

NEADTA Board Meeting

Oct. 5, 2020

7:30-8:15pm

Present: Courtney, Pauline, Maegan

Absent: Melanie, Stefanie

1. Professional Scholarships
 - a. Have a few raffle entries at this point
 - b. Continue to post about it on SM and send via email to remind members
2. Meet and Greet - October 19th 7:30pm
 - a. Agenda items:
 - i. Discuss by-laws
 - ii. Discuss Website
 - iii. Discuss Anti-Racism Statement
 - iv. Open conversation
3. Review By-laws
 - a. Membership vote on changes Mid-Late November
 - b. Proposed changes:
 - i. Use of they pronouns throughout the by-laws
 - ii. Allow students to vote
 - iii. Add a student liaison role - one per NE school
 1. President has the ability to name students into this role, so it is not a voted position
 - iv. Title: Revised to New England Chapter of the American Dance Therapy Association, Inc.
 1. This is so it matches our legal documents, etc.
 - v. Electronic surveys
 - vi. Outgoing President and Treasurer stay on for a year to help the new President and Treasurer
 - vii. Role revisions
 - viii. Student Membership
 1. Student members have the same rights, except for holding board position (except for a liaison role) and nominating.
 - c. Continue to review past notes on this and solidify proposed changes via email in the next few weeks.
4. Forming our Anti-Racism Statement
 - a. Melanie's Draft
 - i. The NEADTA commits to addressing anti-Blackness, and all forms of systemic oppression and will continue to collaborate with its members, the ADTA, and other community members to offer support and necessary conversations on race and oppression. As a Chapter, we acknowledge our own need for growth. We believe that critical reflection, direct action, and accountability are essential in promoting positive change. We pledge to identify and correct our

own systemic practices, institutional legacies, and unconscious biases that perpetuate white supremacy and Eurocentrism. We acknowledge the violence and brutality currently being inflicted upon black humans, and we condemn these acts. We also acknowledge and condemn cruelty perpetrated upon indigenous and peoples of color. We acknowledge and offer honor and respect to the indigenous peoples of this land we now occupy--and offer humble gratitude for your stewardship of this land.

- ii. The NEADTA recognizes the insidious impact ongoing racism and discrimination has on mental health. We acknowledge that your experiences are real, and we aim to ensure that you are seen, heard, and understood. We are committed to serving all Black, Indigenous, Peoples of Color and their allies.
- b. Have membership give input to the statement at our Meet and Greet
 - i. Post before then, but follow up/make necessary changes, additions, etc. after
 - c. Be clear and note our intention behind the steps we are taking.
- 5. 2021 Conference
 - a. Full New England Conference
 - i. Theme - Dance/Movement Therapy in New England
 - ii. Bring it back to the land we live on, indigenous movement
 - iii. Going to the roots of this region - ensure that we have a person speaking from that perspective for our keynote
 - 1. Reach out to the ADTA Native American Affinity Group to connect
 - iv. Think about how we can build the conference around this theme
 - 1. Broader span of presenters
 - 2. Diverse voices and diverse programming
 - 3. Rework the blind review process for the workshop proposals?
 - v. Timeframe: March
 - vi. Virtual Conference
 - 1. How many days?
 - 2. How do we provide the workshops?
 - 3. Pre-record workshops?
 - 4. Go off of the ADTA Conference for structure/thoughts/how to format (on a smaller scale)
 - b. Have a theme determined by the end of October
 - c. All notes around the conference will be added to the Continuing Projects Google Spreadsheet
 - d. Next Meeting Date: TBD
 - i. Tomoyo and Nancy are free Thursdays/Fridays
 - ii. Aim for the last week of October for the next meeting
- 6. Next Steps/Upcoming Items
 - a. Current Happenings

- i. Professional Scholarships
 - 1. Deadline - 10/13
 - 2. Winners announced - 10/14
 - 3. Point Person - Pauline
- ii. Meet and Greet Community Meeting
 - 1. Monday 10/19, 7:30pm
 - 2. Point person - Courtney (event announcement and summary of our board meeting minutes to be emailed and shared with members)
- iii. Updated Website
 - 1. To be published by 10/19
 - 2. Point Person - Maegan
- iv. Student Scholarships
 - 1. Deadline - 10/31
 - 2. Winners announced - 11/17
 - 3. Point Person - Melanie?
- b. Social media takeover dates:
 - i. Pauline - Monday Oct. 5th
 - ii. Melanie - Tuesday Oct. 13th
 - iii. Stefanie - Wednesday Oct. 14th
- c. Current Projects Spreadsheet
 - i. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XqJFkv1Gf0358rmcH2X3m06sVQ6VdG62aK_VKQDjCLM/edit?usp=sharing
 - ii. Follow up:
 - 1. Make sure bio is inputted on the website page by **Monday Oct. 12th**
 - 2. Review any conference info/add any info or brainstorm items to the tab

7. Follow Up

- a. Courtney - Identify weekly tasks, send out/follow up with any current needs
- b. Melanie - Follow up with student scholarships, follow up with weekly tasks
- c. Pauline - Follow up with Professional scholarship raffle, follow up with weekly tasks
- d. Maegan - website, social media, send notes to board members, follow up with weekly tasks
- e. Stefanie - Follow up with weekly tasks

October Meet and Greet: October 19th, 2020 7:30pm

Next Board Meeting: November 2nd, 2020 7:30pm