

## BCATA: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Sat June 8, 2019

**Start Time:** 12:03 pm

**Close Time:** 1:04 pm

**Minutes recorded by:** Shauna Kaendo (Recording Secretary)

### Attendees

#### *Executive*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present/Absent</i>
President	Dr. Christine Lummis	Present
Vice-President	(position unfilled)	
Recording Sec.	Shauna Kaendo	Present
Treasurer	(position unfilled)	
Corresponding Sec.	Estelle Barron	Present
Membership Chair	Craig Lee	Present
•committee member	Michelle Oucharek-Deo	Present
•committee member	Margaret Jones-Callahan	
•committee member	Lesley Clarke	

#### *Appointed Committee Chairs*

Ethics chair	Demill Keevil	Regrets
•committee member	Rose Clarke	
•committee member	Sophia Schneider	Present
Social Media	Andrea Hrysko	Regrets
Events Chair	Sabrina Yau	Regrets
FACT-BC Rep	Cassandra Evans	Regrets
•committee member	Michelle Oucharek-Deo	
•committee member (CATA)	Christine Lummis	

Student Reps



**9. Website and Membership Platform rebuild/proposal:** Discussion re: approving spending for upgrades to the website. Please see attached proposal for details.

Christine puts forth a motion to put this to our membership (via email/newsletter) with details and request to do a vote (email voting and response), as we weren't able to vote on it today (quorum not met).

Seconded by Sophia. **Task item:** New Executive to decide on details re: moving forward with this.

**10. 2018-2019 Reports from Executive -** Distributed via email prior to AGM

**11. Elections to Executive:**

One Elected Board Member remaining on the BCATA Board for the second year of their term which runs from 2018-2020:

- a) Membership Chair Craig Lee, MCP:AT, RCC

Positions to be filled to complete 1-year term 2019-2020:

- b) Recording Secretary
- c) Treasurer

Three Elected Board Members have completed their 2-year term. Positions on the BCATA Board to be filled for a 2-year term, which runs from 2019-2021:

- d) President
- e) Vice President
- f) Corresponding Secretary

**NOTES:**

Christine: Comments re: efforts around Nomination Committee. Currently have 5 nominations for 5 available Executive roles.

Michelle: Suggestion to host an evening of Q&A to support the new board members (date to be planned by the new board). **Task item:** New board to arrange date/time/details with Michelle.

Estelle: Has started a draft of an Orientation Package to extend to all new board members.

**Nominations submitted:**

**Keith Thurlow Bishop**

Withdrawn nomination. Suggestion was made to invite them to be involved in a committee.

**Cari Randa:**

Cari completed training at Vancouver Art Therapy Institute in November 2017 and has been working full-time as Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator at Point Grey Private Hospital since April 2018. Her current position allows her to balance her passion for building communities for seniors in long-term care through art therapy, events, and volunteer engagement, while also taking an administrative role showcasing her communication, collaboration, and organization skills. She is enthusiastic and motivated to bring a more holistic approach to health care. Cari graduated from SFU with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Early Learning in October 2015 and used her time at VATI to tailor her art therapy practice for populations with degenerative memory disorders. She served as student representative of the BCATA while at VATI, and has volunteered at BCATA and CATA conferences. She is also the art therapist for Fire & Flower, an ecological education program exploring rites of passage and female empowerment for girls. If elected to the BCATA board as Corresponding Secretary, Cari would bring enthusiasm and a warm professional approach to communicating in our BC Art Therapy Association community.

**Heather Hassenbein:**

My name is Heather Hassenbein. I am a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC) and an Art Therapist. I have my master's in counselling psychology: art therapy from Adler University. I have fifteen years of experience working with children, adults, and families. I have worked in different roles in private residences, in private and public school settings, in assisted living residences, and in a women's resource center. I currently work at Avicenna Holistic Centre as a registered clinical counsellor and art therapist. I am also part of a pilot program at Adler University called the Art Therapy Volunteer (ATV) program. As an ATV, I work with students in the Master of Counselling: Art Therapy program. As a new member to BCATA I am very interested in immersing myself into the art therapy community further. I am looking forward to the many learning opportunities being a part of this community provides.

