

AMTA 2025 Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025: 8:00-10:00 pm ET

8:00 pm

Call to Order: Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Angie Snell

Speaker Krings noted that quorum is met

Mia Illiopoulos Krings

President Snell called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the 2024 Business Meeting Minutes as presented.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.

Note: Alison Deran's name is spelled incorrectly in the minutes, to be corrected

8:15 pm

2025 Review

Angie Snell

President Snell noted that the association is now in a state of financial stability, enabling forward planning. Board is partnering with the Assembly to review competency board recommendations. Assembly is currently reviewing, the Board will vote once their review is complete. Commission recommendations: Committees reviewing, recommendations will come back to the Board and the Board will then determine our direction forward. President Snell noted the Journal of Music Therapy's 75th anniversary selections.

8:20 pm

2025 Financial Report

Leslie Orozco Henry

Treasurer Orozco Henry shared her [report](#), starting with a revenue breakdown from January 2025 through October 2025, which included contributions, program revenue, membership dues, and investments. She noted that when comparing with 2024, 2025 contributions are slightly up, program revenue is slightly down, and a non-government grant from Music Man Foundation was received, with additional Music Man grant funds to be received by the end of the year. Membership dues are down and investments are up.

AMTA Operating Expenses for the same time period were shared, including Salaries and Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Employee Benefits, Professional Fees, Dues and Subscriptions, Operational Expenses, Facility and Equipment, Travel & Meetings, and Other Expenses.

The income to expense comparison for 2024 to 2025 shows slightly more income in 2024, with expenses increasing in 2025. Ultimately, the association was profitable in 2025, is operating within cash margins, and is healthy.

Treasurer Orozco Henry shared the specific membership numbers by type of membership with the total membership numbers for 2024 being 1,858 and 2025 being 1,742. She also shared the percentages of memberships at each of the three tiers and a graph of the membership numbers by regions, with GLR being the largest. Those who join the AMTA after November 1 will receive official 2026 membership and membership for the remainder of 2025. Monthly membership payments, ACH checking, and auto-renewals options are available

2025 Financial Highlights included: Decrease in membership, actively making payments on business lines of credit, active contract with Jacksonville Hyatt, cash flow surveillance bi-weekly with Finance Committee, one-time COVID credit received, strong performance on investments, 2nd Music Man payment received, an increase in cash flow to fund increased Clinical Training and Communications Consultants hours, clean 2024 audit with growing concern removed from report, 2024 AMTA 990 has been filed with the IRS, 2024 AMTA Affiliate 990 will be filed with the IRS soon, modest profit 2 years in a row, and AMTA dues structure for 2026 will be presented at the Assembly of Delegates meeting.

This concluded the Financial Report.

President Snell then shared about the shifting of Peter Bendoris to Interim COO, and a new government relations associate position that is now active. Questions were then addressed by panelists:

Treasurer Orozco Henry / Peter Bendoris further clarified about the Hyatt contract, which is still currently active. Next year, the association will be removed from liability if no further action is taken on behalf of the Jacksonville Hyatt.

President Snell explained professional fees

8:39 pm EST

Database & Website Update

Peter Bendoris

Interim COO Peter Bendoris explained the new website structure, including CRM (Customer Relationship Management), ecommerce module, having a separate vendor for the database, YourMembership being the new iteration of NetForum, and its integration with the new website.

An overview of the new website timeline was provided, including the 2024 web search process, which identified InConcert Web Solutions, and a contract was signed on 2/20/25. The Website Committee sent a survey to the AMTA community which resulted in feedback to improve user experience, design, content, functionality, and value for being an AMTA member. InConcert launched a discovery process while incorporating community feedback. They created a document which included a site map, updating resources, finding internships, finding therapists, improved search functions, mobile friendly, FiscalNote for government relations, podcasts, new images, and video links. Current status has the wire frames (which were shared), language translation, and a vertical webpage outline. Pre-launch marketing and a release party are being considered with a target for release for Q2 of 2026.

Clarification was provided that this is not a rebranding project and that this is a consideration for the next phase.

Questions and feedback were received: Member resources information is not currently available on the website; ensure that it is available.

Please send all additional concerns to Peter and the Website Committee.

President Snell shared that the Music Man Foundation is supportive of adjustments in the website development timeline and will give an additional \$20,000 by the end of the year.

9:00 EST

Symposium Update/ AMTA-U

Jennifer Sokira

Vice President Sokira shared that [AMTA-U](#) is the hub for CEs, accessible pricing, home of symposium, for Passages, Spotlight research series (free to members), 9 asynchronous courses, and the Commission Report.

