



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
September, 18th, 2022, 12pm**

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 12:02 on September 18th, 2022 with Joshua Pearl, Airel Farley, Brea Murakami, Cody Mills, Natalia Uribe, & Chris Korb present. **Quorum was established.**

***Approval of Agenda***

**Chris Korb moves to approve the agenda.** Second: Joshua Pearl **Motion carries.**

***Approval of Meeting Minutes***

**Airel Farley moves to approve the August 28th, 2022 Meeting Minutes.** Second: Brea Murakami (Natalia Abstains). **Motion carries.**

***Officer Reports***

***President, Chris Korb***

Ted Ficken was contacted about the position of Government Task Force Representative. He declined the request.

Discussion is continuing with a colleague about beginning a Supervisory panel for our members with an Ethics component.

***President-Elect, Joshua Pearl***

Been on vacation, been communicating with Natalia and looking forward to making more progress.

***Vice President, Kate Caruso***

I haven't done much as I have been on vacation (yay!) but I do hope that there are some things you all will be able to address in the meeting that will help me to accomplish the next steps towards planning our conference.

-The results of the survey Brea sent out regarding location preferences for the conference

-An official title for the conference: (Working titles: Continuing Building Our Community, Community Building Continued)

-Check over the call for proposals so we can send it out in the next blast (or ASAP) linked here or located in the 2023 OAMT Conference folder:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v8-rqETKLMPNF\\_pMYCSVReOkapHKmwhDBX6kAYWoU0Y/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v8-rqETKLMPNF_pMYCSVReOkapHKmwhDBX6kAYWoU0Y/edit)

***Secretary, Airel Farley***

I have been working on The Blast, sending out special reminders for MT relevant events and keeping on top of meeting minutes.

***Treasurer, Brea Murakami***

As of September 18th, OAMT has \$4,497.93 in our U.S. Bank account and \$29.53 in our PayPal account for total assets of \$4527.46. This month, I was in contact with the World Federation of Music Therapy and clarified that OAMT is not eligible to join as a full organizational member (\$75 membership fee), which is reserved for national-level associations only. Other organizations may join at the affiliate membership level (\$150 membership fee) and I will be bringing this to the board this month to approve this change to our budget.

***Public Relations, Cody Mills***

The public relations inbox has received at least one request for internship information in the state of Oregon. I am researching various cities around the state to compile a list, or add to an existing list for this express purpose. (Sites affiliated with Pacific University will be provided by Brea and added to the list)

***Media Coordinator, Natalia Uribe***

Announcements for Ted Ficken's event and the Peer Support Group (This Wednesday). Joshua and Natalia attended a workshop for how to frame things to government officials. Natalia has also been reaching out to other individuals who are starting their own businesses. Looking forward to putting together supervision opportunities.

***Student Representative, Lily Fugita***

School is in session and everyone is settling in. The Music Therapy Club is starting to host events and hoping to build a stronger music therapy community in the program. I have been starting my search for internships, working on my

capstone project, and promoting student involvement within the program and outside the school.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Communications***

No meeting this month. Advertisements about current events.

### ***Peer Support***

The Peer Support Group had another successful meeting in August, thanks to Natalia for leading our group! We will have one more meeting in September and then the peer support planning committee will meet to discuss how our trial period went, what we can improve and what was successful, and if we wish to continuing offering this group to our community. If you have attended a peer support meeting, please feel free to attend this meeting (date TBD) to share your input. Please mark your calendars for our next peer support meeting this coming Wednesday, September 21st, from 7-8:30 virtually. Joshua will facilitate this meeting.

### ***E.M.B.E.R***

Cody and Joshua have not met this month. Looking forward to more meeting and planning in the fall season.

### ***D.E.I.***

Resource folder has been created. Looking to make social media posts to promote the folder and make it accessible but organized. (Airel will include the link in The Blast, people must email DEI chairs Natalia or Joshua to add or edit resource)

### ***Global Outreach***

Discussed WFMT. Looking at scholarships and funding for sending people in the future. Excited to take next steps for maybe reaching out to a music therapist in Romania. Open to other input, resources, and ideas. Once there is more to report we can start opening this to the community.

Specifically wanting to advertise the world congress to students.

