

MWR AMTA Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 4:00-5:00 PM
Zoom

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- I. Call to order**
 - A. *Motion by Kirsten Nelson at 4:07 pm CST.*
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 - A. *Motion by Andrew Knight at CSU satellite site. Second by Lindsey Wilhelm at CSU satellite site.*
 - B. *Motion passes with 23 votes in favor and zero opposing votes.*
- III. Approval of the minutes**
 - A. MWR Business Meetings; March 21, 2025 and March 22, 2025
 - B. [MWR-AMTA Annual Business Meeting Minutes Friday, March 21, 2025](#)
[|4:45-5:45 PM Central Iowa City, IA Call to order](#)
 - C. [MWR-AMTA Annual Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, March 22, 2025](#)
[|4:45-5:45 PM Central Iowa City, IA Call to order](#)
 - D. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Lindsey Wilhelm at CSU satellite site.
Second by by Andrew Knight at CSU satellite site
 - E. *Motion passes with 23 votes in favor and zero opposing votes.*
- IV. Officer Reports**
 - A. President – Kirsten Nelson
 - 1. MWR executive board met this quarter last year. Work of the board was primarily focused on conference planning as well as member support. President Nelson, continues to serve on the assembly of delegates. The president announced the resignation of the president-elect taking place in fall 2025, this resulted in vice president Morgan Henderson moving into the role of president-elect (per MWR bylaws). Additionally, vice president elect Naomi Davis moved into the role of vice president. Changes in office positions resulted in a vacancy in the vice president elect position. President Nelson proposed the appointment of Becca Kurtz to fill this role and the MWR approved it to complete the experienced term. Next spring MWR will elect a new vice president elect while vice president Davis stays in the position for the 2027-2029 term. The board added a new award, “The Early Career Award” to honor professionals within their first ten years of service. The board will reimburse five individuals for CBMT maintenance fees and five individuals for conference registration in an effort to give back to members in the region.
 - B. Past President – Felicia Magaña Voorhees
 - 1. Past president Voorhess reports that she has been consulting and advising the president. Additionally, she has been attending assembly meetings.
 - C. President-Elect – Morgan Henderson
 - 1. Reports on planning 2026 online conference in previous work as vice president. President-elect Henderson reports MWR had 209 people

register for the conference.

D. Vice President – Naomi Davis

- a) Vice president announces next MWR conference that will take place in-person in Lawrence Kansas April 8th - 11, 2027.

E. Vice President-Elect – Becca Kurtz

1. The President elected reports on-going work to feature work in all states of the region. This on-going project will highlight the work of North Dakota.

F. Secretary – Sydney Winders

1. Secretary reports include on-going work of taking notes for BOR and projects to organize MWR board fillings.

G. Treasurer – Katey Kooi

1. Treasurer Kooi was absent from the meeting. Report given by President Nelson. Financial report includes starting the year \$32,641.00, current balance as of 4/11/2026 \$139,518.00. MWR has given conference reimbursements and CBMT maintains a fee gift to individuals in the region. Investment accounts remain stable. MWR audit committee was asked to review the books. Report listed in meeting minutes below. The provided report notes that the MWRAMTAS money continues to be managed by MWR treasurer. Edwards Jones investments approx. \$63,000.

H. Archivist – Lindsey Wilhelm

1. AMTA archives are housed at CSU. Archivist Wilhelm reports that items from historical music therapists have been lost. The archives continue to take donations. Questions regarding information in the archives and future donations can be directed to Lindsey Wilhelm.

I. SAAB Advisor – Amy Robertson

1. MWRAMTAS hosted an annual songwriting competition in the fall semester. The student organization started a discord server to increase communication and connection. 2026 MWRAMTAS took place this morning and was successful. SAAB Advisor Robertson, encouraged support for MWRAMTAS merch fundraiser. Information can be found on their website.

J. Online Media Coordinator: Andrew Knight

1. Report includes an explanation of the role of online media coordinator. Coordinator Knight reports 726 total subscribers for the newsletter. Report reminds members to check if they are getting the newsletter and to register on the website if needed.

