



Voice of the Lakes

Letter from the President

Debbie Bates

Hello GLR Members!

Greetings from Ohio! Spring has arrived, and baseball season has begun! It was wonderful to see so many of you in Milwaukee for the regional conference. It's hard to believe that a month has passed already! Thanks again to the 2017 Conference Co-chairs Tom Brefka, Erica Flores, and Tamra Fricke and their committees for another wonderful conference. Congratulations to Larisa McHugh, Kamile Geist, and Angie Snell for your well-deserved awards. A conference cannot be successful without presenters who are willing to share their knowledge, and attendees who are eager to learn. Whether it was your first conference or your 50th, I hope that the weekend allowed you to reconnect and feel re-energized about the work you do!

Before the conference began, President Larisa McHugh skillfully guided the GLR Executive Committee in strategic planning. Strategic planning is an ongoing process, and the Executive Committee remains committed of advancing and supporting the mission of AMTA at the regional level and to serve GLR-AMTA members.

All of the elected officers', appointed officers', and committee representatives' reports are in this newsletter. I encourage you to read these reports, so you can be aware of the hard work these volunteers are undertaking and so that you have a

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Letter from the President (continued)

stronger sense of what is happening within the profession and organization. You might find ways that you would like to get involved or offer suggestions or feedback on a project or initiative!

I would like to thank Laura Brown for her service on the Workforce Development and Retention Committee. She has resigned her appointment to serve on the Autism Task Force. We appreciate your service and wish you well in your new role. If you are interested in serving on the Workforce Development and Retention Committee, please contact me at the email listed below.

I look forward to serving in my new role. I am grateful for the outstanding leadership that Immediate Past President Larisa McHugh has provided. I would also like to express my appreciation to Past President Lisa Gallagher for her service and dedication to the GLR.

Thank you for taking the time to catch up with the GLR. As we move forward, if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I welcome your engagement through input and feedback. You may reach me at: dsbates@neo.rr.com or 330-858-3366.

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President's Report

Larisa McHugh

Goals:

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

President's Work:

- Preside at Annual Conference, Strategic Planning meeting and GLR Executive Committee meeting
- Attend regional Presidents meeting at AMTA conference
- Assisted GLR Conference Co-Chairs, VP, and VP Elect with conference planning and coordination
- Submitted President's letters to *Voice of the Lakes*
- Reviewed *Voice of the Lakes* prior to publication
- Submit reports from GLR for inclusion in the AMTA Mid-Year Board Meeting Book and the Board of Directors' and Assembly of Delegates' Annual Board Book
- Answered Phone calls and emails regarding GLR business
- Informed national office of elected and appointed regional positions
- Work with Treasurer to submit tax information for Group Form 990
- Inform national office of by-laws changes
- Share regional conference information with national office
- Requested that Executive Board and Representatives utilize Dropbox to share reports and other information
- Conducted business with Executive Board via email and conference calls
- Worked with Bill Hogan to prepare for strategic planning
- Disaster response efforts
- Developed agendas for Executive Board meeting, General Business meeting, and Awards Luncheon
- Appointed new representatives to committees
- Assist President Elect, Debbie Bates, as she prepares for her term as President

It has been an honor to represent the GLR and to work with such a fine group of talented, caring, professionals on our Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Past President's Report

Lisa Gallagher

Duties of the Immediate Past President include:

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

Action Items:

• Membership Support

- The GLR Membership Support Fund is to assist members in the region who may be experiencing temporary financial struggles. This assistance is intended to help GLR of AMTA members with paying AMTA membership dues or continuing education opportunities. Note; however, that a member may not receive Membership Support Funds from GLR of AMTA more often than once in a three-year period.
- At the meeting in Sandusky we approved one application for \$700.
- We unfortunately depleted our funds and had to deny assistance to two members, and President McHugh graciously donated money from her budget to help one other member.
- In addition, I want to thank the Executive Committee for voting and agreeing to waive the registration fee for the GLR conference for one of our members who is presenting at the conference and has had health and financial issues.
- When we voted in November and approved \$700 for one member I think there was some confusion as to how much money we had for the entire year; and I acknowledge that this request came in at the last minute and we had to make a fast decision. This all led to us providing this individual with a generous amount; while at the same time depleting our funds for the remainder of the year. The following are my recommendations and discussion points:
 - It is my recommendation that we put a cap on how much one member can receive, and I recommend that this amount be \$250, or the cost of an AMTA membership.
 - I don't think we should have deadlines, per se; however, I would recommend that we do not accept any new applications 2 weeks prior to an upcoming conference. When we originally designed this fund and said that it was intended to help with paying AMTA membership dues or continuing education opportunities. I believe that the people who are struggling because of financial difficulties, lost income due to health reasons, job loss, etc. should be the priorities.

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Past President's Report (continued)

- Do we want to create a new policy or procedure related to eligibility and disbursement of funds for the Membership Support Fund?
- Do we want to continue providing funds for continuing education, or do we just want to fund membership dues?
- The application is on the GLR website in the Members Only section. It may also be found at the end of this newsletter (Page 36). Please encourage members who may need this type of assistance to complete the application and email it to me.

• Nominating Committee

- I serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and I have compiled a list of nominees for the Assembly of Delegates. This list will be presented at the first General Business Meeting at this conference, and then at the second General Business Meeting nominees will be accepted from the floor.
- The following are those who have expressed interest so far:
 - Sharon Boyle (IN) Cindy Ropp (IL)
 - Ed Gallagher (OH) Todd Schwartzberg (MN)
 - Lisa Gallagher (OH) Michael Silverman (MN)
 - Jennifer Jones (IL) Angie Snell (MI)
 - Pete Meyer (MN) Melissa (Hirokawa) Spiess (MN)
 - Melaine Pohlman (IL) Jody Stark (MI)
 - Lee Anna Rasar (WI) Mary Stryck (WI)
 - Tracy Richardson (IN) Jeff Wolfe (IL)

Debbie Bates, as the new President, will automatically be seated on the Assembly.

• Officer Handbook/Job Descriptions

- No recent updates have been made to the Officer Handbook/Job Descriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

President Elect's Report

Debbie Bates

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

Awards – Each year the GLR presents the following awards; Honorary Life for long time dedication to the field of music therapy, Scholarly Activity for significant contributions to the knowledge base of the profession, and Service for outstanding service to the region. All three awards will be presented during the 2017 awards ceremony, with recipients and guests in attendance. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations and to the state representatives for responding to the vote.

Bylaws - I completed the comparison of AMTA and GLR bylaws and found no significant differences. Under the AMTA Mission and Purpose (Article 2), Section 3 states, “The Association will conduct all of its programs and activities in a nondiscriminatory manner with equal opportunity being given to all, regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, ethnicity, national origin, or socioeconomic status.” We might want to consider adding this to our bylaws. My suggestion would be to make the language more consistent with Standards of Clinical Practice and Code of Ethics, which also include language, religion/spirituality, gender identity or expression.