### ***Funding and Reimbursement Committee***

Attended the workshop. Looking for ways to get reimbursed and funded other than from the Oregon Health Authority. Looking to lay out initial steps and groundwork. Learning and gathering information and resources. Looking forward to getting a new Government Relations Representative. Getting a new governor soon, interested in watch change that will bring and how we can take advantage of that. Thinking of the government task force as under the funding and

reimbursement committee. Mikalia Wallace is interested in the Funding and Reimbursement Committee, possibly a candidate for the GRR position. (Experience working with Medicaid in Florida). Natalia and Joshua will talk with her and assess her interest and availability.

### **Old Business**

- Officially join WFMT
- On-line Internship Fair
  - Mini presentations with each site in a different room
  - WRAMTA did this once, usually only a few people per room
    - Fairly easy to coordinate and organize
  - Do we have enough internships in our state to do this?
    - Are we advertising just to Pacific students or to students out of state?
      - Thinking this is specifically for Pacific
    - Wanting to hear from Lily on the necessity and interest of this event.
      - Chris will follow up with Lily
  - OAMT should have a running list of what all the sites are, which are nationally registered, etc. Maybe advertising more nationally? (Both EarthTones and OHSU used to be national roster sites)
    - We have a very limited number of sites, do we really want to invite others and make it more challenging?
    - Maybe do a breakout session of how to set up an internship site so we can build infrastructure
  - The National Roster is still up and running
  - Continuing to discuss interns and internship in OAMT

### **New Business**

- Student Outreach committee & consideration of Western Oregon University's new program;
  - Maybe calling this committee Student Outreach and Internship
  - WOU looking to enroll students a year from this fall.
  - Would Lily be interested to do anything with interacting with prospective students
  - Make sure this gets added to Old business in the next meeting and make sure Lily can be there.
- Diversify income and move to an OAMT Non-profit status
  - \$500 possibly for lawyers and other professionals to make that happen
    - Also time consuming and bureaucratic

- Building clear mission statement
  - Who has the time and energy to do this?
  - What other State Organizations are non-profit?
    - 501c3 has been attempted multiple times
    - California had a friend who did it probono
    - Brea would be willing to try but would need someone to help- Natalia willing to help and reach out to friend who recently made a non-profit
    - Joshua willing to help, also currently has an inactive non-profit that could receive those grants and funds. Reports and upkeep is required for non-profits.
- What are the benefits?
  - Donations are tax deductible
  - Grant opportunities
  - Discounts from services- Google suite (will pay for itself)
- 2023 Conference logistic planning
  - Survey of membership to consider where to meet and preferred format
    - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yeSdZOKjznOtWry3d4U9LvgMJ3G966a4?usp=sharing>
    - Send out as individual reminder and on social media
      - Call to action- Takes 5 minutes!, Help Contribute!
      - Send out weekly (The Blast on Tuesday, Social Media later in the week)
      - Change up Subject Lines (It's the Hook)- Your Opinion Matters!
    - Special Reminders for Proposal Call
  - Dates to consider (avoid super Bowl weekend)
  - Site Location
    - Wanting hybrid option
    - Most people are in Portland, so we should keep it accessible
  - Themes
  - Proposal deadline
    - 50 minute session slots for the proposals
    - 5hrs of conference
    - Deadline Thanksgiving
    - Call goes out on Tuesday with the reminder
      - CEs for presenting?
    - 50% off price for presenters
    - Maybe specifically invite students and send it out to PUMT Club

- Round table with 5-10 minute “presentations” about possible capstones, interests, etc.
  - Is there a way to specifically invite students who are looking at being music therapy students?
  - Hybrid option
  - Event Production Team for this event?
    - Run this by Kate
  - Wanting this to be both empowering and cozy given the political and literal climate in February
- Government Relations Representative
  - card and flowers for Melissa

### **Good and Welfare**

- Natalia- meeting with Morrison Center to Work with Immigrant Youth, Parks and Rec to work with Older adults, Parrot Creek to work with foster youth. Lots of connections and lots of sites.- Asking for government reimbursement
- Chris- amazing Grand Canyon experience and pictures
- Brea- finished the first webinar of the NICU music therapy training, trying to double the number of NICU MTs in the state
- Cody- keeping busy with after work MT gigs- 3 a week, one with older adults, one with kids. Building community with a variety of cultures.
- Joshua- another great- godchild

### **Adjournment**

Next Meeting at 1pm on October 23rd, 2022.

**Brea motions to adjourn.** Joshua seconds. **Motion passes** Meeting adjourned at 1:43, 2022.