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Please take the time to review the four parts of the document. Reviewing the 2014 AGM Minutes which includes the 2013-2014 reports allows your executive to expedite the meeting process on the the day of the AGM.

Please note that nominations are open for several executive positions

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. President               | OPEN                         |
| b. Vice President          | OPEN                         |
| c. Recording Secretary     | one nomination               |
| d. Corresponding Secretary | one nomination               |
| e. Membership              | OPEN                         |
| f. Registration            | one nomination               |
| g. Treasurer               | CLOSED one year left in term |
| h. Ethics                  | OPEN                         |

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Thank you for playing an important part in your association.



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## MINUTES Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 7, 2014  
 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm  
 9691 Fourth Street, Sidney, BC

1. Call to order 1:01 pm  
 17 Professional and Registered Members present (meeting quorum)
  2. Approval of Agenda
  3. Minutes from May 25, 2013 AGM to approve and accept (copies mailed to members 30 days prior)  
 Sandy McCartie moved that Minutes be accepted. Carolyn Simpson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  4. Business arising from the minutes  
 Michelle Oucharek-Deo notes (re: CATA alliance) that the bursary application for those presenting at non-art therapy events was not up on our website yet. **Michelle to make sure this is done.**
  5. 2013-2014 Reports from Executive, distributed via email prior to AGM  
 Margaret Callahan moved to accept reports as read. Llona O’Gorman Seconded. Passed unanimously.  
Elected:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| a. President,              | Michelle Oucharek-Deo, BFA, BCATR, RCAT |
| b. Vice President,         | Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR     |
| c. Recording Secretary     | Frances Bryant-Scott, RSW, BCATR        |
| d. Corresponding Secretary | Carolyn E. Simpson, BA, DVATI           |
| e. Membership              | Morgan Reinsbakken, BSc.Psyc, DVATI     |
| f. Registration            | Sandy McCartie, MSW RSW BCATR           |
| g. Treasurer               | Jodi Murphy BFA, DVATI, BCATR           |
| h. Ethics                  | Sophia Schneider, BCATR                 |
- Action Notes from the Reports:**
- Send workshop notices etc. to the Executive and to Deb Broadhurst to have them included in Announcements and Postings and Social Media.
  - BCATA will help set up Coffee House in your community with a stipend for coffee.
  - Anyone interested in growing their leadership skills should consider Presidency for next year.
  - Send any workshops and information to [www.artshealthbc.ca](http://www.artshealthbc.ca) also
  - Professional Development chair notes that the focus will be changed away from a credit model to one of encouraging continuing education.
  - Treasurer’s report- a paper profit/loss comparison was made available and will be posted.
  - A desire for some in-person local meetings (thinktank style) was verbalized. See 7c below.
- Appointed:
- i. Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists- BC (FACT-BC) (previously Task Force for College of Counseling Therapists): Michelle Oucharek-Deo, BFA, BCATR, RCAT

- j. Professional Development Co-Chairs: Debora Broadhurst and Carolyn Simpson
- k. Newsletter: Geri Nolan Hilfiker, BFA, DKATI
- l. Student Representatives: VATI (Rebecca Megyesi), Adler (Sunny), KATI (none)

**Action notes from Appointed Reports:**

- Re: FACT-BC, goal is to set up a webinar over summer
- Suggestion to get other schools to share their students' research project topics as VATI did.

Bruce Tobin moved to accept Reports by Appointed members as read, Seconded by Margaret Callahan, Unanimous.

Employed staff:

- m. Administration / Webmaster / Bookkeeper: Merle Miedzygorski (no report)

6. Complete the nomination process for open positions, and Voting for the following positions:

- Elected:* Treasurer – Charlotte Spafford nominated and Acclaimed  
*Appointed:* none

7. New Business arising from the executive reports

- a. Motion to amend bylaw 2.15 Passed Unanimously
- b. increase membership dues to \$115 for professional/registered members to go into effect May 1, 2015. Moved by Sophia Schneider, Seconded by Carolyn Simpson, passed unanimously.
- c. Think tank meetings outside of regular meetings (for topics that can't be covered in the time)  
To be considered further.

8. Announcements

- Christine Lummis Workshop
- CATA Conference
- MBAT institute 3 spaces left

9. Unfinished Business and general orders NONE

10. Business arising from the floor NONE

11. Adjournment at 1:52



**British Columbia Art Therapy Association**  
**Annual Board and Committee Reports 2013-2014**  
 Sidney, BC

**a) President**

**Michelle Oucharek-Deo, BFA,BCATR,RCAT**

2013-2014 has been a season of development and growth.

**June 2013**

- Finished paperwork from May25th AGM and Conference ( Delta, BC)
- CATA Conference meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> ( Skype Attendance)
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board June 18th
- Monthly Conference calls started. All meetings held to a one hour time limit
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**July**

- Worked on setting up Fall 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to take place in November 2013.
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board July23rd
- CATA Conference meeting July 9th ( Skype Attendance)
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**August**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board August 13th
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**September**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board September 17<sup>th</sup>
- CATA Conference follow up work
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**October**

- CATA Conference Prep meeting Oct 28th
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board October 15th
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- Prep work for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> event.
- BC Art Therapy Coffee House – Hosted in Port Coquitlam.

**November**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board November 12th
- Prep and execution of November 23<sup>rd</sup> 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Task Group meeting- November 22<sup>nd</sup>- renamed FACT-BC

**December**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board December 10th
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- Starting to work on FACT-BC website
- Trying to find solutions to BCATA website issues.

**January 2014**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board January 14th
- Worked with BCATA website person to resolve issues
- Newsletter material gathered
- CATA Conference Prep. Jan.27<sup>th</sup>

**February**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board February 11th
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

- CATA Conference Prep. Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
- FACT-BC Website prep.

