



## 2019 Year in Review

### **CAAMT Priority for 2019:**

*Growing as a presence in CA through connecting and communicating with members as CA music therapists, creating resources, and providing continuing education.*

Every year, the board of directors meets for their monthly meeting in January to discuss the upcoming year and collaborate on goals and the future for the organization. After giving each director an opportunity to touch on what they'd like to see happen in the new year, a priority emerges and summarizes the future hopes and goals for the organization. We believe we absolutely accomplished our goal this year, with lots of hard work from the Board of Directors and Regional Representatives and, of course, all of our members! Here is an overview of things that have happened this past year to meet our goal!

**Mid-year** we gained 3 new regional representatives and were sad to say goodbye to 4.

- ❖ Orange County, *Lety Castillo* transitioned in as the new representative, as we said goodbye *Krista Mesenbrink*.
- ❖ At our two affiliated universities, California State University at Northridge brought us *Brianna Hobrock-Shackelford* as the new student representative, and at the University of the Pacific, we met *Wren Buse* as our new student representative.
- ❖ *Allison Smith* stepped down from our Central Valley Regional Representative position.

In January 2019 we had **36 active members**. By October we nearly doubled that to **60 active members!**

Our board of directors began working on **several special projects** including addressing misrepresentation experienced by California music therapists. A questionnaire was sent out to explore what our members were experiencing and how our organization could help. We have analyzed the information and have begun taking steps to organize it into a tool for our members to utilize in their practice.

In August, **CAAMT officially became a CBMT provider!** We are now very excited to be able to offer continuing education events to our members. This exciting step forward led the organization to update our website with new policies and a new Continuing Education page for our members to access and view.

Our past president joined the **CA Task Force** and worked in collaboration with the task force on disseminating information on the AB1540 Bill to California music therapists, which was passed July 31st!

This October, we hosted our very first continuing education event, with the support of University of the Pacific and our fantastic presenters.

### **Current Needs:**

If you'd like to be involved, we are currently looking for several representatives and officers for our organization:

- Co-Los Angeles Regional Representative
- SF/Bay Area Regional Representative
- Central Valley Regional Representative
- Treasurer-Elect (on the Board of Directors)

*For more information, please email [info@caamt.org](mailto:info@caamt.org)*



*Updates from the Board of Directors*

**President Genessee Flynn** started to work on the intricate details of becoming a CBMT approved provider so the organization could begin to offer continuing education to our members, and she reached out to connect with other state associations.

Vice **President Marlys Woods** transitioned to running the regional representatives meeting and being the primary contact for events and continuing education.

Our **Secretary, Allie McNay** had the fantastic idea to support our regional representative by creating a regional representative service award! Who will be our 1st award winner?

CAAMT **Treasurer Rachel McCauley** has been helping to manage our budget and we are excited to announce that in addition to offering two WRAMTA scholarships, we are proud to be able to provide a donation to AMTA, as well as offering a disaster relief fund to our membership.

**Social Media Coordinator Andrea Hancock** has continued to run our social media page and has overseen the many updates to our website.

Our  
**Regional  
Representatives**  
play a key role in helping us connect with our membership, helping us stay current to their needs and helping us stay connected through bi-yearly regional events. Our board of directors strive to meet those needs, help to keep the organization moving forward and work to open new opportunities for our membership.

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*We have accomplished so much in 2019, but we know there is still so much further we can go. We look forward to continuing to grow and serve in 2020! Go California Music Therapists!*

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