

Vice-President's Message

Elsa Maria Garcia

I was glad to see so many of you at this year's conference. It was a very educational time for me and I hope it was for you too. The student Swap Shop was a great success and we were able to accomplish a lot during the business meetings.

Thank you for choosing me to be your Vice-President again. I am trying to make your newsletters as informational as possible and am open to any ideas or submissions you might have. At the time I am working on getting an "Inter's Corner" started in the next issue of "News About Music Therapy Students" which will be out on April 1, 1994. I am looking for interns to submit an article about intern life and issues. If you would like to submit for the "Intern's Corner" or have any suggestions, please send them to me by **March 5, 1994** at:

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Secretary's Report

Janice M. Harris

We accomplished so much at this year's meetings! We clarified and modified the constitution, discussed curriculum problems and concerns, learned more about the membership drive, and elected new officers. Congratulations and good luck to the new officers for 1994. I enjoyed serving as Secretary for NAMTS and each of its members.

Parliamentarian's Report

Wendy Sharpless

Conference in Toronto was great, we got a lot of work done including many Constitutional revisions. Good luck in the next year.

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International Relations

Committee Cindy Ciciora

The International & Affiliate Relations Committee has dropped the word 'Affiliate' from its name and is now the International Relations Committee (IRC), which has decided as a whole to become a member of the World Federation of Music Therapists. During Conference, the committee was invited to two breakfasts hosted by Suzanne Hanzer to welcome the International presenters and guests, with round table discussions focusing on educational and research issues. From this, next year it is the intent of the committee to host another reception to include students. To help them with invitations, they need a list of all international students. Please send a list of these people with their school address and national address to your international relations committee representative. The committee also needs these names and addresses for when they set up international internships. An entire upcoming issue of the Music Therapy Perspectives will be devoted to international issues. This will be compiled with the help of the committee.

The IRC is also working with the education committee to further their efforts to set up other NAMT accredited programs in other countries. This is happening now in Barcelona, Spain. They are also working toward International internships.

Election Procedure Review Committee

Anyone interested in helping with this review committee is welcome to contact the acting chairperson with any suggestions and concerns. Please contact:

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Research Committee

Heather Schunk

The research sessions at conference were: 1) "A Practical Approach for Developing Research Writing Skills", which had a successful turnout and program; 2) "Music and Psychoneuroimmunology: A Look at Current Research and Future Directions"; 3) "Generating Research Ideas: Music Therapy with Rett Syndrome"; and 4) the Research Poster Session, which had about forty-three presenters, some of whom were students.

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Top: Larry Cupit, Melissa Cooke, Elsa Maria Garcia, Andrew Alesso, Amanda Ambrosio
Bottom: Janice Harris, Wendy Sharpless, Amber Schrank, Angel Eichenlaub

Research Committee (Continued)

The committee discussed programming for next year's conference. Ideas for research sessions which will be pursued are: 1) historical research session-of the hundreds of music therapy researchers, only 5 to 8 consider historical research; 2) a session focusing on phenomenological issues is also a consideration-Michelle Fornish, a music therapist in Boston will be approached for presentation; 3) two sessions including researchers who received grants from funding for the Older American's Act may also be offered, the researchers are Michael Thaut, Kate Gffeler, Ted Tims, Barbara Royer and Barry Bernstein; and 4) once again, the research poster session which is featured every year. This is a great opportunity to make connections and draws registrants who would otherwise not attend conference, and as a result, some new memberships to NAMT are gained.

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