### March

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- BCATA Coffee House March 9<sup>th</sup>
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Minister Lake- FACT-BC

### April

- BCATA Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> – Motion for Special Budget Expense
- April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with MLA's Judy Darcy and Sue Hammel
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- CEC preparation work for June 7<sup>th</sup> role out.
- CATA Conference Prep Meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>
- FACT-BC Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>

### May

- AGM preparation of reports
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board May 13<sup>th</sup>
- CATA Conference Prep work
- FACT-BC Website work

As I move into my final year of office I am so excited by all the things that we have been able to achieve as a team. I look forward to getting the CEC program up and running this year and am hopeful that we will achieve designation the nod that the College of Counselling Therapists will proceed which we will be a part of. I continue to be humbled by all the amazing work that you are all doing in the communities in different capacities, and am always open to chatting with any member if you have questions.

As my president term will be ending in May or June of 2015. I wanted to invite anyone who might think that they are interested in running for president next year to contact me so that we can talk. I will be staying on for one year as past president in a non-voting position and will maintain my co-chair position for FACT-BC on behalf of BCATA. I will also make sure that the CEC program is running smoothly, but that is well over a year away, and we have lots to do right now.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions about the association and the work that we are doing. [president@bcarttherapy.com](mailto:president@bcarttherapy.com)

### **b) Vice President**

#### **Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR**

Over the past year as VP my primary focus has been on promoting BCATA to our members, past members, arts related communities, the international art therapy community and the general public. In June 2013 I started our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BCArtTherapyAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/BCArtTherapyAssociation) and we have 143 "likes" as of April 30. We offer this public site to post professional development opportunities, Coffee House details, Job postings and various other events and relevant information. If you wish to follow me on Twitter I'm @bcarttherapy

On November 23 over 80 people joined us to celebrate our 35-year anniversary at Arts Starts in Vancouver. We requested art donations and received 42 pieces for the silent auction, earning us \$1,395.00 from the 29 items sold. We also gathered 58 custom "art boards" from our members and friends, which generated an income of \$ 345 from the 23 sold. The balance of the items will be sold at future BCATA events. We also have digital images of the art boards so that we can create future fundraising projects from these images.

I have also been participating on the Arts Health Network BC Creative Arts Therapies working Group, meeting a few times a year. The Arts Health Network Canada website is

<http://www.artshealthnetwork.ca/> and recently, a BC specific website has been created <http://www.artshealthbc.ca/>

### **Bylaw Committee report from Debora Broadhurst BA, DVATI, BCATR**

A few years ago, I offered this brief overview of our organization's guiding documents to dispel any mystery and clarify understanding. It is helpful to share with new members and those who are considering joining the Board next year.

BCATA is a non-profit incorporated society registered with the BC Society Act. In 1978 the founding members filed our "Constitution" and "Bylaws". Then in 1993 our "Code of Ethics" was added to the Bylaws as item 64. These three guiding documents are foundational and assist our Board of Directors and various committees to evaluate issues and navigate through inquiries. As an art therapist in BC and a member of BCATA it is your responsibility to review these documents and take comfort in knowing that many professionals with breadth of experience have created these guides for us.

Following every AGM we file with the "Register of Companies" a "Society Annual Report" (Form 11) outlining the current Board of Directors, date of last AGM and financial statements.

In the event there are carried Motions at an AGM (voted and accepted by members) that alter our Bylaws, we are required to file a "Copy of Resolution" Form 10, outlining what these changes were. These are called "Special Resolutions". It is very important that our AGM minutes clearly identify any Special Resolutions and that a Form 10 is filed with the Registrar of Companies, as they will not be in effect until the filing is complete.

#### **MOTION to AMMEND BYLAW 2.15 to be voted on JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>**

REASON: to re-word for the purposes of clarity

OLD BY-LAW

2.15 states, 'Members not in good standing because of failure to pay dues for no more than three years may reinstate themselves with payment of the dues for the past and current period plus an administration charge.'

AMMENDED BY LAW

*2.15 to "Members not in good standing because of failure to pay dues shall be responsible for no more than three years missed dues. Members not in good standing may reinstate themselves with payment of the dues for the past and current period plus an administration charge."*

#### **c) Recording Secretary**

##### **Frances Bryant-Scott, RSW, BCATR**

The duties of the Recording Secretary have included taking minutes at each monthly meeting conducted via Conference Call, editing them and passing them back to the President for distribution to the Executive prior to the next meeting.

Other duties taken on this year, by virtue of geographic location, have been to help co-ordinate the AGM taking place in Sidney, BC on June 8, 2014. To this end, a location has been secured and insurance for the proceedings has been acquired.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Bryant-Scott, RSW, BCATR

#### **d) Corresponding Secretary**

##### **Carolyn E. Simpson, BA, DVATI**

The basic responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary is to return phone calls and answer emails on behalf of BCATA as well as pass along pertinent information to the respective board members and to our remarkable administrative assistant, Merle. Serving as Corresponding Secretary for BCATA gives me an opportunity to learn more about what was happening with our association as well as with the art therapy community in general.

It has been another exciting and busy year for the board members of the BCATA. We continue to grow our Art Therapy community and are moving forward in a positive way for our BCATA members. Some of the exciting things that have happened this year: the creation of BCATA's very own Facebook page, a fantastic fundraising event in the fall for BCATA's 35th anniversary, wonderful and informative Pro-D workshops were offered and of course the inception of the BCATA Coffee House (please check our website or send me an email at [info@bcarttherapy.com](mailto:info@bcarttherapy.com) for information for the next coffee house in the Victoria/Vancouver area).

Here is a glimpse of what the majority of the enquiries were: \*Membership requests \* requests for information on art therapy and training \* request for referrals \* inquiries around the new website. I have again noticed an increase in inquiries on finding Art Therapists in the general population as well as from organizations. If you are interested in taking on new clients please make sure your information is up to date on our website!

