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**NER General Membership Meeting  
AMTA National Conference  
St. Louis, MO  
November 18, 2017**

Attendance: 33

President Judy Engel called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Introductions were made around the room.

**2. Approve Meeting Minutes**

April 29, 2016

A motion was made by Jen Sokira to approve the General Membership meeting minutes from 4/29/16; Eve Montague seconded. No discussion. The minutes were approved as written and submitted.

March 31, 2017

A motion was made by Nicole O'Malley to approve the General Membership meeting minutes from 3/31/17; Dory Stapleton seconded. No discussion. The minutes were approved as written and submitted.

**3. Financial Update**

Judy Engel reporting on behalf of Bekah DiMieri:

**Bank Account Balances:**

Checking: \$16,176.34

Savings: \$35,096.52

PayPal: \$0.00

NERAMTAS checking: \$1405.67

**Year-to-Date Expenses/Income:**

**Expenses:**

Tiger Tech: \$44.75

**Income:**

Savings: \$2.38

AMTA Quarter Check: \$3263.63

**2016 vs. 2017 Account Comparison:**

2017 Checking/Savings Account: \$51,272.86

2016 Checking/Savings Account: \$38,958.33

Total Increase: \$12,314.43

The total increase of \$12, 314.43 concretely illustrates our efforts towards fiscal responsibility while serving our NER membership. Judy commended NERAMTAS as

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well for increasing the available funds as compared to 2016 by \$358.88.

### **Audit:**

Jen Sokira and Judy Engel have volunteered as executive board members for this year's audit of the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Martina Perez is the AMTA non-board member and Pay-it-Forward recipient participating in the internal audit. Date in December 2017: TBD.

## **4. Strategic Plan**

Heather Wagner reporting:

### **Membership**

1. The NER will continue to address improve engagement with members and the music therapy community by:
  - a. Increasing member involvement in NER activities.
  - b. Increasing networking opportunities.
2. The NER will continue to actively increase membership on both the professional and student levels.
3. The NER will strengthen its member support programs, including conference scholarships, dues assistance, and educational opportunities.
  - a. The NER will explore research and grant funding programs.

### **Financial**

1. The NER will continue to be financially solvent.
  - a. The NER will continue fundraising efforts.
2. The NER will continue to hold financially responsible regional conferences.

### **Professional Issues**

1. The NER will support state task force efforts in each of the representative states.
2. The NER will provide leadership and guidance in promoting diversity and inclusion.

Judy spoke about the task forces approved by the Board: Internal and External Funding, and Diversity and Inclusion.

Call went out at the beginning of October: looking for people to be involved, students encouraged to be involved as well.

## **5. Membership & NER Initiatives**

We are not getting a dues increase this year; we have gone 5 years without a dues increase. There were 69 new AMTA members this year nationally; NER supported 24 through Membership Support. Please utilize our membership support and encourage friends to apply.

Jean Nemeth encouraged everyone to keep sharing Membership Support success with other regions.

Jen Debedout said the task force meeting mentioned our region as a model.

### **Membership Support Committee**

Meredith reporting on behalf of Elizabeth Ferguson and Marissa Scott:

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Applications currently open. Timeframes have been moved up. Last year the board committed \$6K for this. We didn't use away all the money we set aside last year.

### **NER Initiatives**

Dory Stapleton reporting:

Current fundraising efforts continue to include the donation button, Smile Amazon and Barefoot Books. Barefoot Books may have a Black Friday sale, so keep an eye out; we will post once we know anything.

In January, we will sponsor "Jeans in January". It will be posted on twitter, on our website and on Facebook.

At the conference, we will have the Musical Yard Sale, the Craft Table as well as a 50/50 Raffle. Plans are also being made to connect with restaurants in the Westbrook area, particularly for Thursday evening in order to have them offer NER a portion of their receipts from NER members who patron their restaurant. This will also serve as a way of NER members socializing together and networking on opening night.

As a reminder, NER's Fundraising efforts go towards the Membership Support Program.

If you have fundraising suggestions, please let Dory know.

### **6. NER-AMTAS/SAAB Update**

Kayla McBrien and Kayla Daly reporting:

Donated \$50 to community music school in CT to support music therapy fundraiser.

Updated NER-AMTAS logo. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Passages: almost 100 attendees; 40% membership of people attending. MIT, BC, BU also attended.

AMTAS board awarded \$100 regional support fund for fundraising/advocacy event in the spring; hosted by Advocacy Chair and incoming President.