There is also one item related to term limits and lack of for specific elective officers, which might fit better with Terms of Offices (within Officers) rather than a specific section early in the Officers article.

Special Projects – We have two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (Musical instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services and Education) and the Research Fund. Application and descriptions of the funds are on the website and included at the end of this newsletter (Pages 37-39).

2016 GLR MUSE Fund recipient Lee Anna Rasar spoke about her Steel Pan Tenor Drum in clinical practice project at the GLR-AMTA conference. At the 2016 AMTA conference, one Research Fund was awarded to Maya Story for her dissertation research project, MI for military and non-military women with sexual trauma related PTSD.

We reviewed seven special project applications at the GLR-AMTA conference: three research and four MUSE funds. The Research Fund was awarded to Dr. Jim Hiller for the study, “The impact of vocal re-creation on nutritional intake of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias: A two-group randomized experiment.” The MUSE Fund was awarded to Angel Foss and Beck Center for the Arts for the project, “Creaating Arts Experiences.” Congratulations to you and your teams. We look forward to hearing about your work at a future conference!

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vice President and Vice President Elect Report

Rebecca Findley Barnard & Melaine Pohlman

Completed Tasks:

- Established accounts in both Constant Contact and Guidebook that are tied to the conference planning email instead of a personal account.
- Continued updating and creation of Conference Planning documents on Google Drive
- Regularly met with 2017 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
- Met in person with 2017 Co-Chairs and Committee Chairs at the hotel in Milwaukee to review details about the upcoming conference
- Met with 2018 Conference Co-Chairs via conference call
- Investigated online continuing education tracking and logistics (CMTES, institutes)
 - Online CMTE/Institute Evaluations will be used for the first time in Milwaukee
 - Online Conference Certificates will be made available with completion of Conference Survey.

General Action Items:

- Continue updating of documents on Google Drive
- Continue to modify conference policies as needed
 - Refund policy for Institutes/CMTES
 - Vetting process for Conference Co-Chairs
- Continue compilation and organization of past conference statistics, trends and data
- Network with other regions about conference planning trends
 - An email was sent to Trish Winters, conference planning VP for MAR, to inquire about the possibility of a combined 2019 Regional Conference

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

The 2018 GLR conference will be held in Michigan. The contract for the hotel was reviewed by the GLR President, Treasurer, President Elect, VPs, Al Bumanis and Cindy Smith. Conference Co-Chairs are Bernadette Skodack, Laurel Rosen- Weatherford and Kellee Coviak Hansen.

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Vice President and Vice President Elect Report (continued)

Date: April 12 – 15, 2018

Location: Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI

Room Rate: Standard Room \$159

Parking: Free

Action Items:

- Finalize Committee Chair Choices
- Set up rough outline of due dates for the upcoming year

GLR 2019 Ohio

- Possible Conference Co-Chairs Identified: Amy Foley, Tanya Corso and Brittany Scheer
- Helms-Briscoe contacted and made aware of our conference needs; recently provided specifications for many locations in Ohio

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Illinois State Report

Allison Gunnink

Activity: November 2016-February 2017

Membership:

135 total members

74 professional members

0 intern members

0 student member

2 student groups

Illinois State University: 38 members

Western Illinois University: 21 members

Financials:

IAMT is currently in good financial standing and our accounts are balanced with our bank account at \$9,525.30 and PayPal at \$4,355.27.

Programming and Continuing Education:

IAMT is looking forward to planning continuing education opportunities for 2017. Currently, the board is brainstorming ideas and developing a plan.

Government Relations/State Recognition Task Force:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations and the Music Therapy Advisory Board continues to hold meetings where testimony is given by different organizations. There are two more meetings scheduled before a report is submitted on State Recognition recommendations for music therapists in Illinois.

One major roadblock at this juncture seems to be the obscene cost music therapists would incur for a license or even title protection, according to a representative from Governor Rauner's office who spoke at the last meeting. CBMT, AMTA, members of the Music Therapy Advisory board and I are working to address this troubling issue.

IAMT would like to thank the members of the Music Therapy Advisory Board for their continued commitment to our profession:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Crimmins, Ph.D., MT-BC | <input type="checkbox"/> Candi Gray, LCSW |
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Public Relations:

IAMT recently participated in the 2017 Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria. We had a great interest in our booth and music therapy! IAMT is working on plans to attend other various events this year within the community to promote music therapy and IAMT.

Clinical Training:

Currently, IAMT has 12 national roster internship sites in Illinois: 8 of these are active and 4 are inactive. We also have 6 university-affiliated music therapy internship sites: 5 of these university-affiliated sites are active and 1 is inactive.

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Illinois State Report (continued)

The music therapy internship committee is working toward solutions to the concerns voiced regarding the internship survey. This committee consists of an internship director, internship supervisor, university professor, and a music therapist currently applying for an internship program. The committee is very optimistic that they will brainstorm ideas and identify solutions to help improve clinical training in Illinois.

Website:

IAMT's new website launched in January 2017. One of the most important features of the revamped website is that it is now essentially ADA compliant (specifically, as friendly to assistive technology, such as screen readers, as possible). Other improvements include a more streamlined process to sign-up for membership and CMTE events, and personalized logins for members on the website (negating the need for a universal password for members).

Student Affairs:

The IAMT Student Retreat was held on Saturday, March 4th at Western Illinois University. There were approximately 15 students present, and the retreat covered yoga and movement, private practice, interview skills and business ownership. At the end of the retreat, there a brief meeting occurred in which the student presidents were able to report on this year's activity thus far, and IAMT President Allison Gunnink and IAMT Student Coordinator Mia Meacher spoke about the importance of being involved with music therapy organizations on the state, regional and national level.

Past President:

IAMT Past President Jenni Rook continues to work to establish IAMT as a nonprofit organization. Unfortunately, the state denied IAMT's application for sales tax exemption due to IAMT operating as a membership organization that only serves its members. Jenni Rook is working on a checklist of tasks for the board to review on how to move forward with revising some of IAMT's systems in order to benefit from the new nonprofit status.

Other News:

The IAMT Executive Board recently had two board members move out of state, and another is expecting her first baby, opening up some positions on the board. The board is excited to welcome Kasie Fagan as the new Newsletter Editor. The board is actively seeking other candidates for the other open positions, and looks forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Gunnink, MBA, MT-BC
IAMT President

IAMT Executive Board

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Indiana State Report

Morgan Sparks

Membership/Treasurer

The Association for Indiana Music Therapy currently has 67 professionals, 3 students, 3 retired, and 1 lifetime member.

We are currently in good financial standing with \$5397.76 in our account as of 3/14/17. We have started the process to become a CMTE Provider and continue to explore new ways we can provide added value for our members through their membership.