I joined the BCATA board because I was interested in connecting with other art therapists. In keeping connected, we build a stronger future for Art Therapists in this province. I am looking forward to another term with this creative, forward thinking and dedicated team!

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn E. Simpson, BA, DVATI

e) **Membership Chair**

**Morgan Reinsbakken, BSc.Psyc, DVATI**

Hello BCATA members! It's that time of year again, here is a review of the work done in Membership, followed by a look at what's to come in the coming year. The final Membership totals for this 2013-14 fiscal year:

|                |                  |                   |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Registered= 64 | Professional= 46 | Student = 14      |
| Retired= 1     | Associate= 1     | Honourary Life= 5 |

109 Members in Good Standing

13 incomplete renewals/applications

9 renewals/applications in progress and forwarded to 2014-15

### **131 Total BCATA Members**

We would like to welcome our newest members and upgrades to BCATA:

- Alison Baxendale - Registered Member
- Bryant-Scott - Registered Member
- Janine Ray - Professional Member
- Rebecca Megyesi - Professional Member
- Moorea Hum - Professional Member
- Josymar Valero-Frais - Professional Member
- Lesley Clarke - Professional Member
- MaryAnne Brown - Student Member
- Merrick Irwin - Student Member
- Lisa Shields - Associate Member

Sadly, we lost one of our Honourary Life members this year Lilly Jaffe. BCATA would like to recognize her contribution to the profession and express our sorrow to her family. She will be fondly remembered by all those who knew her.

This concludes my third year as BCATA's Membership Chair. I have been involved with many different groups (youth groups, food-bank groups, study groups, choir groups, art groups, social groups) and I can honestly say this group, the BCATA group, knows how to get things done! They are the movers and shakers of Art Therapy in BC - from the board, to the Pro-D workshops, to the coffee-house networking, to the community members contributing through BCATA fundraising events. All this in support of Art Therapy in BC. The enthusiasm, dedication and drive within the board has really helped support me in our goals for Membership - Thank you! One of the long-term goals for Membership (set three years back when I first took on the position) was to transition from hard-copy to digital. Turns out this was easier said than done.

Going digital is a goal we support because our online options make us more accessible and practical throughout BC. We have received feedback from our very Northern members that internet connection may not always be accessible/reliable, but we felt we could reach out to a great number of our membership through the development of our website. While a future goal is to develop an alternative method of sharing information (ie, Pro-D workshop transcripts, etc.) for our far-reaching members, the main goal for our website is to create and maintain a valuable, secure, user-friendly tool that will aid in facilitating a strong connection in the Art Therapy community in BC. This is largely what Membership has

been working on this past year. Within our website members should have access to user-friendly forms for applications, renewals and the online Directory. The Directory should be simple yet visually appealing and approachable, editable by the Professional or Registered member so they can decide what information is visible, and URLs should link viewers to our members' art therapy websites... The news of art therapy in BC will spread like wild fire! Currently our website has been a bigger challenge than we originally estimated but I am dedicated to working with (and have faith in) our website team over the next year to achieve these goals so we can hand off this valuable, secure, user-friendly digital tool to the next BCATA Membership Chair. With that, I am excited to introduce Mrs. Rebecca Megyesi. Our first introduction with Rebecca was about mid-way through the year when she volunteered to take on the VATI Rep position. Her attendance and input in our monthly meetings were not only refreshing but also vital in our effort to build a strong professional community in the field of Art Therapy. When she graduated and was ready to upgrade, Rebecca was already asking to keep involved and connected - of course this energy and enthusiasm being a fantastic addition to the board, we offered her a spot within the BCATA Membership Committee. I would also like to thank Rebecca for recruiting, MaryAnne Brown, who has signed on as the new VATI Rep - Welcome to BCATA ladies, it has been great to hear your voices at the monthly meetings and we look forward to working with you in the year(s) to come!

In the upcoming fiscal year we will also be putting our energy into initiating the BCATA CEC program - Continuing Education Credits. Every association in the Federation of Associations of Counselling Therapies (FACT BC) has one, and now so do we!! Starting this Spring, all Professional and Registered members are encouraged to record the amazing work they are doing in the field of Art Therapy. Because we are a volunteer organization this program will run on an honour-basis; audits completed every three years. Those having difficulty completing their CECs can find extra support through BCATA Pro-D workshop, webinars and networking opportunities, both locally and online - for both presenters and participants all over BC! This program was developed to match the professional standards of Counselling Therapies within Mental Health in BC, but we maintain the need for flexibility in our ever-evolving and advancing field of Art Therapy. As with most changes, we may encounter a few bumps and hiccups but I can tell you, without a doubt, we will get through it! I hope to work with the CEC Committee this upcoming year to help support this program within Membership... It is my hope to help plant and nurture the seed (carefully researched and developed by the CEC Committee) within our Membership garden before we hand over the watering-can.

In 2012 we signed an alliance with CATA. Now in 2014-15, our final membership goal is to extend that alliance relationship to all the art therapy schools and institutions in BC and across Canada - our schools and institutions are a reflection of the future in the field of Art Therapy. We feel it is imperative that we be connected through clear and continued communication so that we, as a professional association, can support and help sustain the future of Art Therapy in BC.

With that, I conclude this final report for the 2013-2014 Membership Year. I apologize for not being able to deliver this report in person, but I am very excited to be the guinea pig in our experimentation with video-conferencing! I hope you were all able to hear me clearly, and as always if you have any questions or concerns regarding membership or your renewal please email, [membership@bcarttherapy.com](mailto:membership@bcarttherapy.com).