K. Social Media Coordinator: Anna Mitchell

1. Reports note that MWR updates continue to be posted on social media. MWR social media accounts are listed below.
 - a) Facebook: facebook.com/mwramta/
 - b) Twitter: @mw_amta
 - c) Instagram: @mwramta

V. **Bylaws Revision Vote**

- A. Bylaw revisions presented by president-elect Henderson includes the following

changes. President-elect Henderson announces her resignation after serving the board for three years. If the proposed revisions passes, there will be a special election to fill the position for the remaining year.

1. Section 2. Officers and Assembly

- a) Add: Appointive officers may request a waived registration and stipend if they attend an in-person MWR of AMTA conference. They may request a waived registration if they attend an online MWR of AMTA conference.
- b) New version: The appointive officers of the Region shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, during the first month following the annual meeting. Appointive officers may hold the same office for more than one term of two (2) years at the discretion of the succeeding administration. Appointive officers may concurrently hold an elective office. An annual report may be requested by the President outlining current progress and future goals for each committee. Appointive officers may request a waived registration and stipend if they attend an in-person MWR of AMTA conference. They may request a waived registration if they attend an online MWR of AMTA conference.
- c) Rationale: Include compensation to appointive board members for attendance at MWR conferences to attend the annual meeting of the Midwestern Region.

(1) Discussion:

(a) None

d) *Motion passes with 23 votes in favor and zero opposing votes.*

2. Section 12. Officers and Assembly

- a) Strike: ~~The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a person to fill the unexpired terms of Vice President, Vice President Elect, Secretary, or Treasurer in the case of resignation, disability, or absence of the Vice President, Vice President Elect, Secretary or Treasurer respectively.~~
- b) Add new wording: If the offices of Vice President, Vice President Elect, Secretary, or Treasurer become vacant due to resignation, disability, or absence, the President shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. If a vacancy in the office of President Elect occurs prior to or at the time of the first regional conference of the term, the position shall be filled by a special election of the membership conducted in accordance with the election procedures outlined in these Bylaws. If the vacancy in the office of President Elect occurs after the first regional conference of the term, the position shall remain vacant until the next regular election. At that time, the membership shall elect both a President (except when the vacancy resulted from succession to the

Presidency) and a President Elect.

- c) Rationale: This wording provides clear procedure in the case of vacancy in the office of the President Elect and aligns the process described by the AMTA Bylaws.

- d) Discussion:

- (1) None

- e) *Motion passes with 23 votes in favor and zero opposing votes.*

3. VII Committee

- a) Add: Continuing Education Committee (CEC) Representative may request registration waived if they attend either an in-person or an online MWR of AMTA conference.

- b) New version: Section 4. The blind review committee shall be led by the regional Continuing Education Committee (CEC) representative, who ensures that all policies, documentation, and fees regarding CMTE activities submitted to CBMT are adhered to in a timely manner and shall have the right to amend policies to ensure compliance with CBMT. The CEC representative is responsible for assembling the committee with Board approval to review concurrent session proposals for the annual Regional Conference. Continuing Education Committee (CEC) representatives may request registration waived if they attend either an in-person or an online MWR of AMTA conference.

- c) Discussion:

- (1) Andrew suggests changing the wording from blind to anonymous with the rationale to reduce the usage of ableist language.

- (2) Lea Ann asks why the continuing education committee (CEC) representative does not get a stipend like the others?

- (3) President Nelson responds that the board didn't suggest a stipend for that position. CEC just received registration compensation.

- (4) President Nelson motions to approve proposed change in section 4 with Andrews suggestion. "The anonymous review committee shall be led by the regional Continuing Education Committee (CEC) representative, who ensures that all policies, documentation, and fees regarding CMTE activities submitted to CBMT are adhered to in a timely manner and shall have the right to amend policies to ensure compliance with CBMT. The CEC representative is responsible for assembling the committee with Board approval to review concurrent session proposals for the annual Regional Conference. Continuing Education Committee (CEC) Representative may request registration

waived if they attend either an in-person or an online MWR of AMTA conference.”

d) *Motion passes with 22 votes in favor and one opposing vote.*

4. VII Committees Section 6.

- a) Add: Representatives to national AMTA Committees may request a stipend if they attend an in person MWR of AMTA conference.
- b) Rationale: Include compensation to all MWR representatives to national committees for their attendance at in-person MWR conferences so they can attend the annual meeting of the Midwestern Region.
- c) Rationale: Waive conference registration for Continuing Education Committee Representative to manage CMTE courses and distribution of attendance certificates at MWR conferences.