Kayla Daly: Trying to stay connected among different SAAB reps throughout the year.

### **7. Regional Conference Update**

Courtney sends regrets. Channing Shippen reporting:

NER Conference 2018 will be April 19-21 at Water's Edge Resort. The theme is "Uniting in Diversity: Bringing Together the Individuals of our Music Therapy Community." Call for Papers/Posters will be end of this week/next week.

At conference, we are planning to offer self-care sessions, a free CMTE for AMTA members, hoping to have another plenary session about diversity; will talk with Ruth on that. NER Conference will continue to have fundraising opportunities.

All concurrent sessions will be 75 minutes. We will continue to be paperless as much as possible; will use Guidebook app again for the conference program.

Jean Nemeth: Amber Weldon-Stephens (AMTA President-Elect) will be coming to our conference this spring.

Judy: Asked to recognize Nancy Perkins for her work.

Channing: We're the only region that has Nancy's position for conference planning.

Nancy: 2019 site in the works, looking at Maine location.

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### 8. Assembly, Standing Committee, and State Task Forces Update

#### Assembly

Emily Bevelaqua reporting for Annette Whitehead-Pleaux:

##### **Thursday**

Pres. Geiger gave a report. VP Nemeth welcomed the Assembly and reported that conference registration is over 1600 as of Thursday.

Past President Furman talked about election

Executive Director Farbman talked about the lease and about Arts and Healthcare. President elect Weldon Stevens shared bylaws changes that will be going before the membership

Treasurer Clair shared that we are ending year with a surplus. Other important points are that Membership is central to our health, The board is working continuously on financial action plans, There will not be a dues increase this year but there will could be one next year, If we have more members, we will not need dues increase.

MLE report - The draft report is completed. There is no action at this time as this is just a draft and not complete. The final version will be completed and submitted to board, assembly, and membership.

##### **Friday**

Passed changes to the Educational standards and Internship documents

Heard from three council coordinators

Heard from Govt relations

#### Connecticut State Task Force

Jen Sokira reporting:

Last year had licensure legislation introduced, did not come to fruition. Hoping to have it introduced again this year.

#### Ethics Board

Jen Sokira reporting:

The ethics board participated in continuing education focused on mediation and conflict coaching.

#### Academic Program Approval Committee (APAC)

Heather Wagner reporting

**81 total programs -**

43 undergraduate

32 undergraduate and graduate (including 6 doctoral programs)

6 masters (including 2 doctoral programs)

**Programs approved since 2016 AMTA conference:**

Carroll University

**Programs re-approved since 2016 AMTA conference:**

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Converse College  
SUNY- New Paltz  
University of Georgia  
Duquesne University  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville

### **Other tasks:**

Submitted 3 motions to the assembly for changes to standards related to when undergraduate courses are offered, adding clarifying language to pre-internship clinical practicum placements, and defining the Music Therapy Theory as an advanced standard.

The committee is revising the application for equivalency only applications, working with AMTA national office to make the process of submitting applications on line, and expect to create a newsletter for professors.

### **Conference Committee**

Channing Shippen reporting:

We met with the other regions to discuss how each region develops and create their conferences exchanging ideas. Additionally regions expressed interest in collaborating in future conferences bringing two or more regional conferences together. Overall regions considered each different implementation of registration ideas, as well as program distribution and site scouting.

### **Clinical Practice Networking Committee**

Channing Shippen reporting:

1. Clinical Practice Networking Committee representatives continue to expand networking and mentoring opportunities by organizing and supporting networking events at regional conferences. We will continue to explore new and innovative formats for these regional networking events, in order to best meet the needs of each region.
2. Yesterday, our committee joined forces with the Standards of Clinical Practice Committee to facilitate a vibrant and constructive Clinical Practice Networking Luncheon. More than 100 professional and student participants attended and engaged in lively dialogues within 14 different practice areas. Participants reported that even in this age of virtual connections and social media, the face-to-face connections that occur through this event can be highly gratifying and useful.
3. Members of the CPN committee will work during the coming year to identify successful models of mentoring and networking that could be rolled out in novel and innovative ways within the regions. We will consider a variety of formats for such mentoring and networking activity, including virtual formats, and post related resources on our committee's AMTA webpage.
4. Please report any networking or mentoring opportunities occurring in the region to your CPN Committee regional representative, so that we can help support and keep track of such events.

