

MTAM Meeting – August 23, 2010 – 6pm
University Specialty Center

Present: Elizabeth, Pete, Erin, Rebecca, Sarah (and Melissa by phone)

Absent: Danielle, Veronica, Alisa, Bridget, Katie, Amy, Todd, Jenna, Hannah

I. Pete moved to call mtg to order; Erin seconded ; motion approved.

II. Pete moved to approve minutes; Erin seconded; motion approved.

III. Officer Reports

a. President –Elect: We have 5 stipend applications to review. Pete moved that we wait until Sarah arrives to review; Rebecca seconded; motion approved.

b. Newsletter – Erin presented draft of fall newsletter. Erin needs contact info for student reps. Rebecca will forward email with U of MN rep contact info; Pete gave Augsburg contact info. Newsletter will include info on Indian MT presentation and Children’s Hospice start-up. Newsletter will come out in mid-Sept in electronic form – emailed to membership and available on the website.

c. Reimbursement (Todd, in absentia) – He and Melissa have tried to connect about reimbursement. No apparent current legislative issues regarding MT. Would like to continue momentum of PFA – any interest in being on a committee for this?

d. Vice President (Danielle, in absentia) – Pete contacted Tracy regarding 10/9 conference. Augsburg has not responded about 10/9 availability. Danielle needs to know if she needs to contact additional presenters so she can move ahead with plans.

e. President – Elizabeth asked that the board be sure to add Amy Furman to the MTAM email list. Sarah will make an MTAM board email list on google groups. Sarah moved to do this, Elizabeth seconded, motion approved. Our Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the MN Secretary of State. \$70 made us our own official entity! Per the current MTAM bylaws, we will email proposed changes to bylaws to the membership for review 4 weeks prior to business meeting. Then we’ll vote at business meeting on 10/9. Elizabeth stated the IRS info is in progress. Veronica is working on the next 2 years budget.

f. Reimbursement – No update. Melissa asked about listing rooms for rent for interns on the MTAM site. Board suggested continuing to email internship directors.

IV. Fall Conference

a. Board discussed conference. Plan is for Tracy to present Songwriting with elements of improvisation and guitar/piano techniques. Sarah asked if members will know the purpose of tying the various elements together based on the Needs Assessment results. Elizabeth will address this in her column in the newsletter.

b. Sarah asked what the format of the day would look like. Erin talked about the 1-hour presentation she’d seen by Tracy. Breakout sessions given by Tracy (piano), Pete (guitar), Percussion (Bill). Pete will call Tracy to get a more detailed outline of the presentation. Board discussed just calling the presentation “songwriting” and not highlighting the improvisation elements since that may be confusing.

c. Normal conference rates to apply. Lunch went well last time with people distributing plates. We’ll highlight the lunch deadline on the registration form. Sarah will gather more info on electronic registration and will send info to MTAM board. This may coincide with website revamp – including “members only” area, online membership registration, online conference registration. Rebecca suggested going ahead with fall online reg, getting feedback from membership at conference. Pete suggested adding a section to the conference evaluation form. Pete moved to go ahead with pursuing online registration for fall conference; Erin seconded; motion approved.

d. Rebecca asked when business meeting would take place. Elizabeth said the beginning of the conference works fine – last time the meeting at the end was due to presenter needs. Sarah suggested giving 10-minute highlights of morning business meeting after lunch to increase interest in attending the meetings. No additional comments from membership will be feasible during highlights – they are for informational purposes only. Pete moved to do this; Erin seconded; motion approved. Elizabeth stated we plan to address

membership concerns at each business meeting.

V. Membership concerns from Spring conference

a. Feedback about private practice/contract list has been addressed. The list is currently on the MTAM website. They are not sorted by region, but that info is on the list.

b. Podcasts/Continuing education – what are we doing with the recordings? We’ve only had 1 request recently. Melissa said the AMTA podcasts are available to members only – perhaps a perk of membership. Sarah said that putting 5 hours of audio/video streaming on a website would be very difficult. Sarah suggested putting brief segments of video on the website so people can see a bit before checking it out. (Elizabeth noted that it would be good to have an archivist when Pete becomes President) Erin – will there be a fee for checking out the recording? Pete suggested \$20. Sarah said she didn’t think it could be more than \$10 since no CMTE credits are available. Rebecca mentioned Melissa’s prior comment about it being harder to get CMTEs as self-study. Melissa explained the umbrella group and independent study options for CMTE. Lessons, self-study, podcasts can be .25 hours based on every hour of study – a write-up is required. However, much of this is available in the info on the conference. Following discussion of CMTEs, board suggested \$25 since CMTEs are available and work will be involved to copy and ship the DVDs. Rebecca moved that we charge \$25; Pete seconded; motion approved. This will be in place when the website is revamped in the “members only” section.

c. Elizabeth read email letter from Kim Donley, which discussed trends she’s noticed in nursing home MT, where MTs are being supervised by professionals with contrary goals. Kim asked that MTAM draft a letter to the State, outlining MT care and goals. Elizabeth responded to Kim by email stating the board will discuss involvement, perhaps form a committee and work on a letter. Sarah noted concerns, particularly that other MTs in other work settings may have similar requests and we may be unable to meet needs of all groups. Erin suggested we continue to be advocates for all professions, but not necessarily “take on” the larger project. Melissa stated this sounds like a Government Relations issue – contact Todd and perhaps AMTA for guidance. Sarah suggested MTAM needs to define our role as advocates. Elizabeth noted that hospice has its own group, which is linked into hospice advocacy – similar to NMT group, meeting due to shared professional interests. Sarah said perhaps our role is connecting members together. Pete moved that we put this issue (advocacy) before the board at the MTAM conference meeting; Rebecca seconded; approved. Sarah will put info out in next email to MTAM asking for interested parties to respond. Elizabeth noted that Jenna Williams has expressed interest in this type of networking in the past and may be willing to lead this group. Todd will lead discussion at meeting about MTAM’s advocacy role.

VI. Stipend

a. Applications were received from 5 interested parties. Rebecca will take applications to review, then pass to Katie, who will give them to Sarah, who will give them to Veronica.

VII. Next Meeting – Monday, Sept 13 – 6:00pm at University Specialty Center.

VIII. Rebecca moved to adjourn; Pete seconded; motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Soderberg