



ISMETA

International Somatic Movement
Education & Therapy Association

Dear Leadership Council Representatives,

Thank you to all who were able to be with us at the robustly attended Leadership Council Meeting on September 14, 2022. After we took a moment to arrive and welcome everyone, Jill Green, Ph.D., RSME; Master Teacher of Kinetic Awareness, led us through a wonderful somatic arrival.

ISMETA's Executive Director, Elisa Cotroneo, gave an overview of the New ISMETA Online Education Policy and shared the completed work on the [Pillars of the Profession](#). You can view the PowerPoint slides presentation [here](#).

The New policy addresses the methods of delivery of instruction and states:

Training program directors are responsible to determine the best instructional delivery method for their program (In-person, online or hybrid).

Directors are also responsible to ensure that the expected learning is taking place and students can demonstrate the ISMETA Core Competencies and the programs specific Learning Objectives upon graduation.

This language will now be included in the ISMETA Training Program Guidelines and Requirements.

Our Open Discussion was very generative and it centered on the following inquiry:

- How does the New ISMETA Online Education Policy and the Completion of the Pillars of the Profession impact how we are teaching and assessing the learning taking place within our students/trainees?

We formed small breakouts where the following questions were discussed and input was collected in this [padlet](#): (the padlet remains open for your review and for additional input until October 1st).

- How do you currently assess your students learning?
- How is the online delivery of instruction impacting your assessment methods?

Upon returning to the main room, we opened up the conversation and deepened the inquiry of why is student/trainee assessment important? Several voices enriched the conversation by speaking up and writing on the chat. Given how generative the discussion was, and some participants speaking about the desire to continue with this topic we want to gather some resources to inform and shape the continuing conversation.

Please take a moment to return to the [padlet](#) and add your voice to the two new sections added:

- a. What aspects of assessing students of training programs are you most interesting in discussing: philosophy on assessment, ethics & values on assessing, strategies and tools for assessment, etc. (write suggestions)?
- b. Resources on the topic of assessment that you want to share with the Leadership Council (example: do you know of an expert or consultant? Are there any books, websites, programs, etc.; that you recommend to the Leadership Council?

In closing we shared the following news:

- **Annual Meeting October 3, 2022 11:00-2:00pm ET** ~ Organizational Values Clarification Consensus Process with Sarah Halley and Nirvan Ananda. We encourage all to attend!
- **To think about:** Is there any member of your program or organization whom you think would love to be of service for ISMETA as a volunteer let us know, there will be a variety of opportunities in the coming years

Warm regards,
ISMETA Leadership Council Team
And the entire Board of Directors