



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 18th, 2023, 6:15**

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 6:19 on April 18th, 2023 with Mikelia Wallace, Austin Johnson, Natalia Uribe, Joshua Pearl, Brea Murakami, Kelly Aloia, and Airel Farley present. **Quorum was established.**

Approval of Agenda

Natalia moves to approve the agenda. Second: Brea Motion carries.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Natalia moves to approve the March 21st, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Second: Kelly. (Brea Abstains) Motion carries.

Officer Reports

President, Joshua Pearl

Keeping up with things that have come across my desk. Still recovering from Covid. Waiting for WRAMTA to occur and then see if Shelly might be willing to serve on our board if she is not on the WRAMTA board.

President-Elect, TBD

Vice President, Mikelia Wallace

Began to look at venues for the winter conference and who we might want for our keynote speaker. Been working on reimbursement committee matters. Excited about slack.

Secretary, Airel Farley

Prepped business meeting minutes and The Blast. I fielded some emails about things to include or edit in The Blast. Started a Slack Workspace for OAMT.

Temporary Acting Treasurer, Brea Murakami

Due to my traveling, I have fallen a bit behind on previous tasks including adding the President to the US Bank account, accessing the account balances, and completing the 501(c)(3) application through Legal Zoom. I will prioritize these tasks this month, and plan to stay on the board until the non-profit status is completed. I have also sent out final reminders to our Facebook group members regarding the 2023 OAMT Workforce Survey, which I will compile this month.

Public Relations, Natalia Uribe

Sent a message to the Oregon Nurses Association and the Nursing Home Administrator Networking to gauge their interest in music therapy and future collaborations.

Responded to communication by Fernanda Rinza, a person based in Salem looking for practicum and internship opportunities.

Pending anyone else taking the role Natalia is willing to be president elect.

Media Coordinator, Kelly Aloia

Updated website with current board members. Posted to Facebook and Instagram regarding peer support group. Met with Funding and Reimbursement committee and plan to look more into HERC (Health Evidence Review commission) and VbBS (value-based Benefits Subcommittee)

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

Student Representative, Austin Johnson

After spring break students are struggling until finals. Seniors are giving capstones next week. Went to WRAMTA. Elected the media relations coordinator for the student board. Students are done in May. Students return the last week in August. Over the summer asking what students want when they come back.

Committee Reports

Communications

Public Relations and Media Coordinator met to link accounts to Canva and share post process.

Created Peer Support Group post and reminder.

Created slack workspace.

Peer Support

Switch link to google meets hosted on Uribe Music Therapy account. Will create a link to host it from OAMT google meet accounts.

Shared date and time to meet with community members on 4/18/23 @7:00-8:30.

Natalia will be starting a job that will require either changing the peer support time or getting someone else to host.

Looking for ways to get some traction and engagement from the community.

Make a poll to see what time people would like to meet, if we want to meet in person or hybrid, and what people want from it/ what people would be interested in (free discussion, themes, etc.)- in The Blast

Maybe a standing invitation for more social connection? (Pizza and Ranting, Brunch & Bitching)

E.M.B.E.R.

Nothing to report. The essence of this committee is inseparable from everything else. Looking at the value of the other committees in order to be able to support and inform members and potential members.

DEIA

Natalia added article on Global Majority by Rosemary Campbell-Stephens to the DEIA folder.

Shelly might give us an overview of the social justice event at Pacific during the next meeting.

Global Outreach

Looking forward to the global congress for opportunities to make connections, partnerships, and collaborations.

Do we have a list of people going? (Brea, Kelly, Mikelia, and Joshua going) Brea is compiling that list. Global outreach committee asks for that list.

Request people to answer if they are going to WCMT (send email to brea) - The Blast

Maybe host a zoom meeting for those going.

Funding and Reimbursement Committee

Mikelia has done a lot of research and has reached out to some people who are interested in helping out without being on the task force. There is a code that covers art, music, rec. therapy, but it currently says only a licensed social worker can perform that work. They are going over procedural codes. Ted gave Mikelia a book on "how to reimburse". Trying to make facts sheets accessible and prettying up the sheets we have. Making or editing presentations so they explain how/why people should pay for music therapy.

Kelly will be looking into HERC (Health Evidence Review commission) and VbBS (value-based Benefits Subcommittee)

Still looking at grant writing and fundraising.

Old Business

- Completing Onboarding
- Filling board position vacancies (President Elect and Treasurer)
 - Kelly **motions to elect Natalia as president elect.** Aired Seconds. **Motion passes.**
 - Maybe ask Mary King to be treasurer after she passes the board?
 - Looking to pitch this position at the summer event
- OAMT non-profit application status
 - In progress
- Bank Account signatories
 - In progress (meeting between Brea & Joshua)
 - Brea **motions that president Joshua Pearl be added as a signatory on the US Bank account.** Kelly seconds. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Slack/Updating Communication Methods
 - Slack orientation & experimentation
 - The Board will use this for the next month & talk about opening it to the public at our next board meeting
 - We are using eyes emoji to indicate we have looked at a thing

-Joshua has 2 referrals

- Creating Community Hubs w/Reps (State Hospital, Earthtones, Cedar Hills, Eastern Oregon, Pacific...)
 - A person we know who can disseminate key information
 - Assigning this to the communication taskforce
 - ID one person from each at next meeting?
- Committee Member Drives
 - Natalia would like more support in the Peer Support Group and more community involvement.

- Make list of committee members and chairs
 - Put it on the website? (Suggest place for it to Kelly)
 - Include it in minutes
- (Classes of) Membership Drives
 - No change yet, still in the vision phase
 - Find a price point for broader community
 - Membership fund where people can apply for free membership
 - Offering for people to donate to this fund (pay it forward)
 - Allow non-music therapy members to barter (exchanging their knowledge/ resources)
 - Kelly can put together something on this for us to vote on next time
 - Sliding scale infographic included in the DEIA folder
 - Kelly will follow up with Brea about finances (maybe looking at implementing this next year?)
- Setting up applications for WCMT Scholarships
 - We have \$400 set aside for this and are looking to give out 4 \$100 scholarships- in The Blast
 - Brea will create google form (just for OAMT members)
 - How do we choose our 4?
 - Lottery
 - 1 scholarship exclusively for student
 - Can board members apply?
 - If board members can apply for the professional development scholarship - Brea will look into it
 - Can be used for online attendance
- OAMT 2023 Workforce Survey- Airel do this, also include in The Blast
- Summer Event Save the Date?
 - After the world conference with enough time to decompress
 - People who attended the world congress could present?
 - Looking at August ?26?
 - Meant to be more of a hang
 - Austin will provide dates for student returns
- Conference planning
 - Virtual option for out of state for CMTE

Good and Welfare

- Airel was contacted 3 times from the “Find a Therapist” page
- Joshua has 2 clients to refer out

Adjournment

Next Meeting at 6:30 on Thursday, May 25th, 2023.

Kelly motions to adjourn. Natalia seconds. **Motion passes** Meeting adjourned at 6:23, 2023.