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Morgan Reinsbakken, BSc.Psyc, dvati  
BCATA Membership Chair

**f) Registration Chair**  
**Sandy McCartie, MSW RSW BCATR**

The Registration Committee reviewed 8 applications for registration from members in this current membership year. The following seven members were accepted for registration:

- Carolyn Howard,
- Gretchen Ladd,
- Gayle Maddocks,
- Zoe Armstrong,



- Shona Collison,
- Frances Bryant-Scott,
- Alison Baxendale.

One application remains outstanding pending the individual's renewal of lapsed membership fees and resubmission of all relevant documents.

I want to thank Deb Broadhurst and Margaret Jones-Callahan, the other members of the committee, for their valuable feedback, insight, guidance, wisdom and unerring support over this past year!

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandy McCartie, MSW RSW BCATR, Chair of the Registration Committee

#### **g) Treasurer**

**Jodi Murphy B.F.A., D.V.A.T.I., B.C.A.T.R.**

**Annual Treasurer's Report - May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014!**

BCATA Treasurer, Jodi Murphy BFA, DVATI, BCATR

I have completed the second year of my two year term as Treasurer. It went smoothly due to the work completed by Merle Miedzygorski, our Administrative Assistant.

Our balance as of April 30, 2014 was \$10,839.09

In Summary of BCATA's Fiscal Year, May 1, 2013-April 30, 2014:

Total INCOME: \$12,713.47

Total EXPENSES: \$8,273.70

NET INCOME: **\$4,439.77**

Our **Profit/Loss comparison** over the last three years shows the following major trends:

1. This Fiscal Year we spent \$1,341.90 on BCATA 35th Year Event.
2. Significant reduction in website fees from 2012-2013 of <\$2,019>
3. As of year end (April 30, 2014), our Membership has:

Increased +\$1,355 from 2012/2013

! Decreased <\$3,913> from 2011/2012

It is important to note that our Membership Renewal period is extended this year due to the upgrading of the BCATA website. This will be reflected in next year's (2014/2015) **Total Income**

Jodi Murphy  
BCATA Treasurer

#### **h) Ethics Chair**

**Sophia Schneider, BCATR, GCFPcm**

It has been my pleasure to co-chair the Ethics Committee with Joyce Chong. It has also been a great pleasure to have no significant ethical challenges to report for this year of BCATA activity. No complaints were received from Art Therapy clients. On behalf of the Ethics committee and the executive I wrote one letter to a Tattoo Parlour who used the words Art Therapy in their business name. My letter was sent to inform them of our BC ART THERAPY ASSOCIATION and to ask that they make clear to their clients the distinction between the work they do with clients seeking Tattoos for important personal commemoration of significant people and events and the profession of Art Therapy as a Therapeutic modality in the field of Mental Health and personal Growth. We invited them to consider joining as Associate members of BCATA. Although we did not receive a response we felt it was important to communicate our concern that their business title might be somewhat confusing to the public.

It has been a pleasure to participate on the executive with a team of talented, conscientious and very dedicated women who give a great deal of time, thought, and energy in the service of our members. Our monthly conference call meeting are efficiently led by President Michelle Oucharek-Deo and the work that is accomplished between the meetings has been impressive. I am pleased to continue on the Ethics Committee for another year with my co-chair Joyce Chong. I encourage any of you who have never yet

volunteered to serve on the executive or on committees to seriously think about stepping up when many of the executive terms will come to an end in 2015/2016. It is an enriching experience.  
Thank you to all the members of BCATA for participating in this most rewarding profession.  
Sophia Schneider

(Appointed) - Reports

**i) Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists- BC (FACT BC)  
(Previously the Task Group for College of Counseling Therapists)**

Last year the Task Group and all its members continued with the lobby movement throughout the province, reaching out to both Liberal and NDP MLA's. We had some success with that movement in helping our politicians understand that counselling and all the different professional therapies that it encompasses truly needs to be regulated in order that we can better protect the public and offer British Columbians a greater scope of professional accountability and increased accessibility.

During our Fall Task Group meeting the attendees could feel that the government momentum was beginning to shift in our direction and we needed to make some positive moves forward. It was at that time that we decided based on consensus in the room that it was time to formalize the Task Group into a legal entity. The name decided upon for the group was the Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists- BC (FACT-BC) The paperwork was finalized in March 2014 and the website will be up and running by June 2014. I have been named as the Co-Chair of FACT-BC and Deb Broadhurst is my alternate if I am unable to attend a meeting.

In addition to attending the regular FACT-BC meetings I also sat on the sub-committee for the website development and have taken lead with a BCACC member to attend all the higher level political meetings that have been occurring in the last three months.

FACT BC now represents close to 3800 counsellors province wide.

The regulation process in Ontario is underway and if you are planning on moving there it is imperative that you do your homework to find out what you will need to practise there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will connect you with the right people.

We are now working directly with the province and decision makers and should have more information available regarding our progress within the next six weeks. I will let you know when the FACTBC website is up and running. I am also planning on putting together a small webinar on the history and relevance of the Development of the College of Counselling Therapists that will be available on our BC Art Therapy Assn website by the beginning of July.

Respectfully Submitted by: Michelle Oucharek-Deo Registered Art Therapist BFA, BCATR, RCAT

**j) Professional Development**

**Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR Pro D Committee**

Two Professional Development Workshops and four Art Therapy Coffee Houses were held :

- October 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House –Port Coquitlam, BC
- October 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House –Victoria, BC
- February 2014- Therapeutic Use of Felt – Victoria, BC
- March 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House- Vancouver, BC
- March 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House- Victoria, BC
- April 2014: Creative Exploration of the Medicine Wheel- Vancouver, BC

**February 2014- Therapeutic Use of Felt – Victoria, BC**

This past February in Victoria, Frances Bryant-Scott facilitated a one-day workshop about the Therapeutic Use of Felting. 5 People participated- 4 Paid the workshop fee and 1 offered the use of her space in exchange for workshop participation. It was a successful event and those who attended had a wonderful time.

