with language to use when confronting individuals and providing education on the profession.

Public Relations:

IAMT sponsored a table at the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Conference this past fall. Several Illinois music therapists volunteered to staff the event and had an opportunity to connect with many high school students.

Student Affairs:

IAMT had a successful student retreat on February 28, 2015. It was hosted at Western Illinois University, and there were close to 20 students attend the retreat! IAMT was excited to host Debbie Bates, MM, MT-BC, Janel Cross, MT-BC, Lauren Jacob, MT-BC, and Dr. McGowan. The topics were ethics, first year on the job, and the ukulele. The day was interactive, and WIU and ISU students were able to meet and discuss ideas with each other. The IAMT student scholarship application is out, and we are hopeful that we will have several applicants. The scholarship this year will be given to the student(s) who design a compelling a t-shirt for music therapy advocacy.

Clinical Training:

There are currently thirteen approved internship sites in the state of Illinois. Two of these sites are University affiliated, eight are active, and three are inactive. It is a goal of IAMT to increase the number of internship sites within the state of Illinois. IAMT members will be receiving a survey within the next month that will provide the board with valuable information on what is working and not working at the existing sites within Illinois.

Other Business:

Fair Salary Committee

An ad hoc committee has been established to examine the issue of fair compensation of music therapists in Illinois. The Fair Salary Committee is chaired by Beth Belouf and is in the process of creating a survey to send to IAMT members in order to gather information on compensation and fee structures. Future goals of the committee include sharing survey results with state members, providing education to music therapists on setting competitive rates and educating employers in Illinois on fair compensation for music therapists. The committee hopes to gather more detailed information than what is provided by AMTA on average salaries, taking education, geographical area, additional training & credentials, job description and years of experience into account.

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Illinois State Report (continued)

New Scholarship Opportunity

IAMT is pleased to announce it will be offering 2 IAMT Members a free IAMT sponsored CMTE experience in 2015. All applicants must be 2015 IAMT Professional Members. Applications will be submitted to the Past President and must include a statement of need and description of potential professional development. One award was granted for the spring CMTE.

Non-Profit Status

The board continues to work on achieving non-profit status. After the tax season, the Past President will be consulting with an accountant to gather insight and advice on completing the application. Consultation with other state presidents has been very helpful throughout this process.

Respectfully submitted,

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IAMT President

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Indiana State Report

Morgan Sparks

Membership

The Association for Indiana Music Therapy currently has 49 (1 Affiliate; 3 Student) members for the calendar year. We will be reaching out to those who were AIMT members last year and have not renewed this year.

Past Meetings

On March 28, 2015 we hosted our spring meeting at Indiana Wesleyan University. We had 9 students and 10 professionals attend 2 presentations. We offered “Songwriting Across Populations” presented by Rebecca Findley and “Enhancing Your Online Presence: Tools for Music Therapists” presented by Julie Palmieri, for a total of 6 CMTEs.

Clinical Training/ Internships

AIMT recently awarded our 2015 student scholarship to Emily Hurst, a student from IUPUI, 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 national roster internship sites: Bi-County Services, Opportunities for Positive Growth, Meaningful Day Services, Season’s Hospice, and State of the Heart Hospice. In addition, our state now 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.

Public Relations

AIMT has started sending out regular newsletters again in the past year. During the latest newsletter, January 2015, we spotlighted our first ‘Featured Music Therapist’, Casey DePriest. This is a section we would like to include in every newsletter. We have placed a form on our website for anyone to access in order to nominate a music therapist they would like to see featured. Our third newsletter should be out in June 2015.

Over the summer, AIMT will be hosting a family outing for our membership. We plan to attend a Symphony on the Prairie concert presented by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

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Indiana State Report (continued)

Website

AIMT recently appointed a new Webmaster, Caitlin Krater, to oversee our website. Over the past year, we have consistently been receiving new postings for job opportunities all over the state of Indiana. We would like to encourage those with job opportunities to continue sending their postings to webmaster@indianamusictherapists.com so that we can share on our website and Face-book page.

