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New England Region
General Membership Business Meeting
Water's Edge Resort and Spa, Westbrook, CT
April 4, 2014

Heather Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

In the interest of time, Heather will conduct the Business Meeting during the luncheon.

Heather welcomed everyone to the conference and the Business Meeting. Introductions were done. Heather thanked Alden Rockwell Murphy and Meg Capen for a great conference.

1. Approval of Minutes from General Business Meeting- 11/23/13- Heather reminded everyone that the minutes from the 11/23/2013 meeting were posted on the website. She asked for any corrections needed. Hearing none, Heather asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Linda Bosse moved to accept the minutes and Eve Montague seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes were approved.

2. NER Members Serving on the National Level-Heather announced that there are many NER members serving on the national level of AMTA:

Jean Nemeth- Vice President Elect- AMTA

Annette Whitehead Pleaux-Speaker of Assembly

Meredith Pizzi-Council Coordinator

Nancy Skaliotis-Chair of the Judicial Review Board

Jennifer Sokira- AMTA Ethics Board Representative, starting the second year of her first term

Linda Bosse- Parliamentarian of the Assembly

3. Assembly Delegates-Heather announced that there are 3 more Assembly Delegate Alternates needed. Heather asked the membership if anyone is interested. There will be an electronic vote in early May.

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4. State Task Force- Heather updated everyone on the progress within New England on the State Task Forces:

Rhode Island- Bill has recently passed

Massachusetts- The state survey has been sent out to the 217 music therapists in Massachusetts. This data will inform the state fact sheet. The committee presented a concurrent session at this conference for MA music therapists to explain the need and begin the formal process of advocacy.

Connecticut- Had a recent presentation in January at the HARTT School of Music

5. New England Region Communications Update- Jennifer Sokira reported on the Communications Update:

The Muse- our newsletter has gone electronic and is on the website
Platforms for Communication: Website, Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
and E-Newsletter

NER Website- Was recently updated- check it out

New E-Mail Service- Mail Chimp

Bekah DeMieri has agreed to coordinate social media for NER

6. AMTA News- Heather shared information from AMTA:

*Membership- It is very important that members of our region join AMTA. The membership was asked to encourage others to join AMTA.

*The Journals are an important benefit. AMTA has recently partnered with Oxford University Press to publish the Journals.

* Scholarships/Grants- Heather announced that there are many scholarships and grants available to the NER General Membership. Everyone is encouraged to use them.

*2014 National Conference- The 2014 National AMTA Conference is scheduled for Nov. 4-8 in Louisville, Kentucky.

7. NER-AMTAS- Christine Routhier (SAAB)- Recognized the NER-AMTAS Student

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Body Officers:

President- Katie Olsen

President-Elect- Dalita Getzoyan

Anna Maria VP- Karin Robinson

Berklee- VP- Skye Bennett

Lesley VP- Ruth Kahn

Treasurer- Tessa Kaslewicz

Secretary- Smantha Slomin

NISPC-(National/International Service Project Coordinator)- Emma Byrd

Public Relations- Danielle Pilotte

8. Raffles- Periodically throughout the luncheon, raffle prizes were given away.

9. Student Awards-

Anna Maria College- Dr. Lisa Summer- Danielle Pilotte- Student Scholarship

Karen Robinson- Student Scholarship

Berklee College of Music- Dr. Suzanne Hanser-

Tessa Kaslewicz- Student Scholarship

Sheen Tse Kuek Tse- Student Scholarship

Lesley University- Dr. Rebecca Zarate- Ruth Kahn- Student Scholarship

Ani Kiledjian- Student Scholarship

10. This year's Conference Scholarship Winners are: Lauren Calista

Leann Mcmorrow

Marcie Hernandez

11. Professional Awards-Heather announced the Professional Awards given this year:

Presidential Achievement Awards- Meredith Pizzi, MT-BC

Presidential Service Award- Nicole O'Malley, MT-BC

12. New Business

Jennifer Sokira- Jennifer congratulated Heather on recently completing her PhD. A congratulations card will be available for signing, by the membership,

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at the registration table. Congratulations, Heather!

13. AMTA President's Remarks

President Amy Furman was unable to attend the conference. We wish her the best and hope she feels better soon. Annette Whitehead-Pleaux outlined the President's remarks.

Greetings from Amy Furman

Annette shared information about AMTA-

Some of the topics presented included: Team mates, Members, Elected officers, Council Committees, Task Forces, National Office Staff, Master's Level Entry Subcommittee, Journals, Journal Online Publishing (all of our journals will be available on the Oxford University Press Website available to all AMTA members); Special Projects (working with the military); Safeguarding the Practice of MT; Strategic Plan; Resource Development

Next Conference- "Pursue Your Passion"- Louisville, Kentucky- November 2014

14. NER'S 60th Anniversary- Christine lead a presentation for NER's 60th

Anniversary Celebration

Christine Routhier, Linda Bosse, Donna Chadwick, Karen Wacks and Michelle Glidden each presented.

Linda Bosse- Her first conference in NER

Donna Chadwick, Karen Wacks, Michelle Glidden- MMTA and LMHC

Linda Bosse- AAMT and NAMT merger

Kimberly Khare performed the song she originally wrote in honor of the AAMT and NAMT merger; Lorrie Kubicek and Kimberly sang the song while the slideshow was shown.

15. Conference Committee- Heather recognized the Conference Committee:

Alden Rockwell Murphy, Meg Capen, Linda Bosse, Judy Engel, Adrienne Flight, Cassandra Mulcahy, Kathleen Howland and Dorothy Stapleton.

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Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eve made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Stapleton, MT- BC
Secretary, NER-AMTA