



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 21st, 2023, 5pm**

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 5:19 on March 21st, 2023 with Joshua Pearl, Kelly Aloia, Airel Farley, and Natalia Uribe present. **Quorum was established.**

Approval of Agenda

Kelly Aloia moves to approve the agenda. Second: Natalia Uribe **Motion carries.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Joshua moves to approve the January 8th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Second: Kelly. **Motion carries.**

Kelly moves to approve the February 11th, 2023 (General) Meeting Minutes. Second: Joshua. **Motion carries.**

Officer Reports

President, Joshua Pearl

Has been reaching out to fill the vacant positions on our board.

President-Elect, TBD

Vice President, Mikelia Wallace

Excited to be part of the OAMT board. I have a lot of ideas and a lot of fire. I want to communicate better with other music therapists, creating a way to reach out within our community and connecting with presenters who are excited to share.

Secretary, Airel Farley

Prepped The Blast and business meeting minutes.

Treasurer, (Acting) Brea Murakami (not present)

Public Relations, Natalia Uribe

Sending emails to hospitals to find head nurses and introducing the idea of music therapy. In close contact with Emily Ross about community events.

Media Coordinator, Kelly Aloia

Working to complete onboarding tasks. Contacted music therapists about potentially joining the OAMT board.

How do we update an entry on “Find a Therapist”?

Send update to Kelly

Include in Blast opportunity to “Need a Listing? Update Listing on OAMT’s Find a Therapist” (use positive language)

Kelly will update and make sure we are only listing OAMT members

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

Student Representative, Austin Johnson

Spring break is next week. Treasurer of PUMT, which just had a town hall with Brea and Shelly about the MT major. We’ve had several new student OAMT members.

What can the state associate offer the student body distinct from what the university offers? Talking with real MTs- being able to connect and look beyond internship. Setting up in person events. We should try to get students into the peer support group time.

Student rep job is to be the bridge and disseminate information between OAMT and Pacific students (about 15 current students).

REMINDER ALL OFFICERS NEED TO SIGN AND UPLOAD CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND TO UPDATE BIO & PIC (Bios and pics go to Kelly)

Committee Reports

Communications Task Force (Defacto members: secretary, media coordinator, & public relations officers)

A task force meant to expedite getting 3 eyes on communications that need to get sent out by OAMT. (Makes sense to have at least 3 members) Also to create

templates and make it easier to create content on a consistent schedule. This taskforce is meant to help clarify/create the OAMT brand, also continuity.

Proposal that we put something on our socials at least once a week.

Mission Statement: “To build communication among OAMT members and create resources for music therapists in Oregon to increase awareness, provide support, and strengthen connection within the music therapy community.”

Objectives:

- We want to set up a template of monthly calendar of posts so that each committee is represented and our brand has continuity.
- We would like to “rebrand” and redesign the OAMT logo, make it an interactive public voting thing. (Circle)
- Use the press as a means of promoting events, awareness, etc.
- Create a PowerPoint/google slides template for MT presenters

Peer Support (Natalia- chair, & Airel)

Natalia will be getting the ball rolling again soon. Airel would joins the peer support group.

E.M.B.E.R. (Joshua, Mikelia, & Airel)

This is currently a “warehouse” for the work of the other committees. Look in for the compelling “WHY?” About OAMT members.

Inviting “nurses on board” into membership and invite them in into committees (specifically the funding and reimbursement committee)
What is the fee for non-MTBC members? TBD- maybe student level? Maybe first year free? (Same for students)

Mikelia joins the EMBER committee, Airel joins the EMBER committee

DEIA (Joshua, Alicia, & Natalia)

Alicia Taylor, an intern at EarthTones this summer, has joined the DEIA committee.

Created a land use statement and a resource folder.

Global Outreach (Joshua & Natalia)

Joined WFMT, we got their March “Buzz” which can be shared with our community since we are organizational members.

Funding and Reimbursement Committee (Joshua, Mikelia, & Kelly)

Kelly joins the Funding and reimbursement committee. Ted Ficken is available to help out, just doesn't want to be on the board or committee.

Goal: move SOMETHING forward in each committee

Old Business

- Completing Onboarding- conflict of interest and other paperwork
 - check email from Brea Titled "Onboarding Tasks" (include Kelly in response for the bio)
- Filling board position vacancies (President Elect and Treasurer)
 - Joshua asking Shelly if she isn't on WRAMTA
 - Emily Rice said no
 - Kelly will ask Tamara Palmer
 - Natalia is asking Devon
 - Kelly will reach out to some specific people in southern spot
 - Airel & Kelly will tag team emailing southern Oregon MTs

All subsequent items to be put on the next agenda

- OAMT non-profit application status
- Government Relations Strategy and Representative
- Bank Account signatories

New Business

- Creating Cohesive, Collaborative Board Culture
- Reviewing Officer Handbook Descriptions and Definitions
- Creating Community Hubs w/Reps (State Hospital, Earthtones, Cedar Hills, Eastern Oregon...)
- Committee Member Drives
- (Classes of) Membership Drives
- Visioning for 2023
- Setting up applications for WCMT Scholarships
 - Top Priority for next time

Good and Welfare

- Mikelia got 3 new clients! (Called through website)

Adjournment

Next Meeting at 6:15 April 18th, 2023.

Kelly motions to adjourn. Mikelia seconds. **Motion passes** Meeting adjourned at 7:06, 2023.