



British Columbia Art Therapy Association

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**AGM and Lunch May 30, 2010
Sidney Pier Hotel and Spa, Sidney, BC**

2010 AGM Yearly Reports

A Message from the President:

This year marks my 5th year participating on the Board of the BCATA with 3 years as Membership Chair and now two years in the President position. I could not have continued in my current role without the support of my fellow board members. I would like to thank Shona, Alison, Robin, Barbara and Bruce for going over and above their chair duties to help out as a team, picking up the slack and filling in for tasks when chair positions became vacant. A special thank you to Patty Patching for stepping up to help Bruce and I out with many hours of reviewing the Bylaws. Thank you to Sarah Bradley who has continued to take on a role of processing our newly designed certificates. Many thanks to all involved. I have found my participation to be both challenging and rewarding.

In the year ahead, there will be more challenges for the BCATA. As the association is run entirely on volunteer member contributions, there is a direct proportional impact from volunteer energy output and right now it seems that the energy within the association is in a lull. Positions on the board became vacant during the year and Pro-D workshops and the Newsletter have been shelved due to lack of membership participation. And unfortunately, the BCATA does not have a formal role with the upcoming CATA conference as the future board members are unknown.

There has been a core group of people over the years who have put in countless hours of time and energy into the development of the association with many people contributing years beyond the initial two year board commitment. Their valuable efforts have been greatly appreciated and are what has enabled the association

to run for over 20 years. The BCATA is an association full of creative people (almost 150 of you!) so there is sure to be no shortage of solutions. However, to see less than 20 people here today is unfortunate and may be indicative of changing times.

After this AGM, all of the positions on the board will become vacant . The association cannot continue to run without an elected board. Volunteer members are what is needed to keep the association going and with each member taking their turn at making their professional contribution, many hands will make light work. But even with a functioning board, the membership needs to participate for the board only represents the needs of its members.

Here's to thinking outside the box!

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

Vice President:

2010 marks my two year anniversary as VP. The work of the executive board continues to be tenacious in the face of the changing landscape of the board which has fluctuated throughout the year.

The President and I have been trying to navigate the needs of the dropped positions of the board without all the information being at our fingertips. We are looking forward to the positions being filled with members excited to spend time and energy working toward creating and maintaining our professional association and continue to hold the space that Art Therapy deserves. And in the work of the board I am reminded again that the sacred practice of Art Therapy is a direct contribution toward world peace.

Shona Collison, BFA, ATH.Cert



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Recording Secretary:

It has been a pleasure to be on the BCATA board during the past two years. This year's responsibilities included placing calls for submissions, compiling and sending out the agenda, recording the minutes at all meetings, editing and sending out minutes of previous meetings, as well as performing various other fill-in duties such as acting corresponding secretary and AGM organization. Best wishes to the succeeding recording secretary and new board.

Sincerely Yours,

Alison Baxendale, BFA, Dip.Ath



Group Welcome Painting – AGM 2009

Corresponding Secretary:

This position became vacant in the fall due to the member having to unexpectedly leave the country. As the corresponding secretary deals with all BCATA correspondence both email and phone, the job was divided between Alison (Recording Secretary) and Barbara (Treasurer) who both went over and above their respective chair positions to

respond to members inquiries. Thank you both for your teamwork.

Membership Chair:

Membership Chair has been in flux due to this position being empty for the last six months. Inquiries were fielded to the best of our ability. Currently in the design process is to have the membership application and renewal process done electronically. Members who have recently renewed will be receiving their receipts shortly. As of the AGM May 30, there are **65** voting members with a total of **75** members in Good Standing. The break down is as follows:

- Honorary Life: **5**
- Registered: **45**
- Professional: **20**
- Student: **4**
- Associate: **1**

Registration Chair:

During 2009/2010 the Registration committee approved and welcomed two new members as Registered Professional Members. The Registration chair has responded to a number of inquiries regarding registration requirements and to requests for documentation of registration status and past supervision records. There have been no new applications for Registration received as of this date.

The registration chair responded to inquiries from the ATBC, AATA's credentialing board regarding how the BCATA's educational and registration requirements compared to the AATA's requirements. Bruce Tobin researched and wrote a detailed response to the ATCB's questions regarding our educational and supervision requirements for registration standards. We have not yet received a formal response to this document from the ATBC.



