



**Oregon Association for Music Therapy
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 25th, 2023, 6:30pm**

The board meeting of the Oregon Association for Music Therapy was called to order at 6:40 on May 25th, 2023 with Joshua Pearl, Airel Farley, Brea Murakami, Austin Johnson, and Kelly Aloia present. **Quorum was established.**

Approval of Agenda

Airel Farley moves to approve the agenda. Second: Brea Murakami Motion carries.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brea moves to approve the April, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Second: Kelly. Motion carries.

Officer Reports

President, Joshua Pearl

Overwhelmed and overworked. Minimal ability to dedicate resources to non-urgent OAMT matters

President-Elect, Natalia Uribe

(See Public Relations report)

Vice President, Mikelia Wallace

I apologize for not being present due to illness. I hope to be on the mend soon and back at it.

Summer meetup: looking into locations but NEED to solidify the date. Based on discussions in Slack, the weekend of 8/12 or 8/19 is ideal. Tentatively, the summer meetup would include an 'ask a music therapist' panel for students, a presentation on the world conference, and some jamming, would love to see if attendees could get a CMTE credit for the panel or find another CMTE opportunity. Open to any suggestions, feel free to shoot me a message on Slack

Secretary, Airel Farley

I have been prepping and sending out The Blast as well as prepping business meeting minutes. I also set up the Slack workspace for OAMT and made a survey for the peer support group interest (no responses yet). -I will be sure to include job listings from both Jessicas in the upcoming Blast-

Temporary Acting Treasurer, Brea Murakami

OAMT currently has \$399.38 in PayPal. I was not able to login to the US Bank Account for a full financial update, but I will work with the President to work through the dual authentication for upcoming months. In the past month, I've drafted a copy of the 2023 OAMT Workforce Survey, which I've sent out to the rest of the board to review. We have only two members who have applied for the WCMT scholarship lottery, and I have posted a final reminder to the Facebook group.

Public Relations, Natalia Uribe

I apologize for not joining you today, I am dealing with an ongoing family emergency and my presence was needed there this evening.

I started compiling a list of organizations to reach out to and start spreading the word (and potentially creating job opportunities) about music therapy. You may see the list [here](#). Please feel free to add more or comment on the organizations. This is just my initial search, but I think these organizations touch on several of our main strengths as MT-BC's, as well as expanding the pool of populations we serve. I will keep you all posted on my progress with reaching out to them!

Media Coordinator, Kelly Aloia

Updated some sections of the website. Posted to Facebook.

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

Student Representative, Austin Johnson

Just relaxing, all students are gone for the summer.

Committee Reports

Peer Support (Natalia- chair, & Airel)

Peer support committee did not meet this month. In all honesty I (Natalia) didn't dedicate much time to PSG this month. I will reach out to Airel to brainstorm strategies to engage community members on our meetings and make a plan to socialize this to MT-BCs. A survey was put in The Blast but we haven't had any responses yet.

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

Did not meet this month. We should use our summer event as a membership drive. (Need further discussion)

DEIA (Joshua, Alicia, & Natalia)

Did not meet this month. Joshua has been reaching out to people he met at the previous Global conference and interested in how DEIA will be addressed/discussed.

Global Outreach (Joshua & Natalia)

Same as DEIA report.

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

Continuing to look at reimbursement. I have been in contact with Nikki at Music Therapy Access Fund, this was originally just in Texas but they are planning to expand. Because they are a nonprofit, we may be able to leverage their nonprofit status to gain funding from programs here and government agencies. More on this soon.

I have compiled a list of people who are interested in helping with gov relations, funding, etc, but who do not want to sit.

We have the opportunity to issue public comment for the HERC meeting on June 14th. This is in the middle of the workday unfortunately, but I would love to see us involved. Please reach out to me if you are interested, I will also reach out to our 'not committee' list

Kelly looked into the VBBS (associated with HERC) and found that it seems to be very diagnosis focused and we may not be well received if we jump in without knowing what we want to say and how to communicate effectively with this group. We would need to be VERY specific on who is being treated and what they are being treated for, broad

terms would likely not be well received and we'll want to come with specific studies and scientific support.

Old Business

- Slack: How is it working?
 - At least one community member has been invited, should we open it up to OAMT members?
 - The access to job opportunities and other MT conversations are a very good benefit for OAMT members
 - Airel will make a private channel for Board members and will make the communications taskforce channel
 - Make sure to put if it's private or not in the description and who has access to that channel
- Community Hubs
 - Having a point person at each location
 - OHSU
 - Cedar Hills
 - Pacific
 - Eastern Oregon
- Filling board position vacancy (Treasurer)
 - No moves on non-profit status or bank stuff
- OAMT non-profit application status
 - Brea and president will confer after the meeting
- Bank Account signatories
 - Brea and president will confer after the meeting
- WFMT Scholarships
 - 2 people joined OAMT for this opportunity
 - Reminder was posted to Facebook
 - Brea will write a blurb for the students and Austin will send it out
 - Board members are not eligible
 - Further discussion through Slack about extending the deadline
 - Any funds not used will return to OAMT
- OAMT 2023 Workforce Survey
 - Most respondents were not OAMT members
 - Linked [here](#)
 - Give feedback quick so we can send it out in the June Blast
 - Slack
 - Workforce survey
 - We'll use the Communication Taskforce Channel to get 3 eyes
- Summer Event
 - August 13th is 2 weeks after the WFMT
 - First day of classes is Aug. 28

- Pencil it in as August 13th for the summer event and plan on that, barring any complication (Brea is slacking that out)

New Business

- Job Listings (Jessica S)
 - Sent to OAMT in general and we receive a weird error message
 - Squarespace messages need to be sent to the appropriate people (they currently only get sent to the public relations and social media coordinator officer)
 - Kelly will investigate this and make a plan
 - Possibly we should set an explicit expected response time (like 1 business day)
 - Kelly sent it to Airel
- Public non-MT-BC “Music Therapy” use and corrective actions
 - Possibly using Mikelia’s previous letter as a template
 - Brea can send this up the chain and have the national advocacy chair send a letter.
 - Whether or not to share music therapy interventions with therapists who are non-MTs (sometimes paid)
 - Good to clarify scope
 - Interventions are not exclusive to music therapy
 - (Good pub night topic)
- Board-level peer support
 - Multiple board members are struggling and overwhelmed.
 - Looking to find time for an in person hang out (pub night)
 - Maybe finding it in the budget, maybe getting together on our own
 - Further discussion via slack (general Chanel)

Good and Welfare

- Kelly will be the first official employee of UpBeat Music Therapy
- Joshua- WFMT is really happening and is feeling real. Good butterflies.

Adjournment

Next Meeting at 6:30 on June 22nd, 2023. (Small chance it could be rescheduled, back up date is 29th)

Kelly motions to adjourn. Joshua seconds. **Motion passes** Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm May 25th, 2023.