Meetings

Our Spring Meeting was held on April 8th at IUPUI. We offered two workshops and a networking lunch. The morning workshop was titled, "Working in the Field: Who Am I? Examining Contractors vs. Employees," led by Jennifer Whitlow, MT-BC and Morgan Sparks, MT-BC. The afternoon workshop was titled, "Get Your Name Out There: The Importance of Research and Publication for Music Therapists," led by Haley Baumgarten, MS, MT-BC.

Clinical Training

The 2017 AIMT Internship Scholarship will be announced at our Spring Meeting.

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 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. A sixth institution, University of Indianapolis, will offer a BS in Music Therapy pending AMTA approval.

Bi-County Services— Karel Decker, Internship Director

Vickie Wen Chi Chiu from Illinois State University just finished her internship. Danielle Whitney from IPFW just started with us and will continue until July. Hsiang-Ying Hou from Illinois State University will begin her internship in July.

Opportunities for Positive Growth – Lindsey Wright, Internship Director

We have 3 active internship sites at our Fishers office, Lafayette office, and Marion office (starting in June). Here are the interns who have been accepted for 2017 internships:

- Shelley Anderson(Radford)- Lafayette Sep16-Mar17
- Janelle Gerstein(Western Illinois)- Fishers Jan-Jun17
- Lauren Berger(IPFW)- Fishers Apr-Sep17
- Kara Zollinger(IWU)- Fishers Jul-Dec17
- Shelby Fallis(IPFW)- Marion Jun-Nov17
- Moriah Landon(IPFW)- Lafayette Sep17-Mar18

We are now accepting applications for Fishers October17-March18.

Meaningful Day Services – Leigh Ann Fuller, Internship Director

MDS had three interns complete their training in December 2016/January 2017: Alex Dickerson, Patty Walke, and Hannah Becker. We currently have three interns: Alexandra Blakewell, Allie Custer, and Rachel Vaughan.

We have sites available in Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Kokomo, and Jeffersonville available and are interviewing for our interns that would start in July 2017.

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Indiana State Report (continued)

State of the Heart Hospice – Amy Pearson, Internship Director

Season's Hospice

University Programs:

St Mary of the Woods

Campus programs (BS in Music Therapy and Campus Equivalency):

Patricia Walke: Meaningful Day (National Roster) completed in January 2017.

Nathan Mensah: Cincinnati Children's Hospital (National Roster) completed in Ohio in December 2016.

Distance Equivalency:

Current University-Affiliated Interns:

Jennifer Davis - Bronson Children's Hospital

Ginger Drake - Abbott Northwestern

Kirstie Gallacher-Ang - Orange County Children's Therapeutic Art Center

Ingrid Gruett - Oakwood Village

Monika Hunziker-Schane - Heartland Hospice

Sarah Oguich - Buffalo hearing and Speech Center

Chris Romeo - Creative Leaps

Sarah Swineheart - Dynamic Music Therapy

Current National Roster Interns:

Stephanie Huff - Season's Hospice

Soon to start:

Emily Corbitt - Willow Song Music Therapy Center

Tanesha Ross - Music Works NW

Wade Wood - FAR Therapeutic and Recreation Therapies

No reports are available for IPFW, Evansville University, IUPUI, or Indiana Wesleyan University

AIMT Scholarship:

AIMT hosted a dinner at the AMTA National Conference in Sandusky for all Indiana music therapists. The dinner was well attended by therapists and their families.

Public Relations

AIMT hosted a dinner at the AMTA National Conference in Sandusky for all Indiana music therapists. The dinner was well attended by therapists and their families.

Elections

AIMT held elections in the fall. The new board members who will begin their service after the state business meeting held during GLR are as follows:

President: Jennifer Whitlow

Treasurer: Christian Porter

Vice President: Kathy Williams

Secretary: Leigh Ann Fuller

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Sparks, MT-BC
AIMT President



Michigan State Report

Kellee Coviak Hansen

GLR 2018

We are excited to be hosting the 2018 GLR Conference on April 11-15, 2018 at Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti. Please plan to join us for *Embracing Every Note: Celebrating Diversity in Music Therapy*. The conference rate for a Standard Room is \$159/night. The conference co-chairs are Kellee Coviak Hansen, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, and Bernadette Skodack; they can be reached at glr2018@gmail.com with any questions.



Membership

As of March 8, we have 30 professional members, 4 lifetime members, and 3 student/intern members. In addition, there are active student groups at both Western Michigan and Eastern Michigan Universities. We are currently conducting a membership drive to raise membership in both MMT and AMTA; there are just over 200 board certified music therapists in Michigan.

During our state meeting at GLR 2017, we were pleased presented Angela Snell with an Honorary Life Membership to MMT. This increases our lifetime membership to five.

Spring Workshop

Our spring workshop will be held on May 13, 2017 at Western Michigan University. Details are still pending CBMT review. However, proposed presenters include Ed Roth, Jennifer Fiore, and Erin Wegener; the topic will be neurologic-based. Additional details will be available soon.

Task Force

We re-energized our state task force this January. We updated and distributed the workforce survey that was initially conducted in 2013. We are in the process of summarizing the results into an updated fact sheet. We are also planning a Hill Day in Lansing for Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Additional information will be coming soon.

MMT Memorial Scholarship

We received many applications for our spring scholarship. Applications are currently being evaluated and the recipient will be announced at our spring workshop.

Public Relations

We are in the process of adding a "Frequently Asked Questions" page to our website. We have found that we receive many e-mails asking similar, easily answered questions. We are hoping a FAQ page will streamline these responses.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee Coviak Hansen, MS, MT-BC
MMT President



Minnesota State Report

Claire M. Klein

Membership

Current membership of the Music Therapy Association of Minnesota (MTAM) stands at 63 (43 professional members, 17 student members, 3 lifetime members) as of March 6, 2017. This is a significant improvement from this time last year, likely due, in part, to a student membership “sale” held during the month of January.

Financials

MTAM, a 501(c)3 organization, is in good financial standing with a total of \$10,306.52 in assets (Checking - \$4,161.92; PayPal - \$5919.60; Petty Cash - \$225). The Executive Board passed a budget for 2017 based on our mission statement to aid us in financial tracking, planning, and decision-making.

State conferences

MTAM hosted two 6-credit CMTE conferences in 2016: “Wellness for the Music Therapist: Mind, Body, Voice” last May and “Supervision: An Interdisciplinary Perspective” in October. MTAM is planning to hold spring and fall conferences again in 2017. Our spring conference will be held **Saturday, May 6** at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. A speaker is booked but the content of the conference is still pending CBMT approval.

Awards

In 2016, MTAM honored Kay Luedtke-Smith with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Doug Schmitt of Schmitt Music with a Friend of Music Therapy award. Award nominations for 2017 are being solicited to be awarded at our upcoming state conferences.

Scholarships

In January, we awarded Krystal Wee with a \$300 stipend as she completes her internship with Good Samaritan Society Specialty Care Community. We were very impressed with Ms. Wee’s musical skills and the essays included with her application.