State Task Force

The Indiana State Task Force has been following HB 1303, Registry of Certified Professions. This bill establishes a procedure for individuals and existing licensing boards to apply to the professional licensing agency to allow qualified individuals to become state certified and be placed on the electronic registry of professions. Prohibits an individual who is not state certified from using the title "state certified". We have been testifying in favor of this bill and advocating for specific music therapy language to be included. AIMT Past President Lindsey Wright and AIMT Vice President have both provided testimony in favor of this bill. This bill was passed out of committee and was passed by the Senate by a 45-5 vote. It has now been sent back to the House for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Sparks, MT-BC
AIMT President

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Michigan State Report

Kellee Coviak Hansen

Membership

As of April 7, 2015, MMT has 42 professional members, 3 lifetime members, 1 student/intern member, and 1 patron member. In addition, there are active student groups at both Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities. Our membership chair, Diane Bauman, has expressed a desire to transition the position to someone else in the fall, so we will be looking for her successor. During her time as chair, she has done a lot of work updating and streamlining our membership registration system to a digital process and we are greatly appreciative of her service to MMT.

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Michigan Music Therapy Week

Michigan Music Therapy Week was the week of April 20-24, 2015. We also sought formal recognition of the week by our governor. We used social media to connect with the public and encourage all Michigan music therapists to use that week to advocate and educate for our field!

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations, good wishes and thanks to Brian Wilson, who will be retiring from Western Michigan University at the end of the school year.

MMT Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that our Spring 2015 Memorial Scholarship recipient is Donovan Thakur. Donovan is an equivalency student at Western Michigan University.

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Michigan State Report (continued)

T-Shirts Still Available

We still have some t-shirts available for purchase in limited sizes. The shirts feature a guitar-shaped word cloud of music therapy related words and phrases (see image). They are priced at \$15. Please contact Kellee Hansen (President) or Julie Palmieri (Past President) if you are interested in purchasing a shirt.



Respectfully submitted,

Kellee Coviak Hansen, MT-BC
MMT President

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Minnesota State Report

Jessica De Villers

Membership:

35 members as of March 31st. Decreased members as of now as we did not have a state spring conference.

Scholarships:

We increased our scholarships for members/students for nearly year round, month activity. Some of these include CMTE's, conference attendance, educational advancement, instrument purchase, and intern stipend increase.

Task Force Update:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jessica De Villers, MA, MT-BC
MTAM President

Minnesota State Report (continued)

GLR 2015: Minneapolis at the Depot Hotel, April 8-12th “Plant. Grow. Cultivate. Wellness in Music Therapy”

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TO MAKE A HUGE SUCCESS.
 THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS, MEMBERS,
 VOLUNTEERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, AND HOTEL
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Ohio State Report

Tanya Corso

- The summer CMTE will be held from 12:30 – 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 20 at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus, Ohio. Sharon Boyle, MM, MT-BC will present “Improvisation Liberation: Freeing the Voice through Popular Song.”
- The AOMT bi-annual state conference, to be held on September 25 and 26, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington (Columbus).
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- Scholarships were awarded
 - Delaina Hodgson Memorial Scholarship 2014: Kathleen Palahniuk
 - AOMT Intern Scholarship 2015: Kaitlyn Emmert
 - 2015 GLR Professional Conference Scholarship: Lizz Jacobus
- www.aomt.org now has online registration and payment features for Membership and CMTE payments.
- Ohio music therapy students had a student Music Therapy videoconference on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015, hosted by University of Dayton Music Therapy Club. Students from Baldwin-Wallace, College of Wooster, and Ohio University learned about “Clinical Improvisation in Different Populations.”
- AOMT remains financially sound and is now offering 2 professional scholarships in addition to our Member Support Fund and Intern Scholarships

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Corso, MT-BC
AOMT President

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Ohio State Report (continued)

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Wisconsin State Report

Alexis Graff

Bylaws – We reviewed our bylaws in January 2015. We have taken steps to amend a current section of the bylaws. The amendment is due to the addition of the Fundraiser Chairperson position being added. An email was sent to current members of WCMT to review the bylaws prior to the voting of the changes.