Last symposium was held on 9/14 to 9/17/2025, focusing on advances in research, clinical practice, and education, with the support of sponsors Chuck Wild and The Anne Emory Kylo Foundation. 39 credits are available through 2/28/25, with registration available through 2/15/25. Special events included a game night, 75th anniversary celebration, and a research keynote conversation. 961 registrants so far, generating \$74.6K. Tiered registrations available, including Scholarship, \$75, \$150, and \$225 options, with complimentary registration for interns and students

Gratitude expressed to proposal reviewers, Lori Gooding, Barbara Else, Michelle Muth, Kim Bell, AMTA BOD and Staff, presenters, and special guests.

AMTAS Passages event had 150 registrants.

New Leadership - Nicole Bowen, Vice President Elect, Marta Hernandez-Candelas, Presumptive Vice President Elect.

9:12 pm EST

Awards

Angie Snell

2024 Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award given to Ronald Borczon

9:20 pm EST

Government Relations Report

Judy Simpson

Part-Time Government Relations Associate Position available, with the potential to transition to a full-time position, to implement federal and state policy strategies.

The following updates were shared:

Federal issues -

Executive - executive orders, appropriated funds rescissions, reduction in force actions
Legislative - FY26 budget (shutdown), only 36 bills passed in the entire year (very few)
Regulatory - health and human services upheaval, program discontinuation; national endowment for the arts

State issues -

Recognition - 19 states recognize MT-BC
Regulatory - licensure implementation, traditional medicaid access, medicaid waiver changes
2026 legislation - licensure bills in 12 states; licensure amendments in 2 states

Coalition Activity includes membership in 11 national coalitions, with over 40 letters to Congress.

Reimbursement -

Medicaid - waiver inclusion, rate changes, H.R. 1 Implementation
Process - CPT Codes, Vendor requirement

Association Tasks

Website developments - FiscalNote reports integration
Tech support - policy and practice guidance
Resource development - advocacy and reimbursement tools

Statistics included 18 government relations updates posted in 2025. Music therapy was represented in more than 70 coalition meetings, and there were 163 state task force meetings.

Questions were fielded from the community:

Please clarify why the New York State Task Force was discontinued and how advocacy for licensure is continuing in NYS? This is determined by MAR and the national team, hope to restart in 2026

9:38 pm EST

Awards (continued)

Angie Snell

2025 Fultz Award Grant presented to Amy Wilson and Stephanie A. Kolakowsky-Hayner for their research, "Recovery through Intervention and Sound Engagement (RISE)."

9:40 pm EST

Speaker of the Assembly Report

Mia Iliopoulos Krings

Speaker Krings shared her report, found [here](#).

An explanation of the Assembly's function was provided. The Assembly is the legislative and policy-making body, the "Congress of the AMTA," which reflects the interests of membership, receives and acts upon legislation from the general membership. The current delegation numbers breakdown was provided, the list of officers, meetings held, and the new 2026-2027 delegation numbers were provided. 12/2/2025 will be the new Assembly orientation meeting, and we will vote on new Assembly board representatives.

9:45 pm

Motion: To extend the meeting time by 30 minutes.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.

9:46 pm EST

Council Coordinator Updates

Chelsea Mabes

Becky Engen

Megan McCausland

Chelsea Mabes / Dawn Iwamasa - Association Services Committee, Membership Committee, Professional Advocacy Committee, International Relations Committee, Workforce Retention Committee, Development Committees, (+ 1 other). Continued engagement with respective committees. Work retention survey closed. Dawn Iwamasa provided an update on the survey, which was opened for 4 weeks from 10/14 to 11/12 and had 2043 responses (20%).

Becky Engen - Education and Clinical Training, Continuing Education, Association Internship Approval Committee (AIAC), and Academic Program Approval Committee (APAC) - new program applications (at times complicated), improved communication, 10 year re-application for existing programs w/ 3 year review for new programs, openings for those interested in learning more and potentially joining Committee - call for services.

Megan McCausland - professional practices: government relations and reimbursement, standards of practice, research, and technology. Establishing communications, realigning purposes and goals, and plans for forward motion.

10:03 pm EST

Nominating Committee

Lori Gooding

Elections information provided for President-Elect (2024-2025 and 2026-2027), and Vice President (2026-2027): https://www.musictherapy.org/amta_elections_meet_the_candidates/

Introductions and statements by candidates. Elections open tomorrow, and professional members will be able to vote. Megan McCausland will move into the Treasurer role in 2026-2027.

10:20 pm EST

Looking Forward

AMTA Board of Directors

Remember to vote for the abovementioned candidates, stay engaged, and reach out to delegates.

DEISJ is not forgotten about, informing how we are rebuilding and reimagining. Considering how they will serve, how will they advise us such that we do not do it in a performative way.

Good and welfare - call, ask how we can help one another, recognize transgender awareness week, tomorrow 11/20, is Transgender Day of Remembrance.

President Snell acknowledged other, less vocal members of the AMTA Board.

10:28 pm EST

Adjournment

Angie Snell

Motion: To adjourn the 2024 AMTA Business Meeting.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.