



British Columbia Art Therapy Association

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2011 AGM Yearly Reports

A Message from the President:

Whew! We made it - another year – another AGM, this little group that could. The remaining board in front of you now, have been stretched thin but have held together during the often bumpy ride, inevitable with the ebbs and flows of changes. With a forward thinking goal about the meaning and importance of the Association and the support of each other, we have arrived here today. This year is sure to be an interesting one as the BCATA finds itself teetering on the cusp, on the cusp of exciting change.

With the elections this year, the majority of the board will be made up of new members with many of them coming from the mainland. This marks a shift after many years of board members coming from Vancouver Island. The BCATA has taken a technological leap and created an on-line renewal process and with further technological advances will be able to involve many more art therapists from around the province in board functions and Association activities. There is continued support for the development of the College for Counseling Therapists and there is renewed talk of looking to a more national unity for the art therapy profession as a whole. Exciting times lay ahead.

This year marks my 6th year of involvement with the BCATA. I spent the first three years as Membership Chair and now these last three years as President. For me, my involvement has been a bittersweet mix of responsibility, loyalty and trepidation. I know that as art therapists we are busy people with busy lives but I also know that all board members are volunteers and it is only

through the dedication of our fellow members that this Association can function and move forward. Your involvement is necessary, needed and vital.

I could not have made it this far without the support of my fellow board members and the deep belief in the healing and creative work that can be found in this fantastic fabulous field of art therapy. I will continue to support the development and advancement of the BCATA as past-President. Thank you for this learning opportunity.

Art for all and all for art !

Respectfully submitted,
Marna Lynn Smith, B.Mus, Dip. Ath

Vice President:

This has been my third year sitting as VP on the board, and this year has seen a lot of changes; not only within the board where positions have been emptied and filled over the course, but also in our electronic communications with our members who can now renew membership via the BCATA website. This move has served to secure capacity in membership which, of course, is the driving force behind the BCATA.

I want to say how honored I have been to work with the members of the Board who have remained, over a difficult year, steadfast and committed to the ongoing journey of the BCATA. Because of the challenges the board has navigated over this last year, I am ready, willing and able to continue in this role for one more year and support through this role, the changes we have made; unless another would like to step in.



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The BCATA is an important entity that I whole heartedly endorse and I continue to see the association as a direct contribution to world peace.

Respectfully,
Shona Collison, BFA, ATH.Cert

Recording Secretary:

This position had been filled but the member was not able to carry on with the role. This unfortunately left the board to designate one of the few remaining board members to takes notes as it were. A special thank you to Shona for her multitasking abilities!

This position will be up for nominations today.

Corresponding Secretary:

Correspondence is the life line between the Association and its members. So the fact that this position has remained vacant throughout the year with board members trying their best to follow up, there have unfortunately been many glitches in the timely responses to members and undoubtedly frustration felt by those members because of it.

In order to help rectify this situation, apart from electing a Corresponding Secretary today, board members will now be assigned a unifying email address to help streamline correspondence thus eliminating the use of personal email addresses and the continual shift in contacts as board members change. The email address for a particular chair will now be for example, president@bcarttherapy.com (and so on) so that it is not only logical and practical but will also maintain consistency and contribute towards

strengthening the communication ties within the membership. The new addresses will take effect after the AGM and with the new Board.

This position will be up or nominations today.

Membership Chair:

You, the members of the Association are what the Association is all about. Members are not just important, they are vital. There are six different membership categories that need to be maintained and followed up with. Unfortunately, the Membership position has been in the most flux over the past few years. This position is a very busy one with many tasks involved. In an attempt to deligate the tasks and make it a more functional position, an on-line renewal process has been created with the majority of the administrative processing being taken care of by our Admin/Bookkeeper Merle. Thank you to the board for the membership work bees and to Barb Baillie for stepping in to help out as well.

As of May 24, 2011, **51 members** have renewed.

Merle will have more up to date numbers for the AGM.

Registration Chair:

Two pending Registrations were processed in the past year. One still awaits confirmation of insurance coverage before being finalized. We have on hand one completed application which awaits the next meeting of the Registration Committee for processing, and two partial applications.

Llona O’Gorman, BCATR



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Treasurer:

My first year as treasurer of the BCATA proceeded smoothly due to the organizational and accounting skills of Merle Miedzygorski, our Administrative Assistant. Our actual current balance at the end of April was \$14,741.92 which does not include the bulk of 2011/12 membership renewal income.

In summary of the BCATA's fiscal year
May 1, 2010—April 30, 2011:

Total Income:	\$8,718.18
Total Expenses:	\$8,373.19
Net Income	\$344.99

Our profit and loss comparison over the last three years shows the following major trends:

1. Less income from membership in 2011: \$8500.00
2010 Membership Income \$10,280.00

Please note that the Membership renewal notice went out later this year so this year's fees are not fairly represented in these figures. Already by the 15th of May, an additional \$3100 in membership fees have come in.

2. More expense than last year for the Task Force of the College of Counsellors:
2011: \$1248.88
2010: \$665.98
2009: \$1700.62
3. Less expenses for Registration:
2011: \$114.01
2010: \$1094.27
4. An added expense this year is \$601.30 for storage of old files.

Submitted by, Barbara Baillie, B.Ed., M.T.S., M.A.P.P.C.