Public Relations – We recently celebrated Music Therapy month with an official proclamation from Governor Walker. The WCMT membership voted on a second annual music therapist of the year, Richelle Kroening who will be awarded with a \$100 gift card to West Music and one year's free membership to WCMT. We are also in the process of coordinating volunteers to staff an exhibit booth at the Autism Society Conference at the end of April in Wisconsin Dells.

Continuing Education – On April 22, 2015, a CMTE was held in Madison to support Hill Day at our capitol. The agenda included a meeting with legislators, and discussion of current issues dealing with IRIS/Family Care, mental health and the Music and Memory Initiative. On October 17, 2015, a CMTE will be held in Madison entitled "Innovations in Music Therapy Interventions." This CMTE presented by Laurie Farnan, will be a diverse program covering several topic areas with innovative ideas for development of effective intervention strategies. Multi-sensory stimulation and processing techniques including tours of black light room with glowing instruments will be on the agenda along with covering strategies for using current popular music (Grammy tunes) in goal based session planning. There will also be the examination and demonstration of simple and effective instrument adaptations of common rhythm instruments, and an exploration of the nationwide trend of music therapist partnering with symphony orchestras for mutually beneficial experiences in community engagement initiatives in health care settings.

Government Relations – An email was sent to current WCMT members to inform them of some of the proposed major changes to Long-Term Support such as IRIS and Family Care. Governor Scott Walker's budget proposal would cut IRIS, a long-term care option for people with disabilities and the elderly, and change how Family Care is implemented. These programs would no longer be a part of the Department of Health, but rather fall under the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This implementation would change the focus from being quality of life/self-directed model to a more medical necessity model. This change could lead to a great impact on the opportunities of consumers accessing music therapy services.

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Wisconsin State Report (continued)

Webmaster - Our Webmaster has been busy on a monthly basis sending out to our membership "Music Therapy Intervention Share" submitted by current WCMT members. The intervention shares are a good resource for a variety of populations and full of fresh ideas. These intervention shares are a great benefit of being a WCMT member.

Membership - We currently have 55 professional members and one student member. The ongoing membership enrollment is a great change but also confusing for people to keep track of what day they paid last year. We are currently working on ways remedy this to maintain high membership numbers.

Clinical Practices - Currently working to develop the Wisconsin Music Therapy Mentorship Program. The program will be modeled after the GLR Mentorship Program.

Archives – Student help has been utilized to scan newspaper articles and pertinent information into our Dropbox account. The goal is to digitize our archives and eliminate the boxes of paper archives.

Conference 2017 – GLR Conference 2017 information has been sent out to current WCMT members requesting interest in co-chairing the conference.

Potential Candidates for 2016 - We are recruiting potential candidates to run on the 2016 WCMT Board Member ballot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Graff, MT-BC
WCMT President

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Student Affairs Advisory Board Report

Hannah Gadzinski & Jeffrey Wolfe

1. The "Making Young Musicians Grant" or MY musicians continues to be available for music educators across the great lakes region. Submissions are being collected and \$400 worth of instruments will be distributed to a public school in our region. This year's grant is being awarded to South Central Middle School in Greenwich, Ohio. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/gramtas/pedagogical-musician-s-exchange-program>.
2. The GLR AMTAS executive board has continued publishing video newsletters throughout the year on different social media resources. These videos have highlighted many opportunities for the students in the GLR Region such as projects, scholarships, and other ways of getting involved at a regional level. These video can be found here: <http://www.glr-amta.org/students-overview/students/>
3. The GLR-AMTAS Board hosted a Game Night at the AMTA National Conference in Louisville, KY in order to increase communication and socialization between the different schools in the GLR Region. The Game Night was successful and had a turnout of about 25 students.
4. GLR *Passages* 2015 will take place on April 9 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in conjunction with the GLR Conference. This year, students will be presenting on various topics such as using songwriting as a self-care strategy, navigating the non-academic challenges of practicum, and how to conduct a Music Therapy Music-Related Behavior (MT-MRB) Assessment. Passages will also include an internship panel in which students can ask current music therapy interns about their experiences and a keynote presentation from Carolyn Koebel.
5. The e-board launched two new projects this year: an advocacy project and a CD project. The proposed plan for the advocacy project encouraged music therapy school organizations to present about music therapy to the school community or local community and the CD project encouraged music therapy students to submit recordings of their own compositions to be used in music therapy. All schools in the GLR were encouraged to participate. The newly elected board will continue with these projects in the coming year under the leadership of Ellen Antes, President-elect.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Gadzinski
GLR AMTAS President

