

MTAM Board Meeting
7/27/10 – 6:00 p.m. – University Specialty Center

Present: Elizabeth, Pete, Danielle, Rebecca, Bridget, Erin, Sarah

Absent: Veronica, Katie, Alisa, Todd, Melissa, U of MN and Augsburg student reps

I. Pete moved to call the meeting to order; Bridget seconded; motion approved.

II. Danielle moved to approve the prior meeting's minutes; Pete seconded; motion approved.

III. Elizabeth described proposed changes to the MTAM bylaws and constitution and posed several questions:

i. Article III – Use lawyer's language about record-keeping? Allows for more flexibility, particularly if MTAM were to gain an office.

ii. Article VIII, Sec 3 – says newsletter editor is an elected position. Erin clarified that this is an appointed position. Does editor give a report for the GLR newsletter? Elizabeth said she's been contacted directly in the past. Elizabeth will speak to Todd (current GLR newsletter editor).

iii. Article XII – fiscal management – Board will review and email comments to Elizabeth since this is a new section.

iv. Lawyer suggested putting information on dissolution of the organization in the Articles of Incorporation rather than the bylaws.

IV. Elizabeth suggested highlighting main points for MTAM membership when the new bylaws are presented for a vote.

V. Rebecca asked if there was any description of the member-at-large position. Bridget stated it may not be needed since the name describes the position and it has no additional duties.

VI. Bridget moved that the board review the bylaws and email Elizabeth with comments, with the intent of putting changes to a membership vote soon; Pete seconded; motion approved.

VII. Bridget asked if we need a way for members to give broad feedback about the bylaws, particularly before they are put to a vote. Board discussed an open text box question in the survey monkey vote. Bridget suggested eliciting feedback from Amy Furman since she is familiar with these proceedings on a national (AMTA) level. Sarah will include information on the bylaw change/non-profit status process in the next email to the MTAM membership. Rebecca asked if there was a way to ask the membership if they would like more input in the process. Board discussed the fact that meetings are not closed and members are free to attend.

VIII. Danielle asked if anyone had followed up on last meeting's speaker suggestions. Pete reported that Dr. Silverman is willing to present on guitar techniques (available 10/9, 10/16, 11/6) and Tracy is willing to present on songwriting (available 10/9, 10/16) for \$250 speaker fee and travel expenses. Board discussed pros and cons of having multiple speakers. Erin noted we may need to ask only local speakers if conference is to have 3 separate tracks. Board noted that perhaps Tracy could incorporate piano techniques into her presentation to address additional membership needs from 2009 assessment. Further suggestions included having just one main presenter (Tracy) with several assistants who could facilitate breakout sessions geared toward specific instruments. Pete will follow up with Tracy to determine feasibility of this plan and to discuss dates.

IX. Pete stated 3 applications for the MTAM stipend have been received and 2 more have expressed intent to apply. Board members identified conflicts of interest in the voting process and affected board members will excuse themselves from the voting process. Bridget noted that the Fairview internship is being re-activated in 2011.

X. Erin stated there will be a newsletter going out soon that will include information on the fall conference. Elizabeth will give a description, Erin will list simple facts in a separate section.

XI. Erin looked into MTAM being an exhibitor at other conferences and found that larger conferences (i.e. Care Providers) had prohibitively expensive fees. Erin will look into smaller conferences.

XII. Elizabeth would like to revisit comments from the membership from the March conference to make sure they are addressed prior to the fall conference. Rebecca will retrieve information from the minutes and

email information to the MTAM board. Sarah noted that the website will be undergoing some changes in the future and some of the suggestions may fit well with the update, such as adding a “members only” section to increase benefits of membership. Rebecca suggested adding/expanding a resources section.

XIII. Next meeting: Monday, August 23; 6:00 p.m.; University Specialty Center – Mpls, MN

XIV. Pete moved to adjourn the meeting; Rebecca seconded; motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Soderberg