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### Membership Committee

Channing Shippen reporting:

#### GOALS:

1. To insure the growth and development of AMTA by determining ways to increase membership.
2. To promote the value of all categories of AMTA membership.
3. To evaluate the needs of AMTA members.

#### TASKS:

1. To conduct annual membership drives at the national and regional levels (minimum of two per year).
2. To encourage and coordinate membership drives with AMTAS.
3. To promote the value of membership in publications, inside and outside of the profession.
4. To update reports of committee action on the Members Only Section of the AMTA website.

#### Progress:

Member committee representatives have had a successful year promoting membership in a variety of unique ways. In one form or another, a membership drive was held in every region and in many cases more than one. Some of the ways in which membership is promoted include:

- regional events, conferences, newsletters, websites
- social media platforms
- websites and blogs
- offering member “perks” on regional websites
- considering or implementing regional scholarships for membership or membership assistance programs which may include a “pay it forward” approach in the form of a commitment for volunteer service hours back to the region.

We are exploring new ideas and new ways to promote membership in AMTA to professionals and students alike. We are also working on ways to interactively have conversations with non-members about their thoughts and concerns or barriers to becoming a member so they can get the answers they need or find out how to communicate their thoughts and ideas with leadership when necessary.

One committee effort is to contribute to the growing catalog of membership videos, promoting specific reasons to join or benefits of membership in AMTA. Matt Liotti from Weidenhammer Systems, our conference videographer, will be capturing interviews on camera Saturday between 10:00 – 11:00 and then again from 3:00 – 4:00. He is usually near the Wabash Cannonball room. It’s very easy and Matt is a great interviewer and will help make you look good in a finalized video for publication on the AMTA website after the conference. If you are willing, please contribute. You can sign up for a time here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIMu\\_xLjy8ugTQoKnwb5Ft](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIMu_xLjy8ugTQoKnwb5Ft)

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[wa6XOxssMFQqsqx31XS2ILVqfg/viewform](mailto:wa6XOxssMFQqsqx31XS2ILVqfg/viewform) or just stop by and tell him you'd like to contribute. If those times don't work for you, he may be able to schedule some time elsewhere during the conference.

Another committee effort this year is the Each Note Counts contest/membership board in the Exhibit Hall. Everyone is welcome to take a note and write why they are a member of AMTA on it. Write your name and mobile number on the back and add it to the grand staff. On Sunday, two notes will be selected randomly and the owners of those notes will win free 2018 membership in AMTA at whatever level they qualify. Everyone is welcome to participate and good luck!

More specific membership promotion plans will be discussed as we meet again on Saturday afternoon.

### **Standards of Clinical Practice**

Adrienne Flight reporting:

- The Committee continues to make progress working to revise the Standards of Clinical Practice to align with other AMTA and CBMT Documents.
- The plan is to meet via conference call and work digitally to finalize these revisions to send to the Assembly at the November 2018 Conference
- The Committee has been tasked with reviewing the definition of music therapy; as a committee we have decided to finish revisions to the Standards Document before moving to that charge.

### **Association Internship Approval Committee (AIAC)**

Brian Jantz reporting:

There are currently 6 internship sites in the New England region. Roman Music Therapy (MA) has recently been approved as a national roster site. Other sites include: Birch Bay Village (ME), Jewish Home for the Elderly (CT), Riverview/Albert J. Solnit Ctr (CT), Season's Hospice (MA) and Connecticut Juvenile Training Ctr (CT - \*closing in 6/18\*). All NER approved national roster sites currently take one intern at a time.

At the AMTA conference the assembly approved having a requirement for all IDs and supervising MT-BCs to attend the CMTE for internships, beginning in 7/18. Existing sites will be grandfathered in, but the committee still encourages everyone involved in internship programs as ID or supervisor to complete the training. The committee reminds everyone that the annual report survey will be coming out in January. Timely completion of the survey is appreciated.

### **Vermont State Task Force**

Jen Debedout reporting:

There are more music therapists in Vermont now; will be having a spring meeting.

### **Professional Advocacy Committee**

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Jen Debedout reporting:

The committee continues to educate membership regarding the representation of music therapy to the public.

Efforts include:

- We continue to assist and monitor member's responses to advocacy issues.
- The committee manages and maintains a resource file of member referred inquiries and responses related to misrepresentation.
- There was 1 case of misrepresentation referred to our region since last National Conference; it was related to a product.
- The Members Only section of the AMTA website PAC page is updated on a regular basis.
- Several representatives of the PAC will be presenting at regional conferences. In addition to our existing national conference presentation we are developing regional and student based presentations.
- We continue to refine a decision tree infographic to help members navigate potential cases of misrepresentation.

