

NER-AMTA Business Meeting
 April 20th, 2023
 Stoweflake Resort, Stowe, Vermont

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
Call to Order	Brian Jantz, President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Brian Jantz welcomed guests to the meeting. Brian reminded attendees to vote for the 2023 Executive Board.</p> <p>Brian Jantz shared the agenda with attendees.</p>
Approval of Minutes (11/17/22)	<p>Brian Jantz shared the meeting minutes with the attendees.</p> <p>No objections were identified, and meeting minutes were approved.</p>
Treasurer's Report	Kari Bryant, Treasurer, shared the current account totals. She stated that account number will change after conference.
Conference Updates	<p>Kathlynn Sell, Vice President, acknowledged the land.</p> <p>Kathlynn Sell thanked the attendees for attending the conference and thanks Channing Shippen for serving as VP since the last in person conference.</p> <p>Mary Reinsch, Vice President Elect, acknowledged Roman Music Therapy Services as the Gold Tier Sponsor of the 2023 NER-AMTA Conference. Mary provided the attendance and funding</p>

	<p>number of the 2023 conference and an update regarding the attendance and funding regarding conference and CMTE options provided in 2022, 2021, and 2020 to NER-AMTA.</p> <p>Kathlynn acknowledged MedRhythms Therapy as the Silver Sponsor of the 2023 NER-AMTA Conference.</p> <p>Mary stated that the 2024 NER-AMTA Conference is in planning and will be announced when it is finalized.</p> <p>Brian acknowledged and thanked Nancy Perkins for her support and work in conference planning for 2023 and previous years.</p>
<p>Proposed Bylaw Changes</p>	<p>Wendy Kruger, President Elect, presented the following bylaws changes:</p> <p>Article XV, Section 2: Remain consistency with AMTA and AMTAS; Clarifies the role and service of the parliamentarian. Attendees approved the bylaws change through majority.</p> <p>Article X, Section 4: To allow room in Article X for an additional committee; Changed section number. Attendees approved the bylaws change through majority.</p> <p>Article X, Section 4: To add language officially recognizing the DEI/DEIAJ task force as a standing committee; Changed section number and added new text. Attendees approved the bylaws change through majority.</p>

	<p>Article IV, Section 5: To maintain consistency with AMTA’s Assembly schedule. There is unclear language regarding the schedule now that meetings are occurring virtually as opposed to just in person; Changed the language to clarify the schedule and process. There was a bit of discussion regarding how this clarifies the process. Attendees approved the bylaws change through majority.</p> <p>Article IV, Section 6: Contingency plan for President’s Assembly role if a President steps down. Clarifies the process and schedule should this occur. There was discussion on the use of the title “web administrator” instead of “webmaster/mistress” in the bylaws. Brian clarified that this language change was made in a previous bylaws change and only the wording needed to be updated. Attendees approved the bylaws change through majority.</p>
NER Service & Impact Awards	<p>Brian presented two awards:</p> <p>The NER Service Award was awarded to Adrienne Flight. Attendees were given an opportunity to praise Adrienne.</p> <p>The NER Impact Award was awarded to Lisa Summer. Attendees were given an opportunity to praise Lisa. Lisa thanked the NER community for their support.</p>
AMTA State of the Association	<p>Angie Snell, President Elect of AMTA, Jennifer Sokira, Vice President Elect of AMTA, and Brian Jantz, Assembly Speaker of AMTA, provided the update of AMTA.</p>

	<p>Angie stated that AMTA is on target with their budget. The 2023 Workplace Survey was closed on 3/31/23. There will be a call for volunteers for service and a new process for appointing and nominating officers. She provided an update on AMTA's new partnership with Maryland Non-profits. She stated that the announcement of the new education and clinical consultants is imminent.</p> <p>Jennifer discussed the specific budget targets reached. She provided an update on the 2022 AMTA Symposium regarding attendance and funding.</p> <p>Angie discussed AMTA's possible grant funding in the future.</p> <p>Brian discussed changes coming to the Assembly of Delegates. He stated that there were discussions regarding interest in more focused workgroups and a more consistent meeting schedule.</p>
21 st Century Commission Report	Donna Polan, co-chair of the 21 st Century Commission, presented an update from the 21 st Century Commission.
NER-AMTAS/SAAB Update	<p>Brian presented the new SAAB advisor, Kayla Bryant (sp?).</p> <p>Emily Kropo, President of NER-AMTAS, presented an update regarding the Passages Conference, three new schools in the region, and other events that were sponsored by NER-AMTAS in the spring.</p>

	<p>Emily thanked several sponsors and other members of the community for their support.</p> <p>Caryl Beth Thomas, Lesley University, presented Emily an award for her service.</p>
Student Scholarships	<p>Lisa Summer presented the student award for Ana Maria College to Adrianna Celeste.</p> <p>Joy Allen presented student awards for Berklee College of Music to Sam Banister and Chantelle Mack.</p> <p>Caryl Beth Thomas presented student awards for Lesley University to Lyzz Zinn and Ying-Jung Chen.</p> <p>Heather Wagner presented the student award for Southern Connecticut State University to Kristiana Holt.</p> <p>Tim Honig presented the student award for Westfield State University to Jenna Van Hying.</p> <p>Nicole O'Malley presented the student award for University of Rhode Island to Samantha Shriner.</p>
In Memoriam	<p>Brian provided a space for attendees to reflect on the challenges of the last few years and honor those who the region had lost since the last in person conference.</p>
Election Announcement	<p>Adrienne Flight, Past President, thanked the Nomination Committee for their work and announced the 2023 NER-AMTA Executive Board.</p>

Committee Updates & Reports	<p>Nicole O'Malley presented the Government Relations Committee update: Active legislation and task force in all NER states. VT and NH have bills in progress.</p> <p>Brian presented the AIAC update: There is a new internship at Boston Children's Hospital and Roman Music Therapy Services' internship is active again. Eve Montague (sp?) encouraged attendees to pursue the national roster internship model.</p> <p>Heather Wagner presented the APAC committee update: She named the programs that had been reapproved or approved. There are 5 new program applications under review. There is new leadership on the committee.</p> <p>Brian presented the DEIAJ committee update: Shayla, the new committee rep, wanted to thank Mark Fuller, previous committee chair, for his service. She is asking for volunteers or interested attendees in joining the committee.</p> <p>Tim Honig presented the research committee update: There will be an online poster session at the 2023 AMTA Symposium in October 2023. He also reminded attendees of the Arther Fulger (sp?) Fultz Award and Clinician Based Grant Award deadlines.</p> <p>Brian presented committee openings and a call for volunteers regarding NER-AMTA committee openings. He reminded attendees that other committee reports will be posted on the NER-AMTA Website.</p>
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<p>Good & Welfare</p>	<p>Mary presented the raffle.</p> <p>Nicole announced that a second fulltime faculty member for University of Rhode Island's music therapy department will be open soon.</p> <p>Brian thanked the NER-AMTA Community for their support during his time as President.</p> <p>Wendy Kruger, President Elect, thanked Brian and Adrienne for their support during her time as President-Elect.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Wendy adjourned the meeting at 9:51 AM.</p>

Minutes Prepared by: Sarah Pitts, 4/21/23