

Dear Leadership Council Representatives,

Thank you to those who attended our Leadership Council meeting on June 10, 2024 to continue the conversation about the role of online learning in our programs and organizations. It was a rich conversation that will continue in the months and years to come!

VIDEO LINK. The video recording can be found [HERE](#). If you were not able to attend the meeting yesterday, please view the video as soon as possible and then *click on the Attendance Form below*.

ATTENDANCE. We are instituting a new way to record your participation in the quarterly Leadership Council meetings. **Regardless of whether you attended the meeting live or watched the video, PLEASE CLICK ON [THIS QUICK ATTENDANCE FORM](#)**. It includes a field in which you can enter additional comments about the topic of online learning.

SUMMARY OF MEETING.

Kehinde Ishangi, Vice President of the ISMETA Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the online gathering. Then, Colleen Wahl from Integrated Movement Studies – IMS facilitated a lovely Somatic Arrival.

Next, Managing Director, Nirvan Ananda, highlighted the revised [“ABOUT ISMETA” curriculum](#) that Approved Training Programs can use in the required 2-hour introduction of ISMETA to their training students. The document can be found in and downloaded from the “More Support Materials for the Leadership Council” section of the [Leadership Council Portal](#).

Executive Director, Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell, then talked about the upcoming event, “Resources for Research: A Panel about Writing Case Studies.” It will occur tomorrow, Jun 28 from 12 – 1:15 pm Eastern time and is free to ISMETA members. You can register for that event [HERE](#). We are also asking Approved Training Programs to complete [this quick survey](#) and upload or email case study assignments that may be required of their students. THANK YOU to the 16 programs that responded! If you haven’t, please feel free to do so now.

Next, Maya Gayatri Andersson and Sylvain Meret, co-chairs of the ISMETA Professional Standards Committee, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the steps that ISMETA has taken since the last Leadership Council meeting to incorporate your responses to the question about the role of online learning in our training programs and in our profession. The slides are integrated into the video recording and are attached for your convenience. In breakout rooms, participants discussed a variety of possible guidelines that ISMETA may create for online learning in Approved Training Programs. Their ideas were collected on [this Google document](#), which contains 7 slides. Feel free to read the responses and add your own if you have further comments.

Richard Sims, ISMETA Board President, facilitated the “harvesting” of the breakout room discussions in the main gallery and then ended the meeting with these:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Four new members have joined our Board of Directors. (We will introduce them live in the next Leadership Council meeting.)
- Madeleine Rust-D'Eye
- Magaly Sun
- Margaret Rennerfeldt
- Servaas Mes
- We are hosting a new course in the Professional Development Center over the summer:
- Brain States and Dissociation in BodyMind Awareness - on July 14 – with Annie Brooks
- We repeat our invitation for you to submit a proposal to create a video to promote your Approved Training Program! [HERE](#) is the link for the proposal form. Please contact fdc@ismeta.org if you have any questions about this project.
- The next LC meeting dates are: Wednesday, September 11 (12 – 1:30 PM Eastern U.S. Time) and Monday, December 9 (10 – 11:30 AM Eastern U.S. Time). Please enter them into your calendars if you haven't already done so.
- ISMETA is co-sponsoring a conference with the National Dance Education Organization in New York City from July 19-21, 2024. Details can be found [HERE](#). Please join us if you are able to!

Thank you for participating actively in our organization. We look forward to continuing to grow the profession of Somatic Movement Education and Therapy with you!

In service,

The Leadership Council Workgroup
Elisabeth Osgood-Campbell, Executive Director
Nirvan Ananda, Managing Director
Richard Sims, Board President
Kehinde Ishangi, Board Vice President
Maya Gayatri Andersson, Board Secretary

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