Jeffrey Wolfe, MT-BC
GLR AMTA Student Advisor

Website Report

Julie Palmieri

The current GLR website has been online for 1 year now.

As the GLR website coordinator, I have been maintaining the website by:

- Updating the Members Only section
- Updating job listings
- Updating news and events
- Coordinating with local conference chairs on getting information out to members
- Updating Featured GLR Member every other month
- Renewing hosting and domain name registration

At the conclusion of the GLR 2015 conference, you will receive a new password to the Members Only section, as well as access to the Mentoring program, which is contained in the Members Only section.

If you would like to contribute anything to the GLR website, please leave a message via the Contact Form on the website.

We are active on social media, as well. There are almost 600 music therapists connected on our Facebook page, and we are all a'Twitter with almost 265 (@GLRAMTA). The conference hashtag is #GLR2015.

See you online at www.GLR-AMTA.org!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Academic Program Approval Report

Lalene Kay

Completed tasks:

19 Completed Reviews

12 re-approved

7 new programs (4 bachelors, 3 masters)

6 Ongoing reviews

Conference call with selected Executive Committee and National office persons in March 2015

Anticipated /Planned Work:

7 re-approval applications are due by June 1, 2015

Highlights:

At the 2014 AMTA Conference, the Assembly voted to add up to 6 at-large members to the APAC as needed for the anticipated increase in number of new programs.

Short report but it represents hours of work on the part of each APAC committee member. This committee is awesome and totally committed to the tasks before them.

Respectfully submitted,

Lalene DyShere Kay, M.M., ACC, MT-BC
Great Lakes Region Representative to the APAC

Affiliate Relations Report

Rebecca Findley

The AMTA board of directors has assigned the Affiliate Relations committee new tasks. Beginning at the GLR-AMTA conference the Affiliate Relations has started the following tasks:

- Started identifying therapists with dual certifications
- Started identifying other professional conferences where collaborative presentations could be submitted
- Created fact sheet template to demonstrate current scope of practice collaborations with other professionals

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Findley, M.M., MT-BC

GLR Affiliate Relations Representative

Association Internship Approval Report Kay Luedtke – Smith

- There are no new internships in the GLR this year
- One application is in the revision process
- Four programs have new internship directors:
 - Kathryn Yeager, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
 - Beth Malouf, Helping Hand Center
 - Rebecca West, Institute For Therapy Through The Arts
 - Jennifer Walker, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
- The federal government's U. S. Dept. of Education passed The State Authorization Regulation for Distance Learning in 2010.

In 2014 AMTA became aware of the following trend:

Music therapy students are being prohibited by some universities from applying for National Roster Internships in certain states. As a result, internship directors may see an increase or decrease in the number of applications they receive. Jane Creagan, the Academic Program Approval and Association Internship Approval Committees are continuing to monitor the State Authorization Process, and will provide updates as information becomes available.

- Welcome to the Professional World Intern Packet.

When your interns reach the mid-point of their internship please remind them to visit the AMTA website to download an order form. The packets are filled with information from AMTA, resources and tips for the new professional with valuable coupons for a savings of up to \$150.00 off their first year of professional expenses.

- Please continue to forward interns acceptance letters and site evaluations to:
 - Kay Smith, MT-BC
 - 3254 Eldorado Trail W.
 - Minnetonka, MN 55305

I received 23 interns acceptance letter, up from 15 received last year.

I received 33 completed site evaluations, up from 12 received the previous year.

