## MTAM Presidents Report 2020/21

I think we can all agree that this has been a very different year. With the pandemic shutting down so many places across the country it has changed the way we provide music therapy services, how we meet with friends and family, and how we connect with others on a daily basis. I for one look forward to when we can meet in person again. I miss the warmth of a friendly hug, playing music together with friends, or enjoying a coffee sitting in a local Starbucks.

For now, we will continue to meet over Zoom and keep our social distance. This includes our board meetings, virtual get togethers, our 2021 Conference, and our AGM.

I would like to thank the MTAM board for all the work they have done over the past year to ensure that our members have stayed connected, and our association has continued to develop and grow. Even though we moved our meetings to Zoom, the board continued to meet on a regular basis. Over the past year we have been busy planning short and long-term goals, creating a new mission and vision statement, and updating by-laws. As an association we also held our first online conference. Each Saturday throughout the month of March we joined together over zoom to explore questions and themes that emerged from the idea of our music therapy practice as a construction zone and how we can stay grounded.

As we continue to navigate our way through the "new normal" our board will continue working on updating MTAM's by-laws, implementing our new short-term goals, and looking for new and innovative ways to help our members stay connected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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