(1) Discussion:

(2) None

d) *Motion passes with 22 votes in favor and one opposing vote.*

VI. **Committee Reports**

- A. MWR Audit Committee: Adam Summers/Elisabeth Peiffer
 - 1. Committee verified the MWR financial reports.
- B. Clinical Practice Networking: Inactive
 - 1. No report
- C. Interprofessional Collaborative Resources: Faith Halverson-Ramos
 - 1. No report
- D. International Relations: Soo-Jin Kwoun
 - 1. No report
- E. Membership: Elizabeth O’Dell
 - 1. No report
- F. Professional Advocacy: Annie Roberson
 - 1. Committee has been active this year, meeting quarterly as a ground. Currently there have been zero reports of misrepresentation this year. Annie encourages membership to contact the committee if you encourage any misrepresentation.
- G. Workforce Development & Retention: Rachael Willeke
 - 1. Analysis from a recent workforce survey includes a free overview to all. The 2025 workforce survey will be published soon. Rachael is hosting a free virtual event on April 18th, 2026 to highschoolers. Flyer for this event will be posted on MWR website.
- H. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access, and Justice: Vacant
 - 1. No report
- I. Governments Relations: Ariel Kraus
 - 1. No report
- J. Reimbursement: Anastasia Canfield
 - 1. No report
- K. Research: Cynthia Colwell

1. Completed activities from the last report 2025 poster session included 18 submissions. 10 total poster submissions are included with YouTube access for 2026. Request was submitted for a research poster session in the 2027 in-person conference.
- L. Standards of Clinical Practice: Stephanie Johnson
 1. Committee responds to previous request for dissolution by stating there is continued business.
- M. Technology: Vacant
 1. No report
- N. Judicial Review Board: Hae Sun Kim
 1. No report
- O. Academic Program Approval: Crystal Weaver
 1. Committee has been working throughout the year to complete a variety of tasks. Review of academic programs is their main charge. Committee continues to have a heavy caseload of applications every year. The AMTA board of directors has appointed temporary ad hoc members to assist in the reviews. APAC has asked for a change in the bylaws to permanently increase the number of committee members.
- P. Continuing Education: Kailey Campbell
 1. No new information on the National level. CMTE was sponsored by MWR for course by Naomi Davis, MA, MT-BC. 18 certificants were awarded. MWR offered four pre conference CMTE and 16 concurrent sessions.
- Q. Assoc. Internship Approval: Beth Mosko
 1. Representatives report 162 active national roster internship sites with 16 of those being the MWR. The committee added 9 sites last year. There are 16 that are undergo revisions. Please submit an annual report to Beth.

VII. **AMTA update by Leslie Henry, President**

- A. **President Henry introduces AMTA board 2026-2027.**
- B. First quarter highlights include training of the Board of Directors, presentation at regional conferences, transfer of book inventory to third party fulfillment, development on AMTA website, hiring Government Relations Association and Education and Clinical Training Coordinator, continued on-going communication to membership.
- C. AMTA prioritizes 2025 membership recognition through workgroup initiatives. This includes awards, community agreement and culture, considerations for the new incoming generation, and stabilizing finances.
- D. 2026 Budget Summary
 1. Income: \$952,598
 2. Expenses \$949,075
 3. Net Income: +3,523.00
- E. Elizabeth Stegemoller, PhD, MT-BC is the new co-editor of JMT.
- F. Amy Wilson, PhD., MT-BC and Stephanie A Kolakowsky-Hayner, PhD.,CBIST, FACRM are the recipients of the Arthur Flagler Fultz Research Award.

G. 2025 Workforce Survey will be published later this month.

VIII. **Election Slate for 2026-2027 President-Elect**

A. Kailey Campbell is on the election slate for 2026-2027.

B. President Nelson opens the floor for other nominations for this position.

1. No additional nominations were provided.

C. Slate closes with Kailey Campbell running unopposed.

IX. **Announcements/Door Prizes**

A. Early Career Recipient: Dustin Politte-Bender

B. Research Award Recipient: Jess Rushing

C. Services Awards(s): Kelly Carlson & Mary Lynn Bennett

D. MWR representatives will contact door prize winners.

X. **Meeting Adjourn**

A. *Motion by Kirsten Nelson at 6:26 pm CST. Second by Amy Robertson at UMKC satellite site.*