Association Internship Approval Report (continued)

GREAT LAKES REGION NATIONAL ROSTER INTERNSHIP SITES AS OF APRIL 2015

ACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
8	6	3	6	11	5	39

INACTIVE SITES

Illinois	Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Total
3	1	1	-	2	-	7

Respectfully submitted,

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

Continuing Education Report

Nichole Durni

Since the last continuing education report to the Great Lakes Region in Rosemont, IL during the spring, the region has co-sponsored 8 CMTE courses making another 52 CMTE credits under the GLR provider number. The CMTEs are as follows:

Improvisation Primer: Integrate Clinical Improvisation into Your Practice presented by Alan Turry, DA, LCAT, MT-BC for 6 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by Saint Mary of the Woods in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – June 3, 2014.

Music Therapy Technology: Apps, Ethics, and Best Practices presented Bonnie Hayhurst, MT-BC for 5 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – July 19, 2014.

The Third Annual Music & Medicine Conference presented by Barry Gittman, MD, Stephen Feagins, MD, MBA, FACP, Cincinnati Music & Wellness Coalition Panel, Amy Dennison, Betty Gottlieb & Richard Fratianna, MD for 5 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Cincinnati Music & Wellness Coalition in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – September 19, 2014.

With a Little Help from My Friends: Collaboration and Co-treatment for Improved Outcomes presented by Jenny Branson, MT-BC for 5 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – October 11, 2014.

Neurologic Music Therapy – Addressing the Movement Differences of Autism While Assuming Competence presented by Casey DePriest, MT-BC, Certified Neurologic Music Therapist and Eric Lund, MT-BC, Certified Neurologic Music Therapist for 6 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – October 18, 2014.

Grants: Right Time, Right Place, and the Right Words presented by Patricia K. Doyle, MT-BC for 3 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – October 25, 2014.

Music & Neuroscience presented by Elizabeth Stegemöller, PhD., MT-BC for 16 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by Alverno College in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – February 14 & 15, 2015.

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Continuing Education Report (continued)

Enhancing Your Online Presence: Tools for Music Therapists presented by Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC for 3 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – March 28, 2015.

Songwriting Across Populations presented by Rebecca Findley, M.M., MT-BC for 3 CMTE credits. This CMTE was sponsored by The Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – March 28, 2015.

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).

This will also be my final report to the GLR Executive Committee, as I will be resigning as the GLR Continuing Education Committee Chair. I look forward to supporting the next Continuing Education Chair to allow for a smooth transition. Thank you for the opportunity of serving our profession!

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Durni, MT-BC
GLR Continuing Education Committee Chair

Government Relations Report

Angela Snell

Overview Statement: Music therapists across the country are actively involved in advocacy on the state and federal level designed to raise awareness of the profession and increase access to quality services.

Each GLR-AMTA state chapter has an active Government Relations Task Force except for Wisconsin which functions efficiently as their own Task Force and original role model for the many of the state Task Forces. See state reports for government relations and Task Force updates.

STATE REPORTS

Illinois:

Illinois Task Force for State Recognition has been very active pursuing licensure for Illinois music therapists. Both Senator Dan Kotowski and Representative Michael McAuliffe filed bills for licensure in March. To gather support from Legislators, the Illinois Association for Music Therapy (IAMT) and the Task Force held an Advocacy CMTE and Hill Day in Springfield where over 30 music therapists and students connected with EVERY legislative office, educating about music therapy and asking for support of our bills. Despite a huge gain of supporters and hours of work by the music therapy community, our bills had significant opposition from the Department of Finance and Professional Regulations (DFPR). The department stated that Illinois is currently trying to de-regulate professions and the state is not licensing any new professions, especially those with small numbers like music therapy. The cost for a license would be astronomical. The DFPR was not willing at this time to come to an agreement and work with cost effective solutions proposed by CBMT/AMTA. Senator Kotowski and task force members had several (sometimes heated) calls with the DFPR to see what could be done to help our profession move forward and receive some type of state recognition. Since licensure is currently off the table for this legislative session, Kotowski's office has recommended creating an official Music Therapy Act that would recognize the profession of music therapy in state language. This act would contain AMTA's official definition of music therapy and language from CBMT of who is qualified to practice music therapy. Senator Kotowski believes this Act will be a good first step towards licensure in the future. The spring newsletter for IAMT included tips from Task Force Chair, Nancy Swanson, on how to respond to instances where music therapy is misrepresented. Music therapists were provided with language to use when confronting individuals and providing education on the profession.

