

Canadian Association for Play Therapy (CAPT)
Annual General Meeting
Virtual ZOOM Meeting
April 30, 2021, 7-8:30 pm (EST)

1) Official Opening Remarks

Theresa welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting, confirmed there was quorum, and noted that the agenda, reports, and minutes are posted on the CAPT website. She acknowledged that CAPT has nine provinces represented at the AGM this year. Theresa thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for contributions to CAPT.

2) Land Acknowledgement

Read by Board Member Donna Starling.

3) Mission and Vision Statement

The CAPT mission and vision statement were reviewed: CAPT believes in the value of play therapy and its contribution to an individuals' mental, emotional, social, and psychological wellbeing. The Association believes in advancing and promoting the understanding and value of play therapy, high standards of professional and ethical practice, and advocating for our membership. The Association maintains a strong, professional organization and promotes professional training and current research in play therapy.

Core values include Connections/Outreach; Growth and Advocacy; Inclusion and Respect; Education, Ethics, and Professionalism.

4) The Monica Herbert Award

The Monica Herbert Award is a prestigious award that was inspired by the courage, devotion, hard work, and commitment to helping children and the world of play therapy as demonstrated by Monica Herbert. Sadly, on July 5, 2019, Monica passed away. She was a loving wife and mother of two sons and a daughter, used her skills to help many children, and showed an interest in working with autism.

To receive this Award, the recipient(s) must have made a significant impact and exceptional contribution to play therapy through dedication, competence, and exceptional performance in one of the following areas: outstanding clinical work using play therapy, research related to play therapy through a book, article, or paper, community and committee work, or exceptional contributions to the lives of children.

This year's Award was presented by Lorie Walton on behalf of CAPT to two very deserving candidates, Kip and Elizabeth Sharpe. Lorie described that in 2008, the Board was given the mission to expand play therapy work across Canada. The Board needed to find a management team to expand, grow and support the work of CAPT. They found Kip and Elizabeth who have inspired and connected with CAPT, with a vision for CAPT. Their commitment to the play therapy community across Canada was and continues to be inspirational. They have furthered

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the field of play therapy to what it is today. On behalf of CAPT, we want to thank Kip and Elizabeth for everything they have done for CAPT over the past thirteen years.

It is a privilege to proudly present the Monica Herbert Award this year to the recipients. Congratulations Kip and Elizabeth on this well-deserved award! Your contribution to CAPT will never be forgotten.

5) Approval of the Draft Agenda

Motion “To accept the approval of the draft AGM 2021 agenda.”

Moved by Lorie Walton. Seconded by Jocelyn Nand. Motion Carried.

6) Approval of the AGM Minutes 2020

Motion “To accept the 2020 AGM minutes.”

Moved by Melanie Charlebois. Seconded by Ricky McIntyre. Motion Carried.

7) Treasurer’s Report

Please see CAPT Finance Annual Report.

Motion “To appoint the Auditor M.D.P. Short, RLB LLP in Guelph, ON – Partner Brenden Bellai as Lead Accountant.”

Moved by Lori Wareham-Mulrooney. Seconded by Maya Sloan. Motion Carried.

Helena Kogas as Treasurer of CAPT presented the Treasurer’s Report. Helena highlighted the challenges of the past year with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and how CAPT not only survived but thrived during an exceptionally difficult year. At the end of 2020, CAPT revenue increased by \$92 159. This will provide CAPT with a reserve fund to cover the operating costs for one year.

Motion “To accept the year end 2020 CAPT financial report.”

Moved by Liana Lowenstein. Seconded by Betty Bedard Bidwell. Motion Carried.

8) Committee Report Highlights

Theresa thanked everyone for their time and commitment to CAPT committee work.

