



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy
General Board Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2023, 12:30pm**

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 12:34 on February 11th, 2023 with all board members and various members present. **Quorum was established.**

Officer Reports

President, Chris Korb

Been looking into Chemawa Indian School. (Looking for 2 full time MTs)

President-Elect, Joshua Pearl

Looking forward to be president and encouraging others to nominate themselves and join him on this amazing board.

Vice President, Kate Caruso

Thanks for coming and enjoying.

Secretary, Airel Farley

Sending out The Blast and doing regular secretary things.

Treasurer, Brea Murakami

Stay tuned

Public Relations, Cody Mills

No new updates

Media Coordinator, Natalia Uribe

Creating handouts, and social media posts

~~Government Relations Representative (Position not currently filled)~~

Student Representative, Lily Fugita

Getting students here at the conference.

Committee Reports

Communications

Inviting people to follow OAMT on twitter and Instagram- @Oregon_MT and join the Facebook group. We are trying to get the word out.

Peer Support

Monthly peer support meetings. Looking to pass on the facilitator/planning to another person. Low engagement, how can we best serve, are people interested in this. The 3rd Tuesday every month 7-8:30.

E.M.B.E.R.

(Enrollment, Membership, Benefits, Engagement, Retention) Looking to improve the size or quality of our community? Join EMBER.

DEIA

This committee was created in response to the lack of diversity within our national organization and looking to start in our own community creating inclusion and diversity. This is both for professional and client diversity. Plug for the social justice book club, specifically looking at books addressing music and therapy in other cultures. Resource folder!

Global Outreach

Trying to see our profession in a global context. Very excited about the World Congress being so close! Looking to set up pen-pal or sister city relationships with MTs around the world. Engage our own community by reaching out.

Funding and Reimbursement Committee

The basic conversation about funding has been centered around reimbursement. Those efforts have been complicated and not terribly fruitful. Maybe we shouldn't just wait for the government taskforce. We've created objectives, including friends of music therapists- doctors, parents, etc. We are expanding beyond just the government taskforce for both short term success and long term diversity.

Please be willing to get involved, to share your resources, from time, to ideas, whatever you have.

Old Business

- None from July 2022 Business Meeting

New Business

- Share 2023 OAMT Budget with Membership
- 2023 Membership Updates
 - Categories, e.g. Affiliate, Associate, Friends
 - Looking to create campaigns, to get the word out and invite more people.
- Non-profit status update
- 2023 OAMT Workforce Survey
- Inclusion in the Spring Journal of OMEA
 - Unclear what the results would be, but interested in simply getting awareness up.
 - Maybe set up MTs going to job fairs
 - Would be \$150 for a quarter page advertisement
 - If you want more info call this number
 - We need some sort of follow up for music educators
 - Music educators also have a conference each year, we should consider becoming involved in that
 - OMEA is open to hearing from MTs, we should be really intentional about what the message would be. I.e. we are a resource
 - Deadline for spring would Feb. 14th, but maybe we can be in the next issue
 - Maybe offer an article about music therapy
 - At least in Salem the state department and the school boards will not do anything. We should be reaching out to parents.
 - We should be sure we make a good first impression, so we don't want to rush this advertisement
 - We need more time, but we definitely want to get the word out.
 - We don't currently have a system in place to funnel assistance
 - We are looking to create that system that will be clear and centralized to match up MTs and the public need
 - Are we looking at mental health goals or IEP goals when working in schools?
 - Looking at after school mental health groups
 - MTs should take the initiative to call the school districts- they have grant writers
- WFMT Member Scholarships
 - About \$500
 - Early registration ends Feb. 28th

- Available for OAMT members
- More details to come
- Gear Recommended- Likowitz stand with wheels and straps- \$50 on Amazon
- OAMT Elections
 - Additional nominations
 - Candidate Introductions
 - Voting
 - Media coordinator- Kelly Aloia
 - Public Relations- Natalia Uribe
 - Treasurer- Brea (Temporarily)
 - Secretary- Airel Farley
 - Vice President- TBD
 - President Elect- TBD
 - Student representative- Austin Johnson

Good & Welfare

- Brea Murakami's pilot program at the hospital
- Kat has been working with a client virtually, been looking for a collaborator- contact Kat with interest
- Emily got an air Bnb with 2 extra beds
- Lilly got a grant to do summer research and will be able to present that at the university president inauguration
- Airel started her own business one year ago this month
- Glad to have everyone here

Adjournment

Next meeting during Summer Event, Time and Place TBD

Meeting adjourned.