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

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

Task Force

“As this session is the budget session of the two-year legislative cycle, we are currently working on obtaining a chief author in both the House and Senate with the goal of having our bill introduced before the end of this session. We are striving to get a Republican chief author from both the House and Senate and then diversify our approach with Democratic co-authors. Our remaining goals of the current legislative session, into the summer and fall is to meet with our legislators and stakeholders so that we can both maintain and develop positive and supportive relationships prior to next session.”

(Respectfully submitted by Todd Schwartzberg, M.Ed., MT-BC, Chair State Recognition Task Force & Melissa Spiess (previously Hirokawa), M.M., MTBC, MTAM Government Relations Chair)

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Minnesota State Report (continued)

National Roster internship sites & Educational institutions

The following facilities and organizations offer national roster internship programs in the state of Minnesota, including a new site at Lifeworks Services, Inc. in Eagan, MN directed by Jamie Fendler, MT-BC, approved this year!

- Allina Health Hospice, St. Paul, MN
- Good Samaritan Society – Special Care Community, Robbinsdale, MN
- Lifeworks Services, Inc. – Eagan, MN
- Park Nicollet Health Service, Minneapolis, MN
- Woodbury Health Care Center, Woodbury, MN

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

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

Public Relations

PR chair Jennifer Hicks posts regularly on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Her posts help connect MTAM members with other music therapists around the country, highlight conference details (including the fact that 12 MN music therapists are presenting at GLR this year!), opportunities for scholarships and grants, and activities of students and other MN music therapy small groups. Jen also helped MTAM order new pens and notepads earlier this year.

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

Special Events

A fundraising event was held this fall for former MTAM President and state AMTA delegate, Peter Meyer who suffered health issues last year. Another fundraising event featuring the Better Than Karaoke Band is being planned for Barbara (Babs) Sperling on April 23 at the Viking Bar in Minneapolis to help defer healthcare costs.

Future Business

The Executive Board will send out proposals for By-Law revisions that will be voted on by membership at our upcoming spring conference. Elections will be held this fall for a new Executive Board to begin in January 2018. To help us transition, this Board plans to finish a Policies and Procedures manual to help pass along knowledge about Board positions and other information not covered by the By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Klein, MT-BC
MTAM President



Ohio State Report

Lindsey Holmes Doty

- Membership: Professional: 70
 Student: 16
 Total: 86
- The state task force remains active in pursuing licensure in Ohio. Members are encouraged to invite your legislators to observe sessions.
- AOMT offers 2 annual conference scholarships for professionals (\$100 for GLR and \$400 for AOMT) in addition to the 2 internship scholarships. See the website for details and be sure to apply in order to take advantage of these opportunities. Information including scholarship opportunities and deadlines are also communicated regularly via email and social media.
- AOMT continues to work to set up regional networking events for Ohio music therapists in response to requests from a survey sent within the past year. If you are interested in helping organize networking events in your region, please email president@aomt.org.
- Continuing education events in the past year include:
 - On June 4 in Columbus, Tracy Richardson, PhD, MT-BC, presented: Going the Distance: Revving Up Your Clinical Songwriting and Accompanying Skills, with 21 professionals and students in attendance.
 - On October 1 in Dayton, Julie Palmieri, MM, MT-BC presented: Your Online Presence: What Music Therapists Should Know about Websites, Social Media, Ethics, and Technology, with 17 professionals and students in attendance.
 - Our first low-cost CMTE event occurred on February 25th at the Cleveland Clinic. It was presented by Dwyer Conklyn and was entitled, “Evidence Based Practice: Understanding, Integrating, and Implementing All Aspects of Your Practice.” This CMTE was a third CMTE event added to support a request from members for a third continuing education event annually. In addition, it was offered at an extremely low cost for members (\$15 for 5 CMTE credits) in an effort to give back to our membership.
 - AOMT hosts a bi-annual state conference which will be held in Columbus in fall 2017. Vice President Amy Foley will be providing additional details regarding save the date and call for papers at this time.
- AOMT brochures are available for members to use at various advocacy events. Contact pr@aomt.org for more information.
- AOMT.org continues to receive regular updates and now features online registration for membership, conferences and CMTEs. A member’s only section houses PR materials and other membership perks.
- Ohio is currently home to 13 active national roster internship sites
- AOMT is currently looking for individuals to serve as historian and scholarship chair. Please email Lindsey Holmes Doty at president@aomt.org if you are interested in serving.
- The membership drive for 2017 has concluded, but it’s not too late to join. You can now join and pay online. Membership is free to those in their first year in the profession or for those new to the state. A list of membership benefits can be found at aomt.org

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Holmes Doty, MT-BC
AOMT President



Wisconsin State Report

Rebecca Frize

Welcome GLR-AMTA members and others to Wisconsin for the Regional Conference in Milwaukee. We are excited to host this year and hope everyone is having a great time!!

March is Music Therapy Month in Wisconsin. Governor Scott Walker has declared March as Music Therapy Month for 2017. As part of Music Therapy Month, packets of information on music therapy, press release ideas and other ways to share our profession were sent to the members of WCMT with the Proclamation from the state to post on display in our Annual newsletter.

Our current membership is 48 professionals, 6 students/interns and 2 retired professionals for a total of 56 members as of March 2017. Our numbers do fluctuate due to our current system of renewal online and is being looked at going forward to maintain memberships year to year. Therapists are also connecting with others around the state in dinners/luncheons to network and encourage others to join if they are not members.

CMTE opportunities: September of 2016 was in Fond du Lac and held a workshop on Literacy and will be holding Hill Day in April of 2017. Alverno also held a two-day workshop in February of 2017 with great turn-out.

WCMT held an Executive Board Meeting in January to discuss positions that need to be filled and updates to the website. There are two current positions open that we are working on filling including Clinical Practice and Fundraiser Chairs. We had some discussion about Conference in March in Milwaukee and what the E-board could do to support the co-chairs of the conference.

Some discussion was held regarding Carroll College's new music therapy program that is still waiting for final AMTA approval. Excitement is brewing knowing we will have more students spreading the word on Music Therapy and the expansion of internships and new employees down the road. It is great to get more than one school offering the program again in WI!!

