



Dear Leadership Council Representatives,

Wishing you are all in good health and spirits.

For our last meeting in June, the ISMETA Board was busy getting ready for the Emerging Pathways Conference in NYC. We are very happy to have seen some of you and many of our membership there and to meet many new colleagues and friends. The conference was a great success, a milestone for our organization. Diverse somatic movement approaches were presented as classes, lectures, and panels. It was a first for ISMETA to do such a big project and it will not be the last.

Due to our involvement in the conference we neglected to send you a follow up report from our June meeting. The open discussion part of the meeting was led by the ISMETA Taskforce on Diversity and Inclusivity. The taskforce gave us some background on the work they have been doing and we had the opportunity to work in small groups reflecting on the following questions:

- What are your visions relative to diversity, inclusion, equality, and justice in your training program?
- What do you want to learn and grow around this issue?
- What kind of support can ISMETA provide?

We had a very generative discussion and given that half of the members of the Leadership Council were present, we are considering having another meeting on a similar topic. This topic is important and timely and we appreciate the respectful engagement from those who participated in the June meeting.

Looking forward- Our upcoming meeting details are below. On this occasion, we will introduce you to the ISMETA Arts and Education Committee and the important work they are doing on behalf of us all.

Leadership Council Meeting

September 18th, 2019

12pm (noon) - 1:15pm EDT

On Zoom

[VIEW FULL AGENDA HERE](#)

Have you attended the two required meetings this year? Even if you have, you won't want to miss this important discussion....Sign into your account and [RSVP Today](#). Meeting Access will be sent once you RSVP.

AND :

- Please keep your contact info UPDATED on the [Leadership Council Roster](#), email info@ISMETA.org to make any changes.
- Review the [NEW ATP Handbook](#). We have compiled all the important ISMETA information you need to keep track of in one place. It lives in the Leadership Council Portal so you will have access at your fingertips. Please review often.
- Use the [ISMETA Logo](#) wherever possible and on your website in a prominent place.
- Visit the [Leadership Council Portal](#) often for a copy of this and other important communication

See you soon,

The Leadership Council Team

Maria Luisa Diaz de Leon, Co- Vice President

Caryn Heilman, Co-Vice President

Jane Okondo, Secretary

Elisa Cotroneo, Executive Director

Beth Pettengill Riley, Board President

P.S. A pdf copy of this invitation can also be found [here](#).