Ethics Chair:

There were three Ethics issues to contend with in this past year. Due to unavoidable circumstances, two of those issues were unable to be resolved. The third issue simply required a letter of concern.

Llona O’Gorman, BCATR

APPOINTED AGM Reports

Task Group – Proposed College for Counselling Therapists

The last group meeting that was held was 14 months ago. With both governments in disarray since the summer of 2010, little to no attention was given to our request for meetings with the appropriate peoples until the beginning of 2011.

In the last few months several important meetings were held with the Ministry, representatives from the Proposed College of Counselling Therapists, and the CPCA (An association which we are trying to work with in regards to the development of the College). Some progress was made and we have been informed that we are getting closer to the time when we will need to rally and contact our MLA's. This process will be done specifically with identified material so that as representatives of the Proposed College we are all giving our MLA's the same information.

I am reporting that the BC Marriage and Family Therapists have removed themselves from the Proposed College of Counselling Therapists.

I am attaching the segment from the 2010 AGM report identifying what the breakdown of seed



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money looks like. I am hoping that we can vote on it at the AGM this year in New Business so that we can set the money aside in a dedicated account and have it ready when it is requested. In doing this we will avoid having to do a series of fundraisers and being caught short with no time to put the funds together.

Seed Money Financing – Jim Brown has worked out a plan for the associations to look at as follows:

The funds can be given as an outright grant to the College Setup Fund or as a combination of grant and non-demand loan. The former is preferable because we don't want a hunk of non-demand funds on the books when we go to a financial institution to borrow some \$500,000.00 to cover the first year of College operations. To be re-paid by College registration fees.

Per Capita Costs on \$100,00.00, as promised...

Total, current, members 2516

Per Capita value \$100,000/2516 = \$39.75

BCACC 1897 \$75,405.75

MTABC 90 3,577.50

BCATA 103 4,094.25

AAPC 2 (net) 79.50

CCAP 294 (net) 11,686.50

CAPPE 14 556.50

BCAMFT 116 4,611.00

The following recommendation still stands and will be reviewed by the executive in the 2011/2012 Membership cycle.

2010- It is recommended that we as an association develop a set of Continuing Education requirements, as at present we are the only profession around the table that does not have this factor in place. It will become an integral piece as part of the development of the College that associations have this in place for their members. Outside of the College it is a good professional practice for us to take this next step.

If you have any specific questions regarding the material or the Proposed College please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards, Michelle Oucharek-Deo, BCATR

**Bookkeeper/Administration/
Webmaster Report**

My usual monthly tasks consist of collecting & redistributing mail, banking, keeping the accounting books updated & doing the reports for the Treasurer. There are also the monthly Announcements & Postings and general email correspondence. I also help at renewal time dealing with the extra paperwork, a lot of it, and the extra cheques coming in.

Over the last few years I have worked with the Board trying to streamline renewals & to make the website more user appealing & effective. This year we took the big leap into making the BCATA Members the one's in control of their information. And payment as easy as pushing a button, or two. After much discussion between Matt, our web master, Marna & myself, we made it happen. There have been a few bugs which is to be expected but I think it is all coming together. I have very positive feedback from members and we are dealing with a lot less paper. Please feel free to



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email me any suggestions and thank you for your patience, we will get everything ironed out.

Regards, Merle Miedzygorski
BCATA Administration Assistant/ Bookkeeper

2011 Student Reports

There are no student reports for this year. The appointed student positions for KATI, VATI and BCSAT are now available to current students wanting to participate and make a contribution towards their professional Association. The energy and fresh insights that students can provide are a vital component to the on-going development of the art therapy profession.

Professional Development

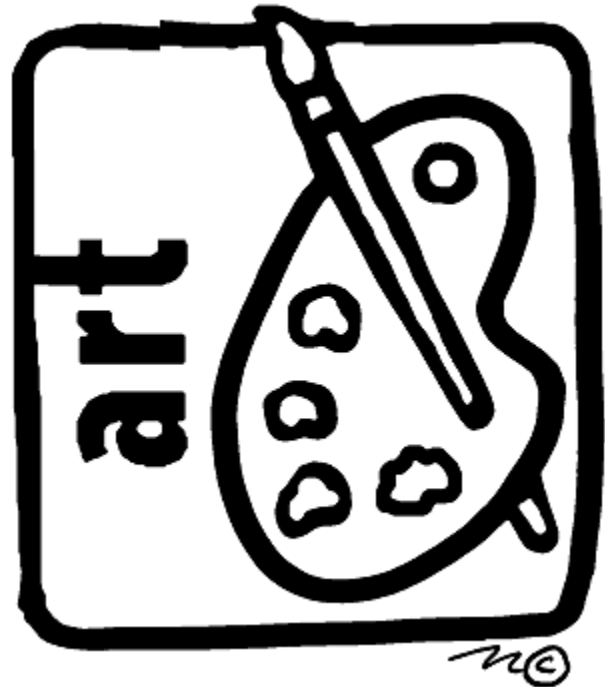
No report for this year. This position has remained vacant.

Newsletter

A special thank you to Llona for resurrecting the newsletter by creating a mini-mini format to get the ball rolling again. More will be on the way!

Check out the BCATA website!

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Thank you for attending the 2011

BCATA Conference and AGM

Your support is much appreciated!

SPECIAL NOMINATION
BCATA Honorary Life Membership
Bruce Tobin, PhD, BCATR