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

Our next General Business Meeting will be at Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Frize, MT-BC
WCMT President



Student Affairs Advisory Board Report

Abigail Prochaska & Katie Fitch

1. GLR Passages 2017 occurred on March 16th, 2017 from 1-5pm during GLR Conference in Milwaukee, WI. This year, the executive board recorded Passages and this recording will be posted on our GLR-AMTAS YouTube channel. The GLR executive board continued to incorporate new activities for student networking. John Hartman, MT-BC from Milwaukee Center for Independence in Milwaukee, WI was the Keynote Speaker. He discussed the importance of diagnostic differentiation, motivated students to really understand client diagnoses, and challenged them to rise to the many challenges we can face as music therapists.
2. The Gift of Music Grant 2017 was awarded to two private practices in the Great Lakes Region. This year we quadrupled our applicants from 3 last year to 12 this year! It was a tough decision process so we decided to choose two winners for this grant. The winners of this grant were Kay Luedtke-Smith from Do Re Me Music Therapy in Minnesota and Amy Schaack from Life in Harmony Music Therapy in Wisconsin.
3. The Music Therapy Beat was the new project for the 2016-2017 year and was successful. Each month the executive board and one school in the region put together this newsletter. It consists of a video newsletter, things happening in the region, scholarship opportunities or other opportunities, and a podcast created by a school in the region. All of our newsletters can be found on our website glramtas.weebly.com/the-music-therapy-beat.html
4. At national conference, GLR-AMTAS held a Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser to raise money for the Gift of Music grant and student scholarships at GLR Conference in March 2017. Through this we raised enough money to provide \$200 to 2 private practice owners in the GLR through the GLR-AMTAS Gift of Music Grant and enough to provide 3 scholarships to GLR students for conference registration reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Prochaska
GLR AMTAS President

Katie Fitch, MT-BC
GLR AMTA Student Advisor

Website Report

Julie Palmieri

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

GLR WEBSITE

By visiting us online, you'll see:

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

NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

USERNAMES & PASSWORDS - COMING SOON

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

We currently have 937 Facebook Likes, 578 Tweeters, and 220 Instagrammers on GLR's social media.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Academic Program Approval Report

Lalene Kay

- The APAC continues to review academic programs seeking re-approval (every 10 years) as well as new programs seeking initial approval to offer Bachelors and Masters degrees as well as Equivalency programs.
- During the 2016 AMTA conference, the APAC submitted motions to the Assembly to clarify education requirements for fulltime undergraduate and graduate faculty members as well as policy guidance for maintaining confidentiality of supervision.
- Certain APAC members are currently involved in revising application procedures for approval of graduate programs and distance programs. Considering the possibility of online submissions in the near future.
- On-going discussion and communication with AIAC concerning relationship of curricular clinical training and the internship. Each regional and national conference, the APAC and AIAC collaborate to host a roundtable for educators and internship directors to enhance communications, clarify procedures, ask questions, and share common concerns.

Programs approved since last conference:

Concordia University (Nebraska) - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy

Florida Gulf Coast University - Bachelor of Music Therapy

Wartburg College - Master of Arts in Music Therapy

West Virginia University - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy

Programs re-approved since last conference:

Arizona State University - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy and the Master of Music in Music Therapy

East Carolina University - Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy and Equivalency in Music Therapy program

Respectfully submitted,

Lalene Kay, M.M., ACC, MT-BC
GLR Representative to the AMTA APAC

Clinical Practice Networking Report

Lee Anna Rasar

1. Clinical Practice Networking Committee representatives continue to expand networking and mentoring opportunities by organizing and supporting networking events at regional conferences.
2. At the national conference the Clinical Practice Networking Committee joined forces with the Standards of Clinical Practice Committee to facilitate a vibrant and constructive Clinical Practice Networking Luncheon. More than 110 professional and student participants attended and engaged in lively dialogues within 12 different practice areas.
3. To maximize engagement of attendees in networking at the annual conference, we plan to propose a motion to reformulate the clinical practice networking session to utilize a concurrent session timeslot.
4. Please report any networking or mentoring opportunities occurring in the region to your Clinical Practice Networking Committee regional representative, so that we can help support and keep track of such events.
5. All regions are requested to host Clinical Practice Networking sessions at the regional conferences. We hosted a networking luncheon for these populations at our Milwaukee conference with good attendance and spirited sharing times: Hospice/Palliative Care; Medical; Early Childhood; Autism Spectrum Disorder/IDD; Mental Health/Forensics/Addictions; Private Practice; Gerontology; and New Professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Communications & Technology Report

Julie Palmieri

- The Technology Committee has been working on uploading more technology tutorials in the AMTA Tech Stop.

- We are always looking for ways that we can support the membership in terms of technology.
 - We've received requests for more information about digital record keeping, ethics and technology, as well as the emergence of telehealth. We are hoping to cover these topics by offering tutorials in the Tech Stop, as well as offering information at national conferences.

- We are continuing to reach out to tech savvy members and presenters to add to our specialist list.

Look for us online at the AMTA Tech Stop:

AMTA Tech Stop: http://www.musictherapy.org/members/amta_tech_stop/

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC

GLR-AMTA Communications & Technology Representative

Continuing Education Report

Kristen Lueck

At the 63rd Annual conference of the GLR in April 2016 4 Institutes for 58 credits were offered. 7 CMTE's with 35 potential credits were offered. Since the last official meeting of the Great Lakes Region in Indianapolis, Indiana during the spring, the region has co-sponsored 7 CMTE courses making another **63 CMTE credits** under the GLR provider number. The CMTEs are as follows:

Going the Distance: Revving Up Your Clinical Songwriting and Accompanying Skills presented by Tracy Richardson, PhD., MT-BC for 5 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA – June 4, 2016.

Using Music to Improve Literacy and Communication Skills presented by Kathy Schumacher, MT-BC for 8 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Wisconsin Chapter for Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA- September 10, 2016.

MATADOC- The Music Therapy Tool for Assessment in Disorders of Consciousness Training presented by Wendy Magee PhD, MT-BC for 21 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by Illinois Association for Music Therapy, NW Medicine and Central DuPage Hospital in cooperation with GLR-AMTA- September 30-October 2, 2016.

Music Therapy and ABA: An Introduction to Assessment, Treatment Planning and Collaboration presented by Jordan Blitz Novak, MT-BC for 3 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Association for Indiana Music Therapy in cooperation with the GLR-AMTA- September 24, 2016.

Your Online Presence: What Music Therapists Should Know About Websites, Social Media, Ethics and Technology for 5 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with GLR-AMTA – October 1, 2016.

Imagery and Music: It's Uses as Deep Therapy and for Deep Relaxation presented by Louise Dimiceli-Mitran, MA, MT-BC, LCPC, FAMI for 16 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by Alverno College in cooperation with GLR-AMTA- February 18-19, 2017.

Evidence Based Practice: Understanding, Integrating and Implementing All Aspects into Your Practice presented by Dwyer Conklyn, MM, MT-BC for 5 credits. This CMTE was sponsored by the Association of Ohio Music Therapists in cooperation with GLR-AMTA – February 25, 2017.

