

The Musette



AMTAS President- Kyle Fleming

Thank you, everyone, for your support of AMTAS! I'm a 2012 graduate of Wartburg College, and will be beginning my internship at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, January 2013. During my downtime I've been working hard on making sure the AMTAS portions of National Conference will be running as smoothly as possible. I've also been hard at work making sure all of the applications and other paperwork are up-to-date, as well as making communication between AMTAS members of all levels is as fluid as possible. Every day I get a little more excited for conference. See you in St. Charles!



AMTAS President-Elect- Sarah Thomas

As President-Elect, my primary duty is to find students to serve as representatives on the AMTA committees. This year, we allowed students who had served last year and were still eligible to continue with the same committee if they chose. We hope that this will bring more continuity to service on committees, and that this will provide a better voice for students across the board. Only six students chose to stay with their committees, so I also filled eight open positions. If feedback this year is positive; we hope to continue in the future!



AMTAS Vice President- Kaillie Enser

As Vice President my chief responsibility is the AMTAS Website. This year my biggest project was developing a new website for the organization. I have continued to update and improve the website throughout the year. I receive update requests from members of the AMTAS Executive Board and email regional presidents to solicit materials for the website every other month. After National Conference I will submit a summary of AMTAS business to "Music Therapy Matters." I attend all AMTAS and SAAB meetings and serve as a liaison among the Midwestern and Southeastern Regional Representatives and the AMTAS Board of Directors.



AMTAS Secretary- Marcus Hughes

As secretary I have several duties. First, I take minutes at all business meetings and distribute those to the other officers. Second, I am in charge of creating and distribute both the fall and spring newsletters as well as the Musette. Third, I am in charge of managing the facebook group as well as managing the twitter account. Finally, I help with keeping up to date contact information from important members through out the regions. I have particularly enjoyed running the twitter account this year, and being able to see what is going on in the music therapy twitter world. It has been my honor to serve you guys this year!



AMTAS Treasurer- Elissa Ruiz

As treasurer it is my duty to manage the AMTAS bank account. I create and update the annual AMTAS budget report, as well as proposing the new budget for the next year. I am in charge of making any and all purchases as well as giving the scholarship checks to the STARS scholarship winners. Along with that, I am in charge of overseeing the fundraiser. This year we will be selling guitar picks as our fundraiser, so come out to our booth and check them out! Along with these duties, I have attended the AMTAS officer meetings, helping to collaborate with the other officers on several projects including the STARS scholarship contest.



AMTAS Parliamentarian- Amanda Graves

As Parliamentarian, I have enjoyed the face-to-face and skype meetings with fellow board members and our SAAB representative. As for the outlined duties, I have sifted through the bylaws and polished the hard work of those before me, and made several corrections so that our organization may be represented professionally in our core documents. As an executive board member, I have been a part of the process of revamping the wording of our organization's scholarships, planning fundraisers for conference, choosing our service project, and various assignments prior to and during this year's conference. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to learn the processes of an organization like ours, and have so enjoyed meeting passionate music therapy students from other states and regions.



AMTAS Advisor- Alison Wendel, MT-BC

I am excited to meet many of you at the upcoming AMTA National Conference "Changing Winds: Innovation in Music Therapy." I hope you all attend the Student Business Meetings. Please come introduce yourself to me. Your officers have worked hard this year to make your AMTAS organization run smoothly. Please consider running for an AMTAS office, it is a wonderful way to develop leadership skills, as well as providing opportunities to become known to leaders in your profession.