**April 2014- Creative Exploration of the Medicine Wheel**

On April 26 Sophia Schneider lead 20 participants through a full day interactive workshop about the Medicine Wheel, weaving in many nuggets of her 25 years of experience. We thank the Adler School of Professional Psychology for the use of their community room.

**k) Newsletter**

**Geri Nolan Hilfiker BFA, DKATI**

BCATA Newsletter was published four times in 2013-2014 : January, June, April and October; normally consisting of President's report, membership news, general BCATA news and events, professional development workshops, special articles and book reviews.

Deadline for submissions are January 15th, April 15th, June 15th and October 15th for publication to membership by end of these months. All submissions go to [president@bcarttherapy.com](mailto:president@bcarttherapy.com)

Report submitted by Geri Nolan Hilfiker, Newsletter Editor

### **I) Student Representatives**

**VATI** Student Rep 2013/2014 Year End Report, Rebecca Megyesi

I started as VATI student rep for the BCATA in May 2013. At the 2013 AGM, I noticed a lack of attendance by students. Therefore in January 2014, I met with the incoming VATI cohort to discuss the importance and benefits of joining BCATA or CATA membership. As a result, student membership has increased and there were even three VATI students at the last BCATA workshop!

Between May 2013 and April 2014, five students from the full-time diploma program 2012 cohort have graduated. An estimate of graduates from other cohorts, the advanced diploma program and Masters in Counselling with specialization in art therapy are approximately twelve.

Included is a list of final project topics from the 2012 full-time diploma VATI cohort:

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Allison Tunis*        | Group Art Therapy in Youth Custody Services: A Program Proposal for Young Offenders in the System  |
| Amanda Maurice        | How art can help the work place: Using creation to decrease stress   |
| Ana-Maria Stroe Comia | Living with vulvodynia: An art-based autoethnographic enquiry  |
| Andrea Simpson*       | Benefits of art therapy in dementia care, focusing on Alzheimer's disease  |
| Charlotte Spafford*   | The Flourishing Therapist: Self-Care for Mind, Body, and Spirit  |
| Erica Pang            | Breast Cancer Survivors: An Art Therapy and Yoga Program to Reclaim One's Body   |
| Estelle Barrón        | Art therapy program proposal for police suffering from PTSD/trauma   |
| HaeSoo Jo*            | Art Therapy for Immigrant Adolescents to Build A Healthy Self-Concept: Program Proposal  |
| Jasmine Cadenhead     | Eco Art therapy?   |
| Oona McClure          | The Silent Connections: Nonverbal communication in an arts based therapeutic relationship  |
| Rebecca Megyesi*      | Community Art as Healing and Empowerment: An Extended Literature Review of the Impacts of Social Action Art Therapy with Traumatized Communities |
| Sanjini Mudaliar      | Art therapy as a treatment method for veterans with PTSD   |

\*graduated by April 2014

It has been my pleasure to serve as the VATI student rep and I look forward to future work with the BCATA and its executive!

Best regards, Rebecca Megyesi

### **BCSAT**

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### **KATI**

No Student Report

(Employed)

**m) Administration/Webmaster/Bookkeeper**

**Merle Miedzygorski**



**British Columbia Art Therapy Association  
Annual Board and Committee Reports 2014-2015  
Adler University, Vancouver, BC**

**a) President**

**Michelle Oucharek-Deo, BFA, BCATR, RCAT**

2014-2015 has been a season of completion and new development.

**June 2014**

- Finished paperwork from June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 AGM and Conference (Sidney, BC)
- FACT BC meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>
- CATA Conf. Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Monthly Conference calls started. All meetings held to a one hour time limit
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**July**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- CATA Conference meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> ( Skype Attendance)
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**August**

- CATA Conference meeting August 11<sup>h</sup> ( Skype Attendance)
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**September**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board September 16<sup>th</sup>
- CATA Conference meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> ( Skype Attendance)
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- Continued negotiations with CATA and OATA with Alliance Agreement
- Attended and Worked CATA Conference in Nelson, BC September 17-21<sup>st</sup>.

**October**

- CATA Conference Follow-up meeting
- FACT BC Board meeting Oct.3<sup>rd</sup>.
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- BC Art Therapy Coffee House – VATI October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**November**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**December**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

**January 2015**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Newsletter material gathered
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings

- Coffee House – Vancouver, Adler U. January 30<sup>th</sup>
- Meetings with people regarding the College

### **February**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board February 10<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- CATA Conference Prep. Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
- FACT-BC Meeting Feb.6<sup>th</sup>

### **March**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- Continued work on Alliance Agreement

### **April**

- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- Completed Alliance agreement paperwork and negotiations
- Art Hives presentation April 28<sup>th</sup> with Janis Timm-Bottos

### **May**

- AGM preparation of reports
- Monthly work with Administration regarding our announcements and postings
- BCATA Monthly Conference Call to Board May 12<sup>th</sup>

Simply, the last four years have been an amazing experience. I am so pleased to have been in this position and helped to create the Alliance Agreement between CATA, BCATA and Ontario. It was one of my dreams and to watch it come true, is the greatest professional gift that could ever be given to me.

I could not have completed this role over the last four years without the support of my super sparkly executive. I look forward to working with the new executive in a different capacity as a non-voting past president.

I will be maintaining my role as the BCATA rep with FACT BC and as well as guiding the Alliance Agreement along to the next stage. In addition to this I want to begin a supervisor's directory and have something comprehensive to present at the next AGM in 2016.

