



Western Region Chapter, American Music Therapy Association, Inc.

General Business Meeting Minutes
April 4-5, 2008
WRAMTA Annual Meeting and Conference, Seattle, WA

- I. Welcome & Call to Order – David W. Luce, President – 2:03 PM
- II. Approval of Agenda – Borzon, **motion** to approve the agenda. **Adopted.** [Exhibit A](#)
- III. Approval of Minutes – Walsh, **motion** to approve the minutes as revised. **Adopted.** [Exhibit B](#)
- IV. Bylaws Revision – Hearing of amendments from the membership. See [Exhibit C – motion sheets](#)
Borzon, motion to recess until Saturday at 3:00 PM. Adopted.
Saturday April 5, 2008 – Call to Order at 3:10 PM. Adopted.
Woolsey, **motion**: to adopt the proposed Bylaws Revision as amended on April 4, 2008.
Adopted.
- V. Officer Reports - Please see each officer's section in the *Sounding Board* for their full report.
- A. President – David W. Luce, Ph.D., MT-BC –
 - a. 2008 Award Recipients
 - i. Dr. David Wolfe was awarded the Betty Isern Howery Award. Since he was not able to attend the conference, it will be presented to him in 2009 at the Stockton conference.
 - ii. Spirit of Unification Award – Jointly presented by AMTA President Barbara Wheeler and WRAMTA President David Luce to Barbara Crowe
 - iii. WRAMTA Internship Scholarship – There were five applicants, and the scholarship was awarded to Angela Kopshy. She will be interning with Jodi Winnwalker at Earthtones.
 - iv. The local committee decided not to present an award for the Student Songwriting Conference.
- B. Past-President – Lillieth Grand, MS, NMT
 - a. If you have not signed a photo release, please contact Lillieth to sign a release and have your picture taken.
- C. President-elect – Piper Laird-Riehle, MM, MT-BC
 - a. Nomination PowerPoint presentation followed by the opening of nominations.
- D. First Vice-President – Rachel Harr, MT-BC
 - a. The 2009 Stockton California Conference will be March 26-28, with CMTEs on the 29th, at the Stockton Grand Hotel. Room rates will be \$120 a night for double occupancy.
 - b. Results from the 2007 regional conference survey showed more respondents preferred to start on Thursday; as such opening Session will be Thursday night with CMTE sessions on Sunday.
 - c. There will be a logo contest for this conference, watch the website for upcoming details.
- E. First Vice-President-elect – Judith Pinkerton, MT-BC
 - a. The 2010 Las Vegas Conference at the Alexis Park Resort will be held April 8th-10th.