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I would like to let the board and membership know that due to personal and professional commitments, I am stepping down from the position of Registration Chair at this time. Thank you to the executive team for your dedication and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Feldman, Registration Chair 2009-2010

Treasurer:

The 2010 AGM brings an end to my two-year term as Treasurer for the BCATA. It has been a gratifying experience to help keep the financial aspects of the organization going smoothly. It is a practical job with immediate satisfaction in seeing processes completed fairly quickly.

As of January 2010, I have also taken on a second role answering the BCATA telephone information line. This has allowed me to connect with a number of our members and with social workers, members of the public, future members and affiliated professionals. It has been enriching to communicate with each of them and satisfying to be able to assist them. This position also comes to an end at this AGM. I encourage our members to consider taking over these roles to keep our BCATA functioning effectively.

In summary of the BCATA Fiscal year:

May 1, 2009-April 30, 2010:

Total Income: \$11, 141.17

Total Expenses: \$7,738.91

Net Income \$3,402.26

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

1. More income from membership:

2010: \$10,280.00

2009: \$7,560.00

Please note this is due to receiving more of the Membership fees prior to the AGM this year. More membership fees will have been received after the date of this report as well as any late memberships (after May 30, 2010 as it was extended due to Membership Renewals being sent out late this year).

2. Less expense for Task Group of the College of Counsellors:

2010: \$665.98

2009 expense: \$1,700.62

3. Less expense for AGM & Conference Expense:

2010: \$543.00 (note this was for AGM 2009)

2009: \$1,022.35 (note this was for AGM 2008)

Expenses were lower due to having no workshop at AGM 2009.

4. More expenses for Registration over past 3 years:

2010: \$1,094.27 for custom decals & certificate design & printing

2009: \$0

2008: \$55.08

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacCormack, B.Ed., BCATR



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Ethics Chair:

The ethics committee has had a very quiet year since last AGM 2009. We have had no new formal complaints in the past year, and there are currently no unresolved complaints before us.

The ethics chair has over the year responded to a small number of informal ethics-related questions from BCATA members and members of the public.

Submitted by: Bruce Tobin, Ph.D, ATR

Bookkeeper/Administration/ Webmaster Report

This, my 7th year with BCATA, was busy with the monthly banking and reports, monthly Announcements & Postings and general email correspondence. There was also the general updating of the website as well as the annual task of updating the website Directory will all the membership renewals.

The Treasurer, Barbara MacCormack, will have the Annual Treasurer Report and a Three Year Profit & Loss Comparison relating to BCATA Year End at April 30, 2010.

Thank you. Merle Miedzygorski
BCATA Administration Assistant/ Bookkeeper

BCSAT Student Report

•As expected the move to the Victoria College of Art has required some adjustment by staff and students and it has also, as expected, presented new opportunities and increased the profile of the school in the community. The school looks forward to collaborating in creative events with the College of Art.

•The school has a robust line up of students for the next academic year and is pleased to be welcoming students from outside of BC and Canada.

•The School continues to adapt the structure of its programming in order to keep pace with the changing needs and time contingencies of potential and enrolled students. The school is increasing its use of technology to meet these new demands.

•An Intensive Studio course by Robin Feldman, MA, ATR, BCATR is offered this June. Dr. Bruce Tobin, PhD, RCC, ATR is presenting Art Therapy Meets EMDR in July. And, Louise Million, PhD and Kathleen Collis, PhD, BCATR are offering 'Being in Place' in July as well.

•The school is very excited to be co-hosting CATA's conference 'Roots and Branches of the Healing Arts: Coast Salish Teachings Meet Arts Therapies' which will be held at the beautiful Quw'utsun' Conference Centre in Duncan, August 12, 13, and 14. Students and Staff of the school are working now to prepare for the event. Registration will begin soon and hotel rooms have already been reserved.

•This is my final student report as I am now a graduate of the BC School of Art Therapy. I have notified the school's student body that the position is now open. Thank you to the Board for warmly welcoming me. I very much appreciate this learning opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Olson

CATA & BCSAT Conference
Roots and Branches of the Healing Arts
Coast Salish Teachings meet Arts Therapies
August 12, 13 and 14, 2010