



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy
General Business Meeting**

July 23rd, 2022

2:40 - 3:40

In-Person and Zoom (hyperlink)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Order

Roll Call

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 2:56 on July 23rd, 2022 with Joshua Pearl, Christine Korb, Lily Fugita, Airel Farley, Kate Caruso, Brea Murakami and Natalia Uribe present. **Quorum was established.**

Approval of Agenda

Airel Farley moves to approve the agenda. Second: Natalia Uribe Motion carries.

Officer Reports

President, Chris Korb

Supporting what we are doing together, glad to be attending virtually.

President-Elect, Joshua Pearl

Excited to be reinvigorated by the new board

Vice President, Kate Caruso

Has been setting up and coordinating this event. Has also been helping with the peer support group.

Secretary, Airel Farley

Has been taking notes on meetings and putting together The Blast.

Treasurer, Brea Murakami

Has been putting together tax information. We are in a rebuilding phase, but our finances are relatively stable.

Public Relations, Cody Mills

Not present

Media Coordinator, Natalia Uribe

Communications taskforce has been putting together resources and social media posts, has also been involved with many of the committees.

Government Relations Representative (Melissa Potts)

Not present

Student Representative, Lily Fugita

Research assistant with Professor Shelly Ziezer at Pacific University. One of the first research programs to be funded by that specific grant.

Committee Presentations

Peer Support- Kate Caruso

Began in June and will be organizing one event per month through September. Wanting to create a space for music therapists in Oregon to meet, share ideas, and support each other. Those present will get to participate. It also now counts for one ethics CMTE per 50 minute meeting. Goal is to create a formal and regular way to support each other.

Communications- Natalia Uribe

Brea, Cody, & Natalia, meant to expedite getting content approved for releasing to the public. Will create posts and the available platform to help information from the music therapy community to a wider audience. We want to listen to and share from the music therapy community. We got the twitter handle back

E.M.B.E.R (Enrollment, Membership, Benefits, Engagement, Retention) - Joshua Pearl

We want to communicate clearly among ourselves and with the membership. We want to hear from you and provide benefits.

DEI- Natalia Uribe

Looking at our field, recognizing the lack of diversity. Looking for ways to engage outside of the field, to encourage diversity and support those who are already in the field.

DEI is a crisis, lack of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We have a long way to go. Our approach is to be in this for the long haul, 5 and 10 year visions of what music therapy in Oregon can look like. We are excited for the new program to be started to attract a more diverse group of music therapists. Acknowledging the different types of diversity, culture,

race, gender, theoretical orientation, musical, etc. We are small and nimble so it is easier to make change. Land acknowledgements and how to actively not be racist. We already have a resource folder- like an article that shares troubling pasts of certain songs, an open letter to our community. Looking to make that available to everyone and are looking forward to getting more resources from you.

Global Outreach

How do we act and think globally? We live in an interconnected world, how can we be connected with our colleagues outside of the U.S. We are the first state MT organization to be part of WFMT. The next event is very close and everyone should try to go. How can we have sister cities and engage with others?

Fundraising and Reimbursement

Created in response to some of the setbacks we've experienced in the government taskforce. Many people have worked very hard to get us licensure and hopefully government funding and/or reimbursement from public health. Communications have broken down a bit and are not proceeding as we would like so we are expanding our view. We are looking at six possibilities- public health, private insurance, grants for clinical and research services (OAMT is not a non-profit so it wouldn't work, but we are looking into other alternatives), donations and fundraising, start up programs and support for new businesses, and partnering with other organizations. If we get more non music therapists in our membership we might have more opportunities for alternative funding.

If you have other ideas or are interested in keeping this committee accountable please contact us.

New Business

- [OAMT Workforce Survey Update](#)

Q & A

Good & Welfare

- Airel got good responses from her cold calls to facilities in the Forest Grove area.
- Brea and her friend started a new podcast called Music Therapy Think Tank
- Emily Ross is hosting a summer retreat on August 13th, for those in private practice or interested in it.
- Whitney was able to start working in NICU
- Elder Audience is a place to be hired from.

Adjournment

Next Meeting on August 14th, 2022.

Natalia motions to adjourn. Kate seconds. **Motion passes** Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm July 23rd, 2022.