### **Massachusetts State Task Force**

Eve Montague and Meredith Pizzi (co-chairs) reporting:

MA Task Force is committed to 2018. Let Eve and Meredith know if you want to be on the task force.

### **Masters Level Entry (MLE)**

Eve Montague reporting:

The MLE is finalizing a report to go to the Assembly.

### **Rhode Island State Task Force**

Nicole O'Malley reporting:

Focusing on using licensure to support music therapy. Currently having issues with department of health, insurance companies.

### **Government Relations**

Nicole O'Malley reporting:

- 1) There are 45 states that have participated at some point in the State Recognition Operational Plan. In 2017, 28 states have actively advocated with state legislators and agencies; 17 states hosted Hill Days, Advocacy Trainings, or presented testimony at legislative hearings; and 10 states introduced legislation. We are anticipating new and carry-over legislation in 14 states in 2018.
- 2) Joint Commission has made a major change in their structure and will no longer be using Professional and Technical Advisory Committees (PTACs). AMTA will still be invited to participate in reviews of new standards as they are introduced.
- 3) Government Relations Committee representatives will now be assisting with documentation of funds spent on both direct and indirect advocacy expenses for inclusion on the AMTA IRS 990 reporting form required for 501(c)3 non-profit

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organizations. Reporting forms have already been distributed to Regional Presidents, Regional Treasurers, and committee members. Documentation will run for the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

- 4) AMTA and CBMT continue to nurture a partnership with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). Representatives from all three organizations met recently to discuss advocacy needed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Collaboration includes reciprocal conference exhibit opportunities. NHPCO's new President and CEO observed a music therapy in hospice session and shared his positive experience through the organization's blog.
- 5) Arts Advocacy Day will be held March 12-13, 2018 in Washington, DC. We encourage members to participate in this national event that provides advocacy training and opportunities to communicate with Congressional members and their staff about music therapy.

### **Judicial Review Board**

Julie Andring reporting:

The Judicial Review Board examined the Bylaws and Process of hearing appeals or grievances.

It was clarified that the JRB deals with grievances from members towards the organization (AMTA) or a part of AMTA (committee, decisions, etc.) while the Ethics Board deals with grievances from members to other members. The only time that JRB would process an appeal from a member to another member would be if an Ethics Board ruling on a case was challenged and another review was requested.

The members will continue to discuss aspects of the documents for consistency and completeness.

### **Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee**

Brian Jantz reporting:

There are no formal updates to report for this committee, as of the AMTA national conference. The committee met with AMTA President Jennifer Geiger and President Elect Amber Weldon-Stephens, as well as Council Coordinator Annette Whitehead-Pleaux. The committee discussion focused primarily on roles, goals, and effective communication.

### **International Relations Committee**

Meg Capen reporting:

#### **Upcoming Conferences:**

**Nordoff Robbins Plus Conference 2017: 'Exploring the spiritual in music: Interdisciplinary dialogues in music, wellbeing and education'**  
December 9-10, 2017

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London, UK  
[www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk/conference2017](http://www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk/conference2017)

### **Nordic Music Therapy Student Conference**

February 8-11, 2018

University of Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä, Finland

Call for abstracts: [nmtsc2018@jyu.fi](mailto:nmtsc2018@jyu.fi),

<https://www.jyu.fi/hytk/fi/laitokset/mutku/tutkimus/konferenssit-seminaarit/3rd-nordic-music-therapy-student-conference>

March 1 (every year): **World Music Therapy Day** More information will be presented at Global Perspectives and will be forthcoming from committee representatives.

### **Canadian Association of Music Therapists Annual National Conference**

May 24-26, 2018

St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

<http://www.musictherapy.ca/conference/>

### **World Congress of Music Therapy**

2020

South Africa

(2023 in Australia)

Global Perspectives Session: Saturday, 12:45-3:15, Regency Ballroom A. Thanks to AMTA for sponsorship of refreshments!

SER will continue to offer annually a \$500 grant to a regional member for an international project or conference attendance. The first recipient was a presenter at the World Congress.

Visit from Secretary and North American Regional Liaison of WFMT to discuss increasing communication between AMTA and WFMT:

Monthly Newsletter of WFMT: discussion of providing a link in the members' section of AMTA website.