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Government Relations Report (continued)

Indiana:

The Indiana State Task Force has been following HB 1303, Registry of Certified Professions. This bill establishes a procedure for individuals and existing licensing boards to apply to the professional licensing agency to allow qualified individuals to become state certified and be placed on the electronic registry of professions. Prohibits an individual who are not state certified from using the title “state certified”. AIMT have been testifying in favor of this bill and advocating for specific music therapy language to be included. This bill has recently passed out of committee and is eligible for a second and third reading. AIMT Past President Lindsey Wright will be testifying again for this bill on April 9.

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Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Snell, M.S.Ed., MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Government Relations Chair

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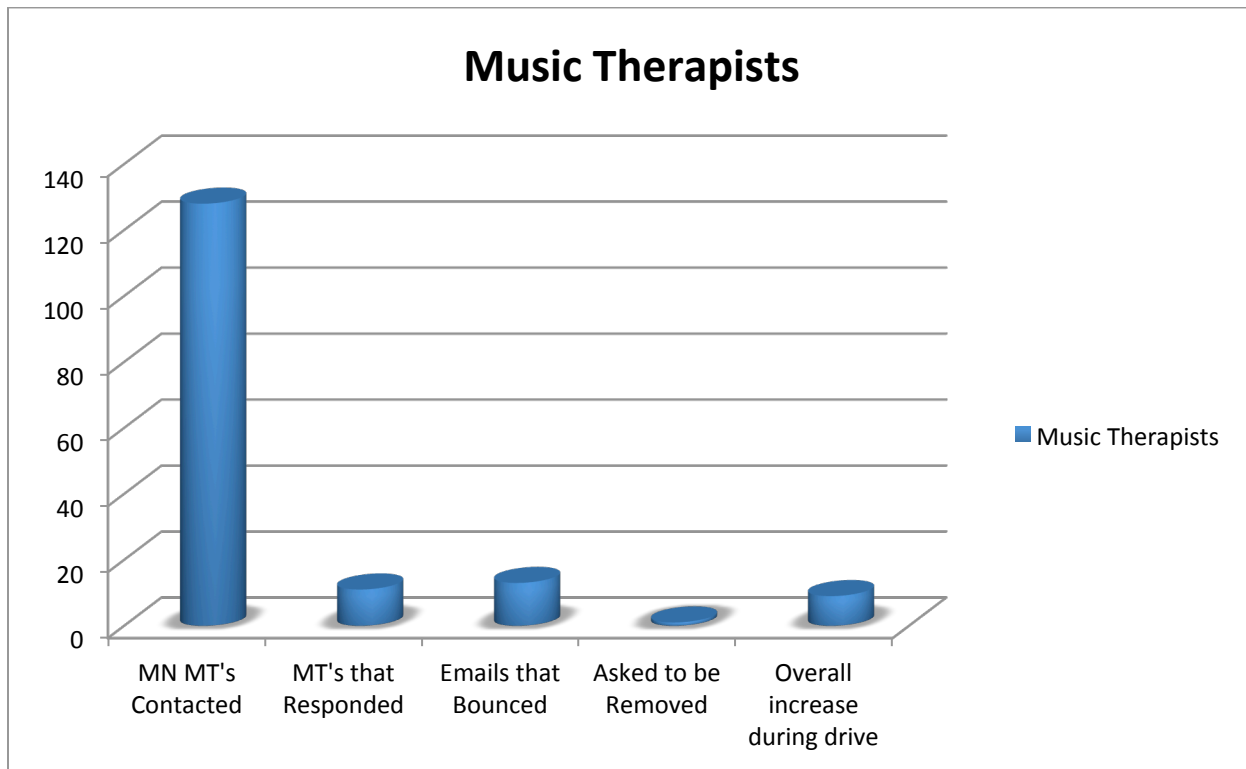
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Membership Report