- i. All of the rooms are suites. Rates \$129 for up to four people. You can book now.
 - ii. If you have a theme you would like to suggest for the conference contact Judith at meejudith@aol.com
 - b. The 2011 conference will be held in San Luis Obispo, California
 - F. Second Vice-President – Cliff Ewbank, MT-BC – read by David Luce
 - G. Secretary – Alison Wendel, MT-BC – Nothing to report at this time.
 - H. Treasurer – Kathleen Walsh, MT-BC
 - a. In the process of the compilation report, (this is similar to a third party audit).
 - b. WRAMTA is now capable of taking credit cards for payment. Online registration for the 2009 conference will be available with security provided by Gold Certificate.
 - I. Parliamentarian – Mary Alvarado, MT-BC
 - a. The By-laws Revision was accepted by the membership.
 - b. Tribute paid to Helen Dolas for her work on the By-laws.
 - J. WRAMTAS President – Bill Dluhosh – excused for the WRAMTAS business meeting.
- VI. WRAMTA Historical Committee
- A. Call for pictures, media clips, newspaper articles etc., please send them to Ted Ficken.
 - B. Ted interviewed many members of the region for the upcoming DVD.
 - C. If you are a current or previous award recipient or president or past president please send Wendy Woolsey your picture and a bio.
 - D. Please give any recommendations to the committee concerning names of people to present concurrent sessions for a Historical track at the conference.
- VII. AMTA Committee Representatives and Reports - Please see each corresponding sections in the *Sounding Board* for their full report.
- A. Academic Program Approval Committee – Chris Korb, MM, MT-BC – request made for internship directors and academic advisors increase their communication.
 - B. Affiliate Relations Committee – Maureen Hearn, MEd., MT-BC – see *Sounding Board*
 - C. Association Internship Approval Committee – Mary Alvarado, MT-BC
 - a. Metropolitan State Hospital Internship is up and running.
 - b. Please let National Office and Mary know if your internship is going inactive.
 - D. Communications and Technology – Cliff Ewbank, MT-BC – Read by David Luce
 - E. Continuing Education Committee – Robin Schmidt, MA, MT-BC
 - a. Call for Papers will be online around July 13, 2008. If you would like assistance with submissions please contact Robin. She would love to see more submissions for both CMTE and concurrent sessions.
 - b. If you need help with the re-certification process, Robin is available to answer your questions.
 - F. Employment & Public Relations Committee – (vacant)
 - G. Government Relations – Rachel Firchau, MT-BC, NMT, Fellow/UANMT
 - a. Sherri Giguere has accepted the position for the Arizona State Government Relation's Representative position.
 - b. Update on the California AB 1486.
 - c. Update on the Congressional Education Sessions
 - K. International Relations Committee – Juliana Rocha, MT-BC – submitted a written report to the *Sounding Board*.
 - L. Membership Committee – Kat Fulton, MT-BC – encourage your new MT-BC friends/colleagues to join AMTA.
 - M. Professional Advocacy Committee – Terri Smith-Morse, MT-BC – nothing new to report

- N. Reimbursement Committee – Rachel Harr, MT-BC – nothing new to report, see *Sounding Board*.
 - O. Research Committee – Eric Waldon, PhD.
 - a. There will be a call for posters on the Sounding Board
 - b. Eric is available to mentor members of the region concerning research issues.
 - P. Special Target Populations – Patty Catalano, MT-BC – see *Sounding Board*
 - Q. Standards of Clinical Practice Committee – Bobbi Adler, MT-BC – nothing new to report
 - R. Student Affairs Advisory Board – Alison Wendel, MT-BC
 - a. Update on WRAMTAS achievements.
 - i. Produced an original songbook with thirty-eight submissions which is currently available for purchase.
 - ii. The first ever WRAMTAS Passages Conference happening on Sunday.
 - iii. Received a grant from AMTAS given to WRAMTAS to hold a region wide Master Class.
 - b. Incoming 2008 WRAMTAS Board is as follows:
 - i. President: Casey Gregg – Chapman University
 - ii. Vice President: Joe Gilliland – Marylhurst University
 - iii. Secretary: Karla O’Hagen-Hawley Marylhurst University
 - iv. Treasurer: Jonathan Chaffin – Chapman University
 - v. Parliamentarian: Cynthia Engelsman – Arizona State
- VIII. Old business
- A. 2009 Election – The upcoming election will be run as dictated in the adopted Bylaws.
 - B. Public Advocacy Campaign - The amount currently raised is \$1705.00, our campaign goal is \$5000. We expect a place on the website for donations by this summer.
 - C. Strategic Planning Task Force –met for four hours of meetings this weekend. Their work will provide a foundation for moving forward. They will publish a progress report in the *Sounding Board*.
- IX. New Business
- A. CBMT Proposal to Share Costs – The Executive Board has received a request from CBMT for money toward the 2008 California AB 1486 legislative consultant fees.
- X. Good & Welfare
- A. Primary Children’s Medical Center hired Lillieth Grand in January 2008 as their Music Therapy Program Coordinator. After six weeks she only sees children with doctor’s orders. They are already looking into funding another position.
 - B. Please see the Executive Board Minutes for additional items of good and welfare, as time dictated the meeting be adjourned.
- XI. Adjournment – **motion** to Adjourn. **Adopted.**
Next Meeting at 2008 AMTA Annual Meeting St. Louis, MO

Respectfully Submitted,
 Alison Wendel, MT-BC
 WRAMTA Secretary