WFMT would like to have an exhibit booth at regional conferences, but it is costly. NER will provide a booth in exchange for a silent auction item. Encourage regional members to communicate opportunities to representative for publication in newsletters.

If you have international students that need support (or if the university needs support), etc., please contact Meg who will bring up for discussion with national reps.

### **Technology Committee**

Cassandra Mulcahy reporting:

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1. Presented 2 Concurrent Sessions at the 2017 Conference for Technology and Clinical Practice
2. Collaborated with the Ethics Board and hosted an Ethics & Technology Roundtable
3. Continually refining AMTATechStop membership resource
4. Provided input for the Social Media Advisory
5. Continually reaching out to AMTA members and students to gather technology questions and concerns.

### **Reimbursement Committee**

Tom Hayden reporting:

- 1) Committee representatives continue to serve as a resource for members. Reviewed options for increasing amount of dialogue within each region regarding reimbursement challenges and successes.
- 2) Discussed potential distribution of basic reimbursement information to all education programs to increase student understanding of the topic. Updating existing member resources including CPT Codes and Reimbursement Overview.
- 3) Potential changes to Medicaid Waiver client participation requirements are being monitored. Committee representatives will support and provide information to the specific states within their region where action might be required.
- 4) Informational reimbursement webinars being recorded for access on AMTA member section of website.
- 5) Preparing national reimbursement survey for distribution prior to 2018 regional conferences. Encouraging all MT-BCs to participate, including all levels of reimbursement experience.

### **Affiliate Relations**

Joy Allen reporting:

Progress on fact sheets: we sent invitations to a broad group of clinicians and educators to answer questions to help us build the new fact sheets. We especially put an emphasis on clinician input, including a variety of practice approaches and theoretical orientations. We've received that information. Right now, we are checking the literature to make sure we have all of the most up to date resources and evidence. We reviewed other professions' fact sheets to design the template for our fact sheets.

We've started to explore the possibility of having AMTA join other organizations in an effort to be proactive in building relationships with other disciplines.

We want to remind you of our ongoing effort to create a list of dually certified music therapists in order to facilitate relationships with other disciplines. Music therapists who are certified in more than one discipline can often be liaisons to other organizations. We will continue to post on social media and other outlets, and you can also reach out to us to add yourself to the form. This is a very short form, it is not a survey, and the data is not going to be shared widely.

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There is a proposed bylaw change to change our name from Affiliate Relations to Interprofessional Collaborative Resources Committee in an effort to better reflect the work of the committee and our charges from the Board of Directors. Our call-to-action is to have members attend the AMTA business meeting this afternoon to vote yes on the proposed bylaw change.

### Research Committee

Joy Allen reporting:

Research Committee (vacant) – research poster session is today.

#### **Research Poster Session** (Sat, Nov. 18, 2:00-4:00)

- 60 abstract submissions sent to committee members for review
  - 55 in 2014, 43 in 2015, 59 in 2016, 60 in 2017
  - 53 posters accepted for poster presentation, 4 selected for oral presentation, 2 rejected by committee reviewers, 1 withdrawn
- Topics: MTR2025 seven

#### **Oral Session** (Sat, Nov. 18, 11:15-12:30)

- Carolyn Moore, Sam Houston State University: The Effect of a Music-Movement Intervention on Arousal and Cognitive Flexibility in Older Adults with and without Mild Neurocognitive Disorder
- Jason Keeler and Edward Roth, Western Michigan University: The Neurochemistry and Social Flow of Singing: Bonding and Oxytocin
- Julia Sims, The University of Kansas: A Phenomenological Examination of Imposter Phenomenon in Music Therapy Students
- Andrei Gladkowski and Gene Ann Behrens, Elizabethtown College: Status of Music Therapists' Involvement in Medical Research

### **Student Awards**

Two award winners and publication of abstracts in MTP (Tony Meadows provides a template for an extended abstract for publication.)

Undergraduate Award:

Olivia Bergh: [bergh119@umn.edu](mailto:bergh119@umn.edu)

Effects of music therapy in the form of patient preferred live music on mood and pain in patients on a solid organ transplant unit: A randomized pilot study

University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Award: Honorable Mention

Bethany Wentling: [wentlingb@etown.edu](mailto:wentlingb@etown.edu)

Case study of early childhood trauma: Supporting self-regulation and expression using a neurobiological approach to music therapy  
Elizabethtown College

Graduate Award

Carolyn Moore: [cxd042@shsu.edu](mailto:cxd042@shsu.edu)

The effect of a music-movement intervention on arousal and cognitive flexibility in older adults with and without mild neurocognitive

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Sam Houston State University |

Please note that there were two outstanding undergraduate submissions this year. Olivia Bergh received the award, but we also awarded an honorable mention to Bethany Wentling, and she will submit a 250 word abstract to MTP as an acknowledgement.