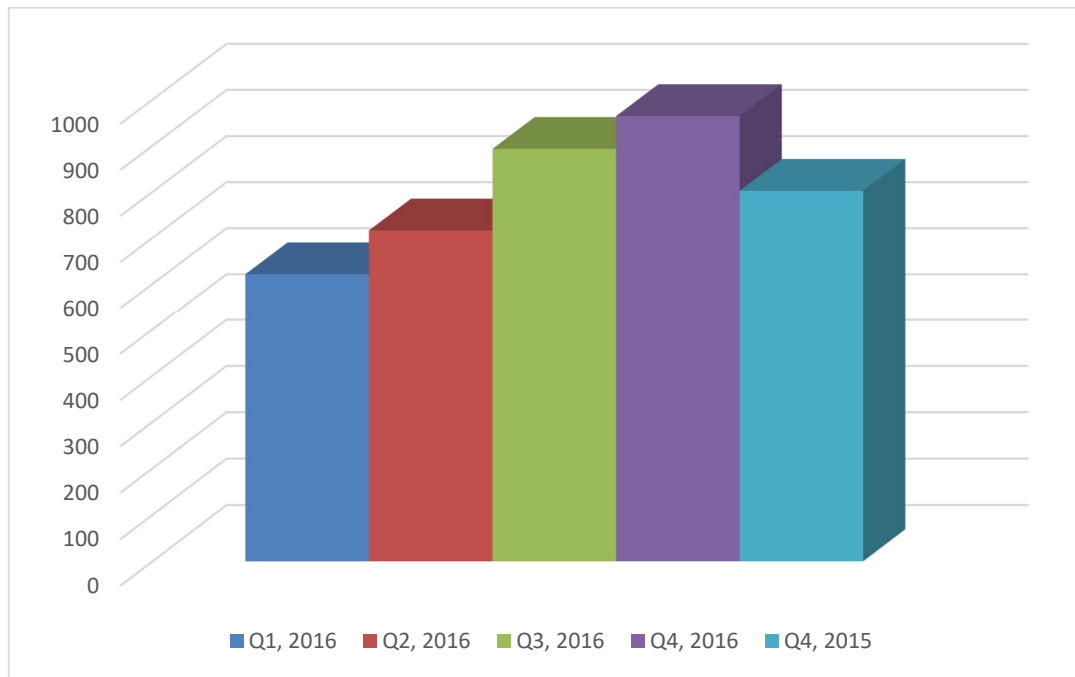
As the GLR Continuing Education Chair I will attend meetings at this conference and be available to proctor if needed. I will assist the conference chairs with online evaluation results and online certificate distribution. For information in regards to offering an approved CMTE with GLR please contact Kristen Lueck at music.kristen@gmail.com or 651.447.9433.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Lueck, MT-BC
GLR-AMTA Continuing Education Representative

Membership Report

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton



1st quarter (2016) = 621

2nd quarter (2016) = 716

3rd quarter (2016) = 893

4th quarter (2016) = 964

4th quarter (2015) = 802

4th quarter (2016) new members = 63

Grad Student- 2

Professional- 13

Student- 48

4th quarter membership category totals:

Affiliate- 4

Associate- 3

Grad Student- 88

Honorary Life- 9

Inactive- 0

Life- 1

Patron- 0

Professional- 552

Retired- 14

Student- 239

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, MA, MT-BC

GLR-AMTA Membership Committee Representative

Professional Advocacy Committee Report Jessica De Villers

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

Efforts include:

- The executive board has charged the committee with initiating a decision tree infographic that can help promote workflow when cases of misrepresentation occur. They are currently being submitted for proper vetting and should be published on website soon.
- We continue to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues.
- The committee manages and maintains a resource file of responses and 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.
- Several representatives of the PAC will be presenting at regional conferences. The presentation focuses on how to handle misrepresentation in an articulate and clearly understood manner.
 - **GLR_AMTA Conference Presentation, Saturday March 18th, 2017: *From Misrepresentation to Outstanding Opportunity: Growth Mindset and the Advocacy Champion.***

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reimbursement Report

Kyle Fleming

Two important updates from the Reimbursement committee:

- We are continuing to work on a major reimbursement survey that will be sent out around April 1. The survey will cover multiple areas of insurance reimbursement, as well as address specific concerns related to different populations and practices.
- We are also in the process of developing a series of webinars that will address a variety of reimbursement topics. These webinars will be led by members of the reimbursement committee and will be held quarterly. More information will be available soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Fleming, MT-BC
GLR Regional Representative, Reimbursement Committee

General Business Meeting Minutes

March 17-18, 2017

Milwaukee, WI

I. Call to order

Larisa called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

II. Approval of agenda

Debra Burns made a motion to approve the agenda. Leslie Henry seconded this motion. The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of minutes from Sandusky, OH (November 2016)

Jennifer Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes. Jessica Josefczyk seconded this motion. The minutes were approved.

IV. Elected Officer Reports:

a. President: Larisa McHugh

Memorial Tribute: Time was spent in reflection of those who are no longer with us. Leslie Henry offered honors for Frederick Michael Holmes, a Wisconsin music therapist. A moment of silence was also extended to recognize Mike Holmes.

President's Report: Larisa shared that her report will be included in the next issue of the Voice of the Lakes and focused on highlighting the Strategic Plan. Larisa shared that the Executive Committee had a productive meeting and spent the morning working on the strategic plan for the GLR. The strategic plan helped to bring the Mentor Program to fruition. Larisa invited the mentor program team to share a few highlights.

Jeffrey Wolfe, Angie Snell, and Terra Merrill spoke about the GLR Mentorship Program.

Terra shared that one way to serve the profession is to make a connection with one other person as a guide and as a more knowledgeable individual in your area. Being a mentor is a small way to serve the profession but has an enormous ripple effect. The mentorship program now has 23 experienced mentors who are willing to help others. What the mentorship program is lacking is mentees. When a poll was conducted, 93% of respondents affirmed they would like to have a mentor, so the desire exists. Thus far, most of the individuals who have reached out for mentorship have felt an urgent sense of need or discomfort. Terra encouraged everyone to reach out and be proactive before getting to an urgent place.

Jeff presented the group with an opportunity based on this reflection. He challenged anyone wanting to be mentored to stand up and remain standing. Approximately 20 individuals stood. He then had the existing mentors stand and announce their areas of focus and specialty. Those interested in mentorship were asked to come to the back of the room at the end of the meeting to network with the mentors.

Larisa stated it has been an honor to represent the GLR and to work with such a fine group of talented, caring, professionals on the executive committee.

b. Past President: Lisa Gallagher

Lisa's report is in the Voice. The GLR Membership Support Fund is to assist members in the region who may be experiencing temporary financial struggles.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Lisa serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee and has compiled a list of nominees for the Assembly of Delegates. At the second General Business Meeting nominees will be accepted from the floor.

Nominations for Assembly of Delegates

- o Sharon Boyle (IN)
- o Ed Gallagher (OH)
- o Lisa Gallagher (OH)
- o Jennifer Jones (IL)
- o Pete Meyer (MN)
- o Melaine Pohlman (IL)
- o Lee Anna Rasar (WI)
- o Tracy Richardson (IN)
- o Cindy Ropp (IL)
- o Todd Schwartzberg (MN)
- o Michael Silverman (MN)
- o Angie Snell (MI)
- o Melissa (Hirokawa) Spiess (MN)
- o Jody Stark (MI)
- o Mary Stryck (WI)
- o Jeff Wolfe (IL)

The following nominations were received from the floor during Saturday's business meeting:

- o Kristen Lindaman (IL)
- o Lindsey Rossmiller (IL)
- o Allison Gunnink (IL)
- o Emily Sevcik (IL)
- o Bernadette Skodack (MI)
- o Kellie Hansen (MI)
- o Terra Merrill (MI)
- o Jennifer Fiore (MI)
- o Rebecca Findley Barnard (MI)
- o Julie Palmieri (MI)

Debbie Bates, as the new President, will automatically be seated on the Assembly.

