

**MWR -AMTA Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, March 21, 2025 | 3:00-4:00 PM CST**  
**Iowa City, IA**

**Call to order:** 3:02 P.M. Central.

**Approval of the agenda:** Felicia moves to approve this meeting's agenda. Board of Directors approves agenda.

**Officer Updates**

**President - Felicia Magaña Voorhees**

- Committee Statuses & Updates
  - Elizabeth O'Dell was appointed Membership Committee Representative, but she received no updates from the committee. Felicia sent Angela Snell a message to clarify.
  - Sydney Winders has been serving in this capacity and sent an MWR update for this committee.
  - Leslie Henry is here on behalf of AMTA and will speak at Saturday's business meeting.
  - Crystal Weaver was named APAC's second representative.
  - Several committees still have vacancies - many committees may be paused, holding, or inactive.
- Bylaws
  - An issue with the bylaws was discovered when seeking information about the nomination committee. Posted bylaws did not have this information.
  - An incorrect version of the bylaws was posted to the MWR website - Andrew Knight posted correct ones last night. They are on the "Officials" page of mw-amta.com.
  - Kirsten Nelson will send PDF of correct bylaws to BOD.

**President-Elect: Kirsten Nelson**

- We assume memberships in MWR based on AMTA memberships. The region gets a portion of each membership dues paid.
- Keep in mind for Constitution & Bylaws revisions: The MWR Constitution mimics AMTA's.
- Changes to Constitution & Bylaws:
  - Constitution - Article 2 Section 1. Correction to when new officers assume their posts. They will begin on July 1 - eliminate language in the current bylaws about July 1 being the start of the fiscal year.
  - Bylaws:

- The bylaws also list the incorrect fiscal year. This will be corrected to be in line with AMTA.
- Treasurer Katey Kooi will present on adding the BOD stipend information to the appropriate section of the bylaws as part of her Treasurer report.
- The bylaws mention a budget and auditing committee.
  - At Business Meeting #1, the BOD will propose an auditing committee to meet briefly to look over our financial books with Katey. Committee should have three non-BOD members.
  - Becca Kurtz has already agreed to be on the auditing committee. At Business Meeting #1, we will ask for two volunteers. Time commitment is approximately 1 hour.
  - This committee will convene at 2 P.M. tomorrow.
  - The region has an accountant and uses Arrow Bookkeeping.
- Nomination Slate
  - Kirsten Nelson is the chair of the Nominating Committee. Natalie Wlodarczyk and Tyanne Mischnick are also on the committee.
  - We currently have at least one person running for each open position. For a complete slate, there should be at least two people running for each position.
  - The Treasurer is the only one who may retain their position.
  - At the Business Meetings, we will take nominations from the floor.
  - The Midwestern Region lost an Assembly of Delegates seat this year. Our number of seats is determined by the number of AMTA members in a region. We will encourage those in our region to update their memberships.
    - We need 6 total delegates (2 seated, 4 alternates) to start January 2026.
  - The nomination slate will close on Saturday at conference.

**Past President: Kelli McKee**

Not present. No report.

**Vice President: Kelly Carlson**

- MWR 2025 had 188 total registrants!
  - 88 students
  - 87 professionals
  - 13 others
- We offered 4 CMTEs with 29 registrants total.
- We eliminated 5 CMTE options due to low enrollment.

**Vice President-Elect: Morgan Henderson**

No report.

**Treasurer: Katey Kooi**

- The region is in good financial standing for the in-person conference.
- The next consideration is our investments - How do we want to spend our money?  
Should the membership vote on certain expenditures?
  - One suggestion was a Hardship Fund - more discussion on this in “New Business.”
- Stipends
  - The bylaws mention stipends for the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President Elect.
    - President-Elect was not included - bylaws should be revised so the President-Elect may request a stipend.
    - Should the Past President be able to request a stipend? If so, should this stipend be lower?
  - The bylaws indicate that the President and Vice President will have their “travel comped” for in-person conferences. This language needs more specificity.
    - “Travel comped” means that the President and Vice President may have airfare or mileage (at the federal rate) covered. This does not cover food.
  - Stipends will be a smaller amount for SAAB, Archivist, and Online Media Coordinator.
  - Committee Representatives may request a \$50 stipend.
  - Stipend amounts will vary between in-person and online MWR conferences - online conferences will have a lower stipend.
  - Those eligible for a stipend must attend the conference in order to receive the stipend.
  - Recipients may waive their stipends if they wish.
  - This information will be added to the proposed bylaw revisions for transparency and to incentivize service to the region. The membership will vote on these revisions.

**Secretary: Kailey Campbell**

- Thank you to the BOD members who helped in getting the previous meeting minutes and agenda distributed to the membership.
- Any additions to the agenda or slides for display can be emailed to Kailey in advance of the Business Meetings.

**SAAB Advisor: Amy Robertson**

- Passages Student Conference was successful with 54 attendees.
- Students held a songwriting contest this past fall. None of this year’s winners are present, but previous songwriting contest winners will perform at the Awards Luncheon.
- Students held a virtual symposium in the fall.
- Students hosted a T-shirt sale and a Panda Express fundraiser.

- At MWR 2025, students are selling tote bags at their exhibit table. They are also hosting Penny Wars to raise money for the region's students.

**Archivist: Lindsey Wilhelm**

- We are pleased to have raised \$6,450 from over 80 donors (individuals and organizations) to restore a scrapbook of music therapy history.
- We have collaborated with Emily Sevcik from GLR, with help from the GLR Research Fund, to complete mold remediation on the scrapbook. 247 photos have been scanned. This scrapbook even contains correspondence signed by Eva Vescelius.
- The CSU Archive Department is no longer able to store the scrapbook in their archives because of the potential for mold spread. The scrapbook may be unhealthy to handle.
- We are working with Emily Sevcik to get a high-quality digital scrapbook created.
- We are working with AMTA to see how to proceed with storing the physical book.
- A presentation about this significant piece of music therapy history will occur on Saturday, March 22 at 8 A.M.

**Online Media Coordinator: Andrew Knight**

Not present. Please send in pictures from the conference for the website.

**Social Media Coordinator: Anna Mitchell**

Not present. No report.

**New Business**

- Hardship Award/Fund for after Conference
  - The vision for this fund is that members can apply for it if they are in need, due to job loss, underemployment, etc.
  - This could be awarded quarterly based on submissions from the membership.
  - More about this will be discussed after the conference ends.

**Meeting Adjourn**

Felicia Magaña Voorhees moved to adjourn the meeting. Katey Kooi seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 P.M. Central.