Please know that whoever take on the role of president you are not alone and myself and your executive will help you through the learning curve. Please contact me if you are at all interested. As I would prefer to speak with interested parties or those you would like to nominate before the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Michelle Oucharek-Deo BFA, BCATR, RCAT

## **b) Vice President**

**Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR**

BC Art Therapy Association

AGM Report for May 30, 2015

Vice President: Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR

Prepared on April 23, 2015

I have continued promoting BCATA to our members, past members, arts related communities, the international art therapy community and the general public via social media venues such as Facebook and Twitter.

Last June I started our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BCArtTherapyAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/BCArtTherapyAssociation) and as of today we now have 391 "likes". I have observed that we typically gain at least 10 new likes every month. We offer this public site to post professional development opportunities, Coffee House details, Job postings and various other events and relevant information. If you wish to follow me on Twitter I'm @bcarttherapy

My term as VP has ended, and I would like to extend my support to whomever takes over my role for ease of transition. I am happy to share the administration of Facebook with the new VP (or other executive member).

The Arts Health Network BC Creative Arts Therapies working Group, typically met a only a few times each year, but this past year we did not due to changes within their team. The Arts Health Network Canada website is <http://www.artshealthnetwork.ca/> and recently, a BC specific website has been created <http://www.artshealthbc.ca/>

### **c) Recording Secretary**

**Frances Bryant-Scott, RSW, BCATR**

The duties of the Recording Secretary have included taking minutes at each monthly meeting conducted via Conference Call, editing them and passing them back to the President for distribution to the Executive prior to the next meeting.

Other duties taken on this year, by virtue of geographic location, have been to help co-ordinate the AGM taking place in Sidney, BC on June 8, 2014. To this end, a location has been secured and insurance for the proceedings has been acquired.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Bryant-Scott, RSW, BCATR

### **d) Corresponding Secretary**

**Carolyn E. Simpson, BA, DVATI**

The basic responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary is to handle all general correspondence on behalf of the BCATA. I joined the board because I was interested in connecting to other art therapists. Serving as Corresponding Secretary for BCATA gave me an opportunity to learn more about what was happening with our association as well as with the art therapy community. Here is a glimpse of what the majority of the enquiries were for this year: \*Membership requests \* requests for art therapy services \* requests for volunteer art therapists \* requests for information on art therapy and training. If you are interested in taking on new clients please make sure your information is up to date on our website!

I am coming to the end of my term as Corresponding Secretary. I want to express my appreciation for our professional association for the past 4 years. It has been amazing working with this creative, enthusiastic and dedicated team. A special thank you to our incredibly hard working and talented president for all the support and guidance over the last 4 years. I wish you all, my fellow board members and everyone in the larger BCATA family, all the very best.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn E. Simpson, BA, DVATI

## e) Membership Chair

### **Morgan Reinsbakken, BSc.Psyc, DVATI**

Hello BCATA members! Another year has come and gone and oh, what a year it has been. Busy both for me personally and within the association. First and foremost, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the board and our members – moving to a new town and becoming a parent has been a challenging life transition and I would not have been able to continue my Membership responsibilities without your patience, support and understanding. This year we have also seen our membership grow, signing on new members and reconnecting with those we lost touch with. The final membership totals for this 2014-15 fiscal year:

Registered = 64  
Professional = 41  
Student = 27  
Retired = 0  
Associate = 0  
Honourary Life = 5

137 Members in Good Standing

10 Incomplete renewals/applications

3 Applications cancelled or not approved

**147 Total BCATA Members**

We would like to welcome our new members and congratulate our recent upgrades:

- Zoe Armstrong, Registered Member
- Shona Collison, Registered Member
- Elizabeth Guest, Registered Member
- Katy Scoones, Professional Member
- Hae Soo Jo, Professional Member
- Catherine Dunlop, Professional Member
- Charlotte Spafford, Professional Member and BCATA Treasurer
- Sally Fraser, Professional Member
- Andrea Simpson, Professional Member
- Julia Bateman, Professional Member
- Shahin Jones, Professional Member
- Lynnea Thorkelson, Professional Member

- Alannah MacPhail, Professional Member
- Merrick Irwin, Professional Member
- Hayley Hyunjin Lee, Professional Member

In an effort to reach out to the art therapy students in BC we offered a special complimentary student sign-up in the Fall and we were also blessed with a new student rep from each school (Adler, VATI and KATI). It has been so great to connect with you and to hear your voice at the monthly board meeting. We would like to welcome the new students:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Estelle Barron                    | • Sun Lee                         |
| • Cecilia Cheung                    | • Cassandra Evans                 |
| • Sanaa Abouayoub                   | • Lauren O'Keefe                  |
| • Caroline BATTERY                  | • Tiff Kopp                       |
| • Veralyn Chan                      | • Michael Kazyss                  |
| • Sumra Ahmed                       | • Hannah Eicke, VATI Student Rep. |
| • Sarah Canning, Adler Student Rep. | • Kristen Zuest                   |
| • Raman Samra                       | • Cathy Tremblay                  |
| • Craig Lee, Membership Committee   | • Melissa Miller                  |
| • Sarah Fraske                      | • Joni Vonkeman                   |
| • Brianna Campbell                  | • Laura Andrew, KATI Student Rep. |
| • Nadina Dodd                       | • Paula Black                     |



This year I have spent a considerable amount of time working with our website team at E-Vision, both troubleshooting any issues our members may have encountered as well as efforts made to make our website more informative and user-friendly for our members and the community at large. Other duties completed throughout the year included updating the Membership manual when needed, processing renewals/applications/upgrades, responding to Membership questions and emails and attending our monthly board meetings via phone conference.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those members that volunteered their time within the Membership Committee - Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Rebecca Megyesi, Sarah Bradley and Craig Lee – your contributions have been an essential element within the Membership responsibilities and was very much appreciated. And last but not least, always a BIG thank you to our amazing administrator, Merle.