A motion to close nominations was made by Ellen Rayfield and seconded by Kay Ludke Smith. The motion carried.

c. President Elect: Debbie Bates

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, which will be presented at the luncheon during this conference. This year, we had five nominees for the service award and had to cast tie-breaking votes.

Bylaws- Debbie completed the comparison of AMTA and GLR bylaws and found no significant differences and has no bylaws revisions to present at this time.

Special Projects – We have two types of Special Projects: the MUSE Fund (Musical instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services and Education) and the Research Fund. Application and descriptions of the funds are on the website and included in the Voice of the Lakes. There were a record breaking number of applications this year (3 research and 4 MUSE applications). The winners were not announced during the meeting, due to pending notification of the winners. 2016 GLR MUSE Fund recipient Lee Anna Rasar will be talking about her Steel Pan Tenor Drum in clinical practice project at this conference

d. Vice President: Rebecca Findley Barnard (presented report in conjunction with VP Elect, Melaine Pohlman)

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

A new system is being utilized. For those who have attended an institute or CMTE session, certificates are being sent via SurveyMonkey. A few people have had some challenges with the process. If you attended a CMTE the emails have not been sent yet. Be sure to check your email account to ensure you have not blocked messages from SurveyMonkey or GLR, or you won't receive conference evaluations or certificates.

Melaine spoke about the current conference. Registration breakdown is as follows: 494 Registrants (272 professionals, 206 students). Conference registrants are from 14 states. CMTE attendance was good, with 141 participating in all and 32 attending one-day institutes. Ten high school students attended the A Future in Music Therapy program. Passages was well-attended, with 42 pre-registered and more registering on-site. Sponsorship totaled \$5525 and they are looking to build long-term sponsorship opportunities for multiple years. The room block was filled and the conference planners met the food and beverage minimum of \$20,000. There was an increase in registration costs: Thank you to everyone for being open to this. Any extra income will be used for future conferences

Melaine and Rebecca thanked the co-chairs, conference committees, and the hotel.

- e. Vice President Elect: Melaine Pohlman
- f. Secretary: Lindsey Doty (Report given by Amy Foley)
No report – please submit your reports to the Dropbox if you have not already done so.
- g. Treasurer: Stephanie Harris

A slideshow was used to present financial reports.

For CMTEs, please have the updated forms to Kristen and please note that the address for payment has changed

The executive board worked hard on executive board budget. Stephanie will work to put it together for a final vote

V. State Representative Reports:

- a. Illinois: Allison Gunnink
The full report can be found in the Voice. The organization is in good financial standing. The website is all new for ADA compliance. The MT advisory board continues to look at title protection but there is an extreme cost related. They are now a non-profit organization.
- b. Indiana: Morgan Sparks
The full report can be found in the Voice. An entirely new board will take office on Saturday.
- c. Michigan: Kellee Coviak- Hansen
The full report can be found in the voice. MMT will be hosting GLR 2018 in Ypsilanti, MI.

They are currently working on their membership drive. A save the date was mentioned for a spring workshop on May 13. The task force was re-energized this past January. They are redoing the work force survey and will be summarizing the results into a current fact sheet. A Hill Day will be held soon.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

d. Minnesota: Claire Klein

The full report can be found in the Voice. A spring conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. A membership sale is going on for new members and students. Scholarship opportunities are often underutilized. Please check them out and apply. The task force is starting a 2-year cycle and is working on getting a bill with a republican author. There is a new national roster internship site in the state (5 NR sites total). The association has new bylaws and a new procedure manual. There are new sections on the website, including "MT in the News" and a calendar. There will not be a state meeting at this conference but please join us for a networking session.

e. Ohio: Lindsey Doty (Report given by Amy Foley)

The full report can be found in the Voice. We will be having state conference September 8-9 in Columbus. The call for papers has been announced and is due May 1st to vicepresident@aomt.org. We will not be having a formal state meeting at this conference, but any people from Ohio are welcome to join us for an informal networking meeting and to discuss upcoming conference assistance.

f. Wisconsin: Rebecca Frize

The full report can be found in the Voice. Wisconsin is busy working on planning conferences and scheduling a Hill Day. March is music therapy month in Wisconsin, with a proclamation from the governor.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports:

a. Archivist: Ed Roth

Anything submitted to the archives will be welcome.

b. Editor: Andy Panayides

March 26 is the deadline for reports to Dropbox. Any updates for the reports need to be done by that point.

c. Student Advisor: Katie Fitch

Will continue to work together with the student representative to serve the organization.

d. Student Representative: Abbey Prochaska

Students at Alverno College have offered a Gift of Music grant to private practices in the region of up to \$400 to fund instruments and clients, etc. They struggled with picking just one winner, so selected two: Kay Luedtke-Smith and Amy Shack. A lip sync battle was held at national conference to fund students and the Gift of Music grant. A decision was made to combine newsletters and podcasts as one video to send to schools and students within the region. All newsletters can be found on the GLR AMTAS website. Passages took place on Thursday from 1-5pm. 50 students attended, with 4 student presenters. Throughout the weekend, they have been fundraising at their booth in the exhibit hall as well as with a lip sync battle. \$400 was raised this weekend. A new board will be elected on this date.

e. Website Coordinator: Julie Palmieri

Please visit our website. Please check spam folders or contact the website/Julie to see why you may not be receiving the newsletters. Julie is working to have a member portal which would provide members with their own username and password. Our current social media statistics: 937 Facebook likes, 578 Twitter followers, 220 Instagram followers.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Academic Program Approval: Lalene Kay

No report given at conference.

b. Association Internship Approval: Kay Luedtke-Smith

There are currently 38 internship sites, one inactive, three in division, and two new sites. Kay presented awards to Wisconsin music therapy national roster internship sites. Certificates will be mailed to these sites.

c. Communications & Technology: Julie Palmieri

Julie is uploading more tutorials to the tech stop on musictherapy.org. In addition, the tech stop portion of the site will also include tips on how to set privacy settings on social media, iTunes playlists, etc. Julie has been receiving requests for tutorials on digital record keeping, ethics, technology, HIPAA compliance, and telehealth.

d. Continuing Education: Kristen Lueck

No report given at conference.

e. Standards of Practice: Jennifer Fiore

We are looking at updating the Standards of Practice and looking at supporting documents at AMTA and CBMT to see how we can guide this process and make the SoP more relevant. If you have any input, please let them know.

f. Research: Annie Heiderscheit

No report given at conference.

g. Government Relations: Angie Snell

This will be Angie's last government relations report as chair. Nancy Swanson is stepping into the role. Angie took a moment to recognize the government relations and state task force chairs and committees for the important work they do on local issues. Please consider joining your task force and getting involved. If you're not sure what to do call the government relations representative.

