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# Board of Directors MEETING

**Date: Wednesday, 11/20/2013**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Location: Annual AMTA meeting, Jacksonville, Florida**

**Meeting called by: Nicole Hahna Type of meeting: AMTAS Board of Directors**

**Facilitator: Ethan Schmidt Formatted by: Diandra Russo (Secretary)**

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| Attendees: | Nicole Hahna (Advisor)Ethan Schmidt (AMTAS President)Ellen Trammel (AMTAS Vice-President)Melissa Heffner (AMTAS Parliamentarian)Diandra Russo (AMTAS Secretary)Kayla Hamilton (AMTAS Treasurer)Melissa Schumann Neitzel Great Lakes Student Representative)Melanie Brison (Vice President of GLR)Dawn Stewart (President elect of Southwestern Region)Rebecca Townsend (Midwestern Student Representative)Rebecca Cantrell (Southwestern Student Representative)Freddy Perkins (Southeastern Student Representative)Candice Bain (Western Student Representative)Laura Wilson (President Elect)**Apologies:**  Katie Olsen (New England Student Representative) |
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| Agenda Item I: Introduction**Introductions**Presenter:Dr. Kern |
| **Agenda Item I: Welcome/ Introduction****1. Call to Order:** 1. Ethan called the meeting to order at 7.09pm
2. Dawn seconded the motion.

**2. Agenda Item II: Approval of Agenda**1. Ethan reviewed the agenda.

Agenda Item III: Unfinished Business**1. Gaston Award**1. It was discussed whether the Board of Directors agreed that the E. Thayer Gaston Award’s name, may be changed in order to be more inclusive of the diverse research styles: quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and research literature
2. It was discussed that the award as of now excludes a lot of the common research methods
3. The group generated ideas for new names and it has been agreed to attempt a change the E. Thayer Gaston Award to be called the “Founder’s research award”, which would encompass and address diverse research styles in the spirit of the founders of the music therapy field

**2. Regional Scholarships**1. Since all the regions have already submitted their proposals for their regional projects and the process for the regional scholarship is lengthy, the AMTAS Officers decided to not have them fill out the application: Ethan encouraged the regional presidents to read the regional scholarship application and report on their projects during the Board of Directors meeting on 11/21/13. The officers will then make a decision based on the verbal report. Ethan will post the application on amtas.org
2. A total of $600 is available (amount can be split, however, can be no more than $400 per region)

**3. President’s Challenge**1. Ethan checked in with each regional president on what items they are planning to donate towards the President’s challenge
2. The question was raised, what instruments would be preferred by the winner, Ethan informed the group that the AMTAS officers will determine the winner during conference and announce it during the Saturday business meeting.
3. The presidents agreed that were going to purchase an item from the exhibit hall.

**4. Electronic Vote*** 1. Ethan talked about how we might consider using electronic voting means for the general business meeting, due to the usual time sensitivity of the meeting lasting only an hour.
	2. Kayla suggested using “survey monkey”
	3. The issue of socio economic disadvantage came up (smartphones, computers etc..) and this issue will discussed further during the SAAB meeting, with the assistance of Andrew Knight.
		1. **AMTAS Booth:**
1. We encouraged everyone to stop by the booth and purchase a raffle ticket
2. **Podcast:**
	1. Melissa informed everyone about the Ohio University Booth:

Student Podcast ”The Intermezzo”, if you join their Facebook Group, there will be a drawing on December 1st 🡪 University will be rewarded with an instrument gift card or sign up at their booth, which will result in another prize drawing on the Saturday Business meeting. 1. **Fall Newsletter**
	1. Diandra informed everyone about the submission for the Fall Newsletter after conference, she will be sending out an E-mail as a reminder.

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|  **Agenda Item IV: Good and Welfare** |
| **1. Adjournment*** 1. Melanie Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7.36 pm
	2. Rebecca Seconded
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