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton



- 128-MN Music Therapists Emailed
- 13-Emails bounced
- 11-Asked follow up questions/comments
 - 3-had joined and wanted clarification of membership
 - 2-were out of the country for the year but plan on being members next year
 - 2-thought they had joined
 - 1-had a name change
 - 1-wanted info on payment plans
 - 1-asked why rates were so high
 - 1-Asked to be removed due to no longer practicing as a music therapist
- 9-Increased number of members from 3/16/15-3/31/15
- **Total number of GLR members of AMTA as of 3/31/15: 638**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, MA, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Membership Chair

Professional Advocacy Report

Leslie Henry

The committee continues to educate membership regarding the evaluation of appropriate and inappropriate representations of music therapy.

Efforts include:

Collaboration with the National Office of the American Music Therapy Association in publishing the document How AMTA and Music Therapy Relate to the Documentary Film "Alive Inside" and the Organization "Music & Memory"

Participation with the Music & Memory panel discussion at the national conference in November 2014

On-going work with AMTA to produce quality informational materials intended to educate the membership about how to answer questions about Music & Memory, and how MT's can work collaboratively with Music and & Memory Programs.

In addition, the committee created a series of podcasts with Cathy Knoll, which will be available to members regarding frequently asked questions to the committee.

The committee has submitted conference proposals to several regional conferences to present, "How do I advocate for the profession when I see potential cases of misrepresentation?"

We continue to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues.

The committee manages and maintains a resource file of responses and has 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Henry, MT-BC

Co-Chair and GLR Representative of the AMTA Professional Advocacy Committee

Standards of Practice Report

Peter Meyer

- A. The Committee Members have communicated with AMTA members throughout the year about any concerns or suggestions for the AMTA Standards of Clinical Practice. The committee chairs will present this feedback to the Committee at the November meetings. The Committee will address this feedback.
- a. Discussed email sent by a hospice music therapist just prior to conference. Determined this should be tabled until the new Scope document has been voted on and general standards for assessment are reviewed as a committee as some of the music therapists questions concerned assessment. Melanie will send an email reply to the MT and inform her that this will be reviewed and site our review of NICU specifications in the past and propose that the committee first take this approach with Hospice as well. Committee did raise the absence of ‘spirituality’ as a domain again (prior years discussions) and determined this may fall under psychological and social domains.
 - b. No other ‘feedback’ was received by the co-chairs or regional representatives.
- B. The Committee is in the process of reviewing the Standards of Clinical Practice one section at a time. This year, the Committee will be examining the Assessment Section and will make any necessary suggested language changes with the Assembly of Delegates.
- a. Assessment section was begun and the committee determined the domains were limiting. Discussion was had on its ‘general’ function and its alignment with the newly crafted Scope materials. The committee moved to table further review until the Scope document vote that is occurring after the committees scheduled meeting time. No changes will be brought to the Assembly this year. The committee has agreed to revisit this mid-year.
- C. The Committee will review the new Scope of Practice, if ready and available, and discuss any conceptual modifications or changes in language that are needed to keep the Standards of Clinical Practice in line with the Scope of Practice.
- a. The committee moved to table given the pending vote. Will revisit mid-year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Meyer, MA, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Standards of Practice Chair

Workforce Development & Retention Report Laura Brown

The Workforce Development and Retention Committee has been working hard since the national conference.

- We have had regular phone conferences to plan our CMTE for the National Conference in 2015. The proposed CMTE will focus on different types of supervision as well as ways to access supervision in different settings. Presenters for the CMTE will include a panel of music therapists who will discuss their different approaches to supervision.
- Several members of the committee hosted focus groups at their regional conferences to gather information from music therapists regarding retention in the field of music therapy.
- The committee plans to use the information gathered at regional conferences as well as any discussion from the CMTE at National Conference to inform our work for the next year.

If you have any questions or comments about workforce development and retention, please don't hesitate to contact me at BrownL5@ohio.edu.

Respectfully submitted,

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Workforce Development and Retention Committee Member

Application for Membership Support

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

Procedure and Timeline:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

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

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

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