This concludes my fourth and final year as BCATA's Membership Chair. It has been an honour to serve our association and to work with such an amazing group of peers. This position will be open for the 2015-16 Membership year however I am happy to continue volunteering my time within the Membership Committee and to help mentor and support the new Membership Chair.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Morgan Reinsbakken, BSc.Psych, DVATI  
BCATA Membership Chair

## **f) Registration Chair**

### **Registration Committee Report to the 2015 AGM of the BC Art Therapy Association**

The Registration Chair received a number of inquiries about registration, including about the fast track process. Two inquiries regarding the fast track process were from individuals who were not current professional BCATA members. They were encouraged to become members and the process for application for registration was outlined for them.

The Registration Committee reviewed two applications. Acceptance of these applications is pending further documentation or determination of equivalency in training. No members were approved for registration this year.

After discussion, the Registration Committee and the Executive concurred that applicants for registration must be BCATA professional members in good standing for a period of three months before their applications for registration can be processed. This includes the fast track process for applicants who are registered with other art therapy associations. To that end, a resolution for change to the appropriate bylaw will be brought forward to the 2015 AGM.

I want to thank Deb Broadhurst and Margaret Jones-Callahan, the other members of the committee, for their valuable feedback, insight, guidance, wisdom and unerring support over this past year!

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandy McCartie, MSW RSW BCATR, Chair of the Registration Committee

## **g) Treasurer**

### **Annual Treasurer's Report - May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015**

BCATA Treasurer, Charlotte Spafford, BA, DVATI

I have successfully completed my first year as Treasurer, thanks to the support of the President, the board, and especially Merle Miedzygorski, our Administrative Assistant.

Due to year-end fiscal dates, the financial statement will be available at the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Spafford

(Appointed) - Reports

## **h) Ethics Chair**

2014/2015 Ethics Chair Report.

Happily, there were no major ethical challenges in this recent year for the Ethics committee of BCATA. It has been a busy year for our very conscientious executive and a pleasure to be involved with these excellent women who bring Creativity to their leadership and to their lives. I looked into some situations where Art Therapy was mentioned in online advertising for counselling businesses without the clear presence of an Art Therapist on their staff. As our protected letters BCATR applies only to those letters designating BC Art Therapist Registered with the BCATA, there is really nothing to be done about the use of the term Art Therapy. The advertising honoured the use of Art Therapy as an effective modality that requires special training so we decided we had no jurisdiction within which to protest. I look forward to the AGM and the excellent presentations being offered for our ongoing Professional Development. We will also be electing or acclaiming a new executive. Should we be unable to find a new Ethics Chair for the next two year term I am willing to stay on. I would like to encourage any of you who have not yet had the pleasure of serving our association to consider running for an office or for serving on a committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sophia Schneider

## **i) Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists BC (FACT BC)**

### **(Previously the Task Group for College of Counseling Therapists)**

FACT BC continued to grow and develop throughout the year. Meetings were held in the summer of 2014, as well as October 2014 and then again in January 2015. All notes and updates regarding the meetings and any historical documents can be found on the FACT-BC website. [www.factbc.org](http://www.factbc.org)

Some very specific lobbying was done throughout last year with MLA Liberal caucus members. The hard

work that was completed is now starting to show fruition as FACT-BC has been invited to several higher level government meetings.

Please be reminded that the creation of a College is intended to better protect the public and offer British Columbians a greater scope of professional accountability and increased accessibility to all different types of counselling while still ensuring their safety and full range of mental health supports are in place.

I have been asked and have accepted the offer to stand as Vice-Chair of FACT-BC for the 2015-2016 cycle. Deb Broadhurst remains my alternate if I am unable to attend a meeting.

FACT BC now represents over 4000 counsellors province-wide; as several new groups have joined FACT BC over the year. An updated list can be found on the website.

The regulation process in Ontario has been completed and art therapists there are now going through the documentation process to become registered with their College. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will connect you with the right people in Ontario.

Please also be reminded that the College when it comes into place will be a Competency based, College. This year FACT BC are tasked to update the **Competency Profile** that was completed in 2007. I encourage you to review this document as it will become very important. It can be found on the **FACT BC website** under **About Us** in the **History** section, **third paragraph**.

The BCATA still continues to take financial responsibility for our part in the development of the College and will be allocating \$20.00 per person for professional and registered members during this budget year of 2015-2016.

If you are ever in need of additional information please feel free to contact me at [president@bcarttherapy.com](mailto:president@bcarttherapy.com) or 604-817-5838.

Respectfully Submitted by: Michelle Oucharek-Deo Registered Art Therapist BFA, BCATR, RCAT

Last year the Task Group and all its members continued with the lobby movement throughout the province, reaching out to both Liberal and NDP MLA's. We had some success with that movement in helping our politicians understand that counselling and all the different professional therapies that it encompasses truly needs to be regulated in order that we can better protect the public and offer British Columbians a greater scope of professional accountability and increased accessibility.

During our Fall Task Group meeting the attendees could feel that the government momentum was beginning to shift in our direction and we needed to make some positive moves forward. It was at that time that we decided based on consensus in the room that it was time to formalize the Task Group into a legal entity. The name decided upon for the group was the Federation of Associations for Counselling Therapists-BC (FACT-BC) The paperwork was finalized in March 2014 and the website will be up and running by June 2014. I have been named as the Co-Chair of FACT-BC and Deb Broadhurst is my alternate if I am unable to attend a meeting.

In addition to attending the regular FACT-BC meetings I also sat on the sub-committee for the website development and have taken lead with a BCACC member to attend all the higher level political meetings that have been occurring in the last three months.

FACT BC now represents close to 3800 counsellors province wide.