Larisa asked that the members recognize Angie for her years of service in this role.

h. Reimbursement: Kyle Fleming

Please defer to the Voice for full report. One current focus is a major reimbursement survey that will cover a lot of different areas, including private practice, facilities, Medicaid, etc. They are working to develop a series of webinars that will address types of reimbursement. This would be held quarterly.

i. Affiliate Relations: Ann Hannan

AR is in charge of the fact sheets and revamping them. There will be two levels of the fact sheets (a research version and a one page version). Fact sheets will hopefully be presented in November. They are working closely with Judy Simpson and Rebecca Preddi for people who have hill days. If you receive an email you've been asked to answer questions as an expert in your field. If you did not receive an email but think you should have, please ask Ann.

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

j. Workforce Development & Retention: Laura Brown
No report given

k. International Relations: Roberta Kagin
Recognition was given to Dr. Dale Taylor. The 2nd edition of his book Biomedical Foundations is being translated into Spanish. The Vibra-acoustic Conference in Finland had 14 countries represented. World Congress is in Japan first week of July. A music therapy camp will be held in China this summer. All in attendance were encouraged to step up international relations.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lisa Gallagher. Michael Silverman seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm on Friday.

General Business Meeting II March 18th, 2017

Call to Order: On Saturday, the meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Larisa.

Second day reports were given by Jennife Fiore, Angie Snell, Kyle Fleming, Rachael Lawrence-Lupton, Katie Fitch, and Abbey Prochaska but listed in the normal order of the agenda.

GLR-AMTAS began the meeting by presenting a song.

a. Membership: Rachael Lawrence-Lupton
Please refer to the Voice for the full report. As of Wednesday, we were at 611 members. We have started the phone membership drive. This year, students from EMU, St Mary of the Woods, and maybe some from Western Michigan are helping. If you are a professor and involved in the student organization, please get in touch so the students can help out connecting with MTs in their state.

b. Professional Advocacy: Leslie Henry for Jessica DeVillers
Please find Jessica if you have any issues in your area.

c. Clinical Practice Networking: Lee Anna Rasar
Defer to the voice for the full report.

d. Diversity and Multiculturalism: Peter Meyer
Defer to the voice for the full report. This is a new committee. They are working on creating cultural sensitivity programs at conferences and encouragement through undergrad and grad studies. They are also working to increase diversity in the field.

VIII. Old Business

a. Mentor Program
Occurred during Larisa's report the first day

IX. New Business

a. Assembly Elections
Occurred during Lisa's report on the first day

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General Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

b. GLR 2018:

Rebecca Findlay spoke about upcoming regional conferences. GLR 2018 will be held on April 11-15, 2018 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The conference will be held at the Eagle Crest Conference Center (Marriot). Rates are \$159/night and include free parking. Conference co-chairs include Bernadette Skodack, Laurel Rosen-Weatherford, and Kellee Coviak Hansen. GLR 2019 will be held in Ohio. Three co-chairs were approved at this conference and include Amy Foley, Brittany Scheer, and Tanya Corso. Rebecca shared that GLR has started working with Helms Briscoe, a company that has been used to help us find hotels for conferences. The reasons for using them include the fact that they have bargaining power and can use this to help us narrow down choices that will meet our specific needs. AMTA uses this company.

X. Updates/Announcements and Adjournment

Larisa announced that the 2017 AMTA Scholarship and Grant Review Committee is seeking reviewers for applications. If anyone is interested in assisting with this process please contact Larisa McHugh or Debbie Bates.

Leslie Henry shared that Alverno College is conducting a search for director of music therapy for their graduate program. The link for this job posting can be found on their website. In addition, Leslie has paper copies of the job description. They plan to launch this program in 2018.

Tracy Richardson shared that, this summer at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, courses are open to people who are not in the program. One of these courses is advanced improvisation, instructed by Alan Turry. This course will be intensive and will run from June 6-11. Please email Tracy if you are interested and have questions.

Debbie Bates recognized Larisa with a gift to thank for service and time. Larisa stated it has been an honor to serve this fine region and to work with such talented, caring, fabulous professionals. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leslie Henry. Jennifer Hicks seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

Useful Links

Highlights from 2016 Annual Board of Directors' Meeting

http://www.musictherapy.org/highlights_from_2016_annual_board_of_directors_meeting/?pg=2

GREAT LAKES REGION RECOGNITION AWARDS

<http://www.glr-amta.org/about-glr-2/past-glr-award-recipients/>

Scholarship Opportunities for AMTA Members

<https://www.musictherapy.org/careers/scholars/>

Support Music Therapy Just By Shopping Online

https://www.musictherapy.org/support_music_therapy_just_by_shopping_online/

WELCOME TO THE GLR-AMTA MENTORING PROGRAM

<http://www.glr-amta.org/members-only/mentoring/>

At the request of the GLR-AMTA Treasurer, a copy of the GLR-AMTA sponsored CMTE Billing form is also included in this issue of the Voice. It may be found on Page 40.

Application for Membership Support

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

Procedure and Timeline:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

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

Amount Requested: _____

Time Sensitive? (circle one) Yes/no

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

Special Projects

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

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

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

Members interested in conducting music therapy research are encouraged to apply for the Research fund. Projects that are considered to be research are those that collect various types of data for the purpose of answering a research question

that may or may not directly impact a specific client. These include master's theses, dissertations, and other studies where publication or presentation is the

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desired format for distributing results. All applicants proposing research involving human participants must have clearance by to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Human Subjects Review Board (HSRB). The GLR Executive Board will consider only those research proposals that have such a mechanism in place for protection of human participants. Research that is approved by the GLR Executive Board will receive funding only after the applicant/researcher provides written proof of IRB/HSRB approval.

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

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

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

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

4. Applicants will be notified within 30 days after a GLR or AMTA conference regarding the GLR Executive Board's decision.

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

Special Projects Fund Application

Special Projects is a mechanism by the Great Lakes Region for members to support clinical projects, research projects or committee-related projects. Funding has been used to cover some expenses related to travel costs, materials, testing measures, or computer time. Funding is typically not approved for stipends. Funding is available in two categories: the MUSE Fund (Musical Instruments and supporting materials, clinical Services, Education) and the Research Fund. Each fund has a specific purpose, protocol, and eligibility requirements. Persons interested in any type of research or conducting a project directly related to clinical practice are encouraged to apply.

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

Name:

Address, City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

Title of Project:

Which Fund Applying For: MUSE Fund Research Fund

Name of Agency in which Project Funds will be used:

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

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

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

Signature:

Date:

(Date)

**GLR-AMTA
Continuing Education Activities**

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

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

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