**Eleanor Madeley:**

My name is Ellie (Eleanor Madeley) and I would like to be the Corresponding Secretary Officer with the BCATA Executive. I have an honours bachelor of arts with a specialization in psychology from the University of Ottawa. I graduated with honours from the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute in 2018 and am a member of the BC Art Therapy Association, Canadian Art Therapy Association, and the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.

Currently I am working in a one year contract as an art therapist/ counsellor in Community Mental Health Outreach, Family Support Outreach, and Sexual Assault Intervention Programs with Valley Community Services in Creston BC. In 2016 and 2017 I volunteered with the BCATA Board as a Student Representative for the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute. It was an invaluable learning experience and I would like to continue to contribute to the art therapy community as BCATA's Corresponding Secretary. I am efficient and accurate with paperwork, extremely organized, and enjoy corresponding with people on the board and within the art therapy community.

**Joni Vonkeman:**

Hello, my name is Joni Vonkeman (D.V.A.T.I, 2016). I live and work in the Greater Victoria area. My work is primarily with individuals with special needs, and families & seniors living with dementia. Recently, I have started training in the Butterfly Model which was started in England in 1995 by David Sheard. This is a model that primarily focuses on person-centered care and on changing the current, clinical-type culture surrounding dementia and the care of individuals with dementia.

My reason for wanting to join the BCATA executive (treasurer) is because I would like to further immerse myself into the wonderful community of art therapists we have here in BC. It is a way of serving this community while getting better acquainted with its members.

**Shivani Agarwal:**

I am Shivani Agarwal, a Master of Counseling Psychology – Art Therapy candidate at Adler University. I anticipate to graduate soon after taking my MCAQE exam and presentation this June.

I am submitting an application for Vice President of BCATA and would like to introduce myself- I am an international student from India and I moved to Vancouver specifically for the program and for my dream of pursuing Art Therapy. I have had experience working with children and adults with grief

and loss, developmental delays, ADHD, FASD as well as Autism, OCD and challenging behaviours. I truly believe that art therapy has worked immensely well with verbal and non-verbal individuals and has overall supported the counseling process- group or individual. Art Therapy has also partnered my Narrative Approach when counseling involves trauma recovery, PTSD and pretty much all mental health issues that could benefit from expression through art. My training and experience are listed in the resume attached. I take a strengths-based, harm reduction, trauma-informed approach to my work aimed at social justice within community.

In India, I come from a family who's business is based on empowering women from 3 villages of Uttar Pradesh, India, by training them to embroider garments and selling the product. The goal is to preserve the dying art of Chikankari embroidery, native to my city, while ensuring that the artists receive a fair share for their skill. Although in a workshop setting, I have been witness to the therapeutic benefits that working with art had on several women who travelled miles on foot every day to earn their wages – coming from various cultural backgrounds, sitting stitches away from each other, discussing difficult domestic issues over art. It was them who had inspired me to come here to take this course. The value of community was then reinforced by my study at Adler University. When I see myself graduating, I cannot think of a better reason to share this value than to apply for this position at BCATA. I would be honoured to be a part of an association that gives recognition, regulation and standard to the field I am so passionate about. I also have past experience of working in digital marketing and event management positions, which I believe, could be a great asset to working in the association and promoting BCATA.

All nominations accepted/voted in. Welcome to the new Executive Board members!

## **12. New Business arising from the executive reports**

No new business.

## **13. Announcements** □

Upcoming conference, postings and more info will be sent out to membership shortly. Sept 19/20/21, 2019 in Nelson, in collaboration with KATI. **Task item**: Sabrina (Events Chair) to send this information out to board members and Merle (for newsletter to membership).

## **14. Unfinished Business and general orders**

No businesss.

**15. Business arising from the floor**

**Question to attendees:** Request for feedback re: using Zoom as AGM platform.

**16. Adjournment: 1:04pm**