The regulation process in Ontario is underway and if you are planning on moving there it is imperative that you do your homework to find out what you will need to practise there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will connect you with the right people.

We are now working directly with the province and decision makers and should have more information available regarding our progress within the next six weeks. I will let you know when the FACTBC website is up and running. I am also planning on putting together a small webinar on the history and relevance of the Development of the College of Counselling Therapists that will be available on our BC Art Therapy Assn website by the beginning of July.

Respectfully Submitted by: Michelle Oucharek-Deo Registered Art Therapist BFA, BCATR, RCAT

## **j) Professional Development**

### **Debora Broadhurst, BA, DVATI, BCATR Pro D Committee**

- October 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House – VATI, Vancouver, BC
- October 2014: Art Therapy Coffee House –Victoria, BC
- January 2015: Art Therapy Coffee House – Adler University, Vancouver, BC
- February 2015: Art Therapy Coffee House- Victoria, BC
- April 2015: Art Hive’s Presentation ( Janis-Timms-Bottos PhD, ATR-BC, ATPQ, PT)  
Victoria, and Vancouver BC
- May 29, 30 2015: BCATA 2015 Conference/AGM – Adler University, Vancouver, BC

## **k) Newsletter**

### **Geri Nolan Hilfiker BFA, DKATI**

*Regional News:* Art Therapy Education, Activities and Research

Connecting within the community of Art Therapists in British Columbia and Western Canada.

**2014 Publication dates:** January, April, June and October.

**BASIC NEWSLETTER DESIGN:** MAC / Pages format: “Classic Newsletter”

#### **BCATA EXECUTIVE SUBMISSIONS**

*Presidents Report:* Information and updates regarding BCATA Executive activities and events.

*Membership News:* Information and updates regarding Membership, Renewal and Certification Processes.

*Workshops and Events:* Information regarding upcoming Professional Development

Workshops and/or Conferences throughout British Columbia and social events such as BCATA Coffee Houses in Vancouver and Victoria.

*Book Review:* Personal reviews submitted of Art Therapy or Expressive Therapy related books.

#### **GENERAL SUBMISSIONS**

Article, news, events, photographs are always welcome from BCATA Membership art large.

**INCLUDED IN ALL BCATA NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletter Submission deadlines

BCATA Executive Contact Information

Links to BCATA Website and British Columbia Art Therapy schools

Report submitted by Geri Nolan Hilfiker, Newsletter Editor

## **I) Student Representatives**

**VATI** Student Rep 2014/2015

No report submitted

**KATI**

No report submitted

**Adler University**

No report submitted

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If you or anyone that you know is need of acquiring a transcript. All BCSAT documentation is available through PICTIA the **Private Career Training Institutions Agency of BC (PCTIA)**  
Records Clerk, Leona Christie



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## **m) Administration/Webmaster/Bookkeeper Merle Miedzygorski**

No report submitted

## **BY LAW change to be voted on on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015**

May 30, 2015

### **Resolution # 1**

#### **Resolution to make an addition to the Requirements for Application for Registered Membership with the BC Art Therapy Association**

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Membership of the British Columbia Art Therapy Association to approve changes to the bylaws of the Association, and to allow a reasonable time for due diligence on the part of the Registration Committee to ensure that applicants for registration have all the requirements to become registered;

Be it resolved that the following addition (in red) to Bylaw 2.3 be made:

**2.3 Registered professional membership, “BCATR” British Columbia Art Therapist** Registered, shall be open to all professional members in good standing **who have been members in good standing for a period of three (3) months and** who:

- a) have completed a Masters degree or higher in art therapy, a Masters degree in the field of social sciences and a 15-month diploma program at an institute of art therapy, or an undergraduate degree and a 2-year diploma program from an institute of art therapy;

and

have completed with signed documentation, 1,000 post-graduate direct client contact hours in a clinical setting or agency setting supervised by a BCATR, or equivalent (e.g. ATR, or RCAT) who holds current professional liability insurance and in good standing with their professional association, at a ratio of 1 hour to each 20 client contact hours.

(i) Equivalent graduate level training and experience in the use of art in therapy will be evaluated at the discretion of the Registration Committee;

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(ii) Volunteer art therapy services can be counted towards the 1000 postgraduate direct client contact hours to a maximum of 50%. The hours must be documented and supervised by a BCATR or equivalent, who holds current professional liability insurance and is in good standing with their professional association. The location at which the art therapy services are offered must be an established agency or organization.

(iii) Post-graduate hours of supervision are defined as hours accumulated after all practicum hours and all course work has been completed except the thesis or date of graduation.

(iv) A minimum of 50% of supervised hours are to be with a BCATR. If this is not practicable supervision may be provided by an equivalent registered art therapist (e.g. ATR, RCAT) or, if not available the member may apply to the Registration Committee to be exempt from this requirement and for approval of an alternative supervisor. Consideration could include another mental health professional, with at least 5 years of experience, who holds current professional liability insurance and is in good standing with their professional association.

(v) Group supervision is to include a maximum of five supervisees per group. Group supervision should be a 50% maximum of total supervised hours. This group supervision should be clinically focused, (i.e. not administrative), based on work with clients, and should ensure that each art therapist has individual time within that group to present their own work.

(vi) Members who are currently registered members in good standing, of another art therapy association, or if not currently in good standing whose membership lapsed within the period of one year and was not revoked, may submit proof of such registered membership along with two letters of recommendation and documentation for current liability insurance, in lieu of the requirements in 2.3 a) to request registered membership with BCATA.

(vii) The expiration of a current application in process, will be one year from the date of acceptance for first review by the Registration Committee.

c) sign a statement that if practicing, they have liability insurance coverage;

d) have made application in prescribed form to the Registration Committee of the BCATA, have been admitted as registered members and remain members in good standing