### **Research Committee Presents Series:**

**Title:** *Conducting Clinical Based Research: A Guide through the Research Process*

**Abstract:** Presenters will guide participants through a step by step process of identifying an area of interest, how to formulate research question(s), determining research methodology, exploring feasibility of implementing the study in the clinical environment, and determining potential collaborators or mentors, identifying necessary supports needed to execute the study, and potential resources.

**Presenters:**

Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT

Nancy Jackson, Ph.D., MT-BC

Kathy Murphy, Ph.D., MT-BC

**Time Slot: (either of the following two, hopefully)**

Sun. Nov 19, 2017 9:30 AM 10:45 AM Research Committee Presents

**Title:** *The Peer Review Process for Qualitative Research Manuscripts*

**Abstract:** Evaluation of qualitative research manuscripts poses unique challenges including lack of generalized evaluation criteria and varying opinions on what elements ought to be present in a qualitative report. A panel of experienced peer reviewers will discuss common problems encountered in this process and provide examples from actual studies regarding how issues were addressed in practice.

**Presenters:** Ken Aigen, DA, MT-BC, LCAT, Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapist

**Time Slot:**

Fri, Nov 17, 2017 3:45 PM 5:00 PM Research Committee Presents

**Title:** *The Art of Peer Review: Crafting Reviews for Quantitative Research Manuscripts*

**Abstract:** The peer review process helps to assess validity and quality of original articles for publication, and improve quality of published research. This panel session focuses on development of peer reviewer skills including how to approach the review process, tips for writing effective reviews, and the use of reporting guidelines to inform and structure evaluation of quantitative research manuscripts.

**Presenter:** Sheri Robb, PhD, MT-BC

**Time Slot:**

Fri, Nov 17, 2017 8:00 AM 9:15 PM Research Committee Presents

**Title:** *Ethics and Music Therapy Research: New Considerations*

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**Abstract:** Technology has dramatically changed the nature of research. The internet provides major communication venues utilized in music therapy research. This lecture will identify ethical issues currently challenging music therapy research.

**Presenter:** Nicki Cohen, PhD, MT-BC, Texas Women's University

**Time Slot:**

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**Clinician Research Grant:**

- Seven proposals were submitted. Reviewer scores were compiled and award recipient proposal name was submitted to Rebecca Preddie at National Office.
- 2017 Clinician Research Grant was awarded to: Lindsey Zehren: Exploring the effects of harmonica playing on respiratory control and swallow quality of life in persons with PD
- CRG proposal will be revised for next submission cycle for 2018-2019; language in the proposal will be revised to clearly articulate the need for the faculty researcher to provide access to an IRB and to help clinician researcher through the approval process

Judy thanked all task force, assembly delegates, and committee reps for their service and reports.

### **9. Opportunities for Involvement**

Judy Engel: We need volunteers for open positions; please spread the word. Open positions include Research Committee Representative, Standards of Clinical Practice Representative, Newsletter Editor, Task Forces (Diversity and Inclusion; Internal and External Funding), and NER Historian.

What would encourage you to be more involved, and what holds you back from being more involved? We can't do this alone and we would like to have your expertise as a part of our board.

Judy Engel honored Linda Bosse and outgoing Board members Annette Whitehead-Pleaux and Caryl Beth Thomas for their service.

### **10. Good and Welfare**

Julie Andring: Be aware it is an election year and Jean Nemeth is up for President-Elect. Check your email for voting instructions.

Jen Sokira: Encourage membership to be engaged. Welcome Mady Ventere to our region.

Joy Allen: Feb 22, 2018 save the date. Berklee is having a symposium focusing on LGBTQIA+; to help music therapists meet needs of diverse populations; free CMTES

Meredith Pizzi: Kudos to RMTS's internship director for getting their internship approved by AIAC

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Eve Montague: Looking for part-time music therapist at South Shore Conservatory. We were just approved for CMTES; will be offering drum circle facilitation training in late January or in February (7-9 CMTES)

Judy Engel: Thanks to Jean Nemeth for coming to our meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

Judy entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meredith Pizzi made the motion and Channing Shippen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kari O'Briant, MT-BC  
Secretary, NER-AMTA