

MTAM Meeting
3/27/10 – 3:15 p.m.
Augsburg College

Present: Elizabeth, Pete, Danielle, Veronica, Bridget, Sarah, Rebecca, Erin, Todd, Melissa
Absent: Alisa

Motion to begin the meeting by Danielle, seconded by Veronica.

- Officer Reports
- Elizabeth – Shared report from the GLR business meeting last weekend. GLR is working to define itself as an organization and will outline new goals and strategic plans this fall. Financial support is available to members whose jobs have been lost or hours have been cut (MT or spouse) so they can continue to attend conferences. Application can be found on the GLR website. Money is also available to fund research projects. GLR website is being overhauled. Illinois MTs recently tried to pass a bill that would allow MTs to be registered. Some confusion with physical and occupational therapists led to the bill being voted down. GLR and AMTA are working with Illinois MTs to lobby the government.
- Danielle – If you have suggestions for future conference topics, please email Danielle. Her email address can be found on the website.
- Rebecca – Minutes can be found on the MTAM website. Contact Rebecca if any clarification is needed.
- Veronica – Working on establishing a confirmation process for registrations that have been received. Products are available for sale (guitar picks, giant guitar picks, guitar straps, pens) – contact Veronica for pricing and ordering info. 3/27 conference had about 84 total attendees.
- Pete – Emails will be coming on getting to know your state legislator and how to educate them on music therapy. If anyone is interested in providing entertainment at future MTAM conferences, please contact Pete. It's a good opportunity to promote your group and sell merchandise.
- Sarah – We've transitioned to electronic communication using an email list. Contact Sarah with any news or information that should be put on the website or included in regular email updates. Coming soon: electronic registration with PayPal, press releases to local media outlets.
- Erin – Newsletter will be electronic from now on. Suggestion to update the private practice MT list. *Member suggested putting list on website would allow for more community access. Also we should specify population?* Elizabeth suggested a disclaimer that MTAM does not endorse any specific MT. *Member suggested considering changing the wording from "private practice" to "contract."* Erin intends to contact people on the current list to make sure they still want to be listed. Sarah will send out an email asking if additional MTs would like to be added. Todd suggested changing the membership form to have a check box that would allow MTs to request that their contact info be added to the list. *Member suggested organizing the list by region.* Sarah moved to post the list on the web, Pete seconded, and the motion carried.
- Melissa – Music therapy is not well-known in the MN legislature, which currently works to our advantage since so many services that have their own byline are being cut. If anyone is interested in being on the reimbursement task force, please contact Melissa. No special expertise in the area is required.
- Todd – April 19-24 is MN Music Therapy week. Lots of emails will be coming on MT week, as well as to gather some information on what we do. Melissa asked if we have an organized "Hill Day" – Todd said we're still deciding on it. *Member asked if the unallotment was reversed.* Todd said nothing has been reversed. Bridget noted that the GMAC passed, but we'll know more about what it means for MTs in 2 months.
- New Business
- *Member suggested putting podcasts of prior conferences on website.* Elizabeth said we have

recordings and Pete is working on archiving these recordings. Then we can list them on the website. *Member noted this may increase MTAM membership if they are available only to members.* Erin wondered if we should lend them freely since attending the conference requires paying a fee. Elizabeth said maybe since you can't get CMTE credits for the videos. Melissa noted that people can get self-study credits but it takes much more work than just attending the conference. Todd suggested checking with other states in the GLR to see how they handle recordings. Veronica said we began taping conferences so board members who handled registrations could see the entire conference. Elizabeth said we'll discuss this further at the next board meeting.

- *Member asked what percentage of MTs in MN are MTAM members.* Board members are not certain. Elizabeth said membership is at around 94.
- Sarah requested that membership tell board how MTAM membership could be more beneficial. Elizabeth noted that future conferences will have reduced rate for members again.
- *Member asked if we have networking groups for professional development and/or micro-workshops.* Bridget suggested contacting CBMT to see what type of help or suggestion they could offer. Elizabeth gave example of the hospice group that meets regularly. Melissa mentioned the NMT group (rotating presenters, open to all NMTs) and suggested Skype can be used, noted that CBMT could provide help. Elizabeth suggested that perhaps MTAM needs a continuing education committee.
- Pete moved to adjourn the meeting, Todd seconded, motion carried.