

## ISMETA COMMITTEE REPORTS

February - April 2023

### Executive Committee

Maria Luisa Díaz de León Z., President, Jane Okondo, Vice President

- Participated in application review and hiring process for Assistant Directors:
  - Hired Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell, February 13, 2023 and Whitney Rubison, February 6, 2023
  - After a one - month trial period (which was made clear in the hiring process that there would be a trial period) we ended the contract with Ms. Rubison on March 7, 2023
- We received a letter (along with the entire Board) from Elisa Cotroneo that she will be retiring from her consulting position with ISMETA on June 19, 2023
  - In this letter she recommended Assistant Director, Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell be named Executive Director/Consultant on June 20, 2023 and that the two of them interview for a Managing Director/Consultant
  - The entire Board (minus one member who did not vote or respond to the request for input) voted affirmative on this recommendation
- Nirvan Ananda was interviewed and hired as Managing Director March 14, 2023
- Prepared Consultant Contracts
- Met with Board Development Committee to discuss succession plan and the next Board Development cycle
- Hosted Leadership Council Meeting on March 8, 2023 focused on the Scope of Practice
- Held Co-Chair meeting on February 20, 2023
- Supported launching of Professional Development Center's first course: An Introduction to Trauma Informed Care for Somatic Movement Professionals

### Communications Committee

Co-chairs: Dana Davison, Rich Sims

- Launched New Website !!!
- Hosted Somatic Cafés:
  - International Weavers Somatic Café on March 13, 2023
  - New Credentials Somatic Café on April 17, 2023
- Published monthly Newsletters
- Worked on the committees Marketing/Publicity process
- Promoted Professional Development Center and first course: Trauma Informed Practice for Somatic Movement Professionals
- Updated 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary packet materials and awarded two grants:
  - Interdependence in Motion: A Continuum Retreat, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY July 2-7, 2023
  - Somatic Dance Conference & Performance Festival, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY July 6-8, 2023
- Communicated to Face Book Group that we are closing the group to move to new Member Forum on the website April 30, 2023
- Publicized
  - Special Event: [Not My Enemy a Film Premiere](#) February 26, 2023. Directed by Kehinde Ishangi and filmed by Tiffany Rhynard
  - Equity, Justice and Accessibility Community Conversation March 10, 2023
- Created Forum Guidelines for new Member Forum. Board members are encouraged to lead conversations in the Member Forum
- Created print ad for Currents magazine

- Created new Events Proposal form for Board to use
- Created an updated template for Board Signatures. Details shared at Board meeting

### Finance Committee

Chair: Mandy Chan, Treasurer: Rich Sims

- Created survey for the possibility an In-person Board meeting – Sep/Oct 2023
- FY 2024 Budget Preparation Process
  - [Second letter outlining the Budget Process](#) sent to committees March 12, 2023
  - FY 2024 Budget Proposal Preparation Process April 10, 12, & 17, 2023
  - Presentation of FY Budget Proposal in Board meeting on April 24, 2023

### Research and Publications Committee

Co-chairs: Dana Davison and Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell

- Created Affiliated Organizations Research page on the new website
- Supported ISMETA member Research Mentoring program facilitated by Amit Abraham
- Participation in the formation and development of the Coalition on Whole Person Health. This coalition is developing with the consideration of the needs of the National Institute of Health, National Center for Complimentary and Integrative Health, USA

### Professional Standards Committee

Co-chairs: Jane Okondo, Maria Luisa Díaz de León Z.

- Launch of new credentials: Master Somatic Movement Educator, MSME, Master Somatic Movement Therapist, MSMT and Associate Somatic Movement Professional, ASMP
- Review of Independent Track, Approved Training Program and member MSME/T grandparenting applications
- Review of Scope of Practice regarding language pertaining to psycho-physical processes and the role emotions play in Somatic Movement practice. Hosted Leadership Council Meeting on the topic March 8, 2023
- Updated Guidelines and Requirements and Application Forms for Independent Track and Approved Training Programs
- Hosted Somatic Cafe on New Credentials on April 17, 2023

### Somatic Arts and Education Committee

Co-chairs: Kehinde Ishangi, Richard Sims

- Created an Arts and Education page on the website
- Launched a new Featured Somatic Movement Artist and Featured Somatic Movement Educator for the Arts and Education Webpage
- Somatic Arts and Education met with National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) to discuss the possible collaboration on an in-person conference for 2024. Submitted a project proposal to the Executive Committee and Finance Committee and are awaiting approval
- Hosted a Special Event: [Not My Enemy a Film Premiere](#) February 26, 2023. Directed by Kehinde Ishangi and filmed by Tiffany Rhynard. Kehinde and Rhynard created a special encore feature for our Special Events page

### Board Development Committee

Chair: Kima Kraimer, Elisa Cotroneo

- Conversations with Executive Committee and Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell on succession planning and Board Development

### Government Relations and Regulations Committee

Chair: Kima Kraimer, Elisa Cotroneo

- Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell represented ISMETA virtually at The Federation of Therapeutic Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Practices (FedMBS) Meeting March 31 - April 1, 2023
- Participated in Joint Government Relations (JGRC) work with FedMBS
  - Elisa Cotroneo attends monthly meetings
  - Massachusetts has re-introduced bills we have historically fought and had success derailing in the Senate and House
  - Participated in a FedMBS JGRC meeting with Massachusetts Attorney General's Office to voice our opposition to the new bills.
  - Preparing to notify our members in Massachusetts that we may need to engage in advocacy work again.

### Equity, Justice and Accessibility Committee

Co-Chairs: Ray Schwartz, Elisabeth Osgood Campbell

- Latest in the Ongoing Series- Community Conversation on Coloniality in Somatics, March 10, 2023

### International Weavers Committee

Co-Chair: Florian Filtzinger, Gayatri Schriefer

- Hosted a Somatic Café March 13, 2023 with the focus of connecting the global membership
- Organized the translation of the ISMETA informational pages for the new website into multiple languages- German and Russian still pending