Certification Committee – Chair Hannah Sun-Reid updated that this committee meets monthly and has been working on many tasks. The committee has reviewed many certification applications and certified 12 CPT’s, and 4 CPT-S’s. Congratulations to the newly certified play therapists and play therapist supervisors in Canada for 2020! The committee has completed two file reviews, responded to multiple email inquiries regarding certification standards and procedures, continues to work on the supervisor handbook, has made adaptations to application process due to COVID-19, rewrote entire certification standards and process (in draft form) to make it simpler and clearer, and continues to work on FAQ’s document.

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Education Committee – Co-Chair Jodie Hiebert highlighted the online offerings of CAPT Foundation training. She recognized the dedication of CAPT instructors to adapt to allow for CAPT to offer online training during the COVID-19 pandemic. There also continues to be specialized advanced trainings offered online.

Membership Committee – Chair Maya Sloan updated on the work being done by this committee including tracking who is renewing their membership and promotional discounts for the CAPT membership. Maya will be stepping away as Chair of this Committee for the upcoming year.

Research Committee – Chair Dr. Nancy Riedel Bowers highlighted the research award of \$500 given out last year, which will be given out again next year. She discussed collating research articles in books published, and dissertations completed with respect to play therapy in Canada over the years to put as a resource on the CAPT website.

Approved Provider Committee – Chair Tina Katsikeros acknowledged that committee member Kimberley Blackmore has put a tremendous amount of work into completing certifications for approved providers. There were over twenty-one trainings approved over the past year. Some joint meetings have also occurred between Approved Provider, Education and Certification Committee.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Although there is a shared responsibility for the Chair position, Donna Starling provided the update at the AGM. This committee is seeking new members. This committee started as an ad hoc committee but is now a standing committee. The focus is on the need for meaningful action with respect to diversity and inclusion in Canada. The committee is looking at offering more diversity in the trainings and is in the process of developing a comprehensive inclusion statement.

Motion “To accept all of the Committee Reports”.

Moved by Jocelyn Nand.

Seconded by Lorie Walton.

Motion Carried.

9) New Business

Theresa thanked outgoing Board Members for their dedication and commitment to CAPT: Jocelyn Nand, Krysteli Needham, Melanie Charlebois, Maya Sloan, Stephanie Anderson, Tina Katsikeros, and Lori Wareham-Mulrooney.

Approval of the 2020-2021 Slate for Board of Directors: Theresa Fraser (President), Helena Kogas (Treasurer), Kenda Riggs (Secretary), Kevin St. Louis, Donna Starling, Ricky McIntyre, Jodie Hiebert, Brett Gatt, Hannah Sun-Reid, Nicole Perryman, Caileigh Flannigan, Lindsey Crowe

Motion “To accept 2021-2022 Slate of Board Members”.

Moved by Betty Bedard Bidwell.

Seconded by Evangeline Munns.

Motion Carried.

10) Newly Appointed Certifications

Congratulations to everyone who are newly certified play therapists and those who have attained play therapy supervisor credentials!

11) Break Out Rooms

Participants were separated into virtual small group rooms – facilitated by Kevin St. Louis - with contributions from the membership regarding diversity and inclusion. The ideas were then shared with the larger group of AGM participants. Some suggestions:

- ✓ We stand in wonder and gratitude for the diverse creativity and curiosity that emerges in play.
- ✓ Play and education for everyone.
- ✓ Our story has meaning when we play together. Everyone is welcome to play in our sandbox. Our sandbox is stronger when we play together. Our story has strength when we play together. Creating meaning together.
- ✓ Leave no child behind...
- ✓ The Power of Play Therapy is that it Empowers All!
- ✓ Come play with us!
- ✓ Playing together with difference and uniqueness...Playing together with unique differences.
- ✓ Playing our way through a journey of diversity...Playing our way...Destination... Diversity...Playing our way to diversity and inclusion...Leading the way through play and diversity...You cannot have play without diversity...Playing our way through a journey of diversity...Playing our way...Destination Diversity...Playing our way to diversity and inclusion...Leading the way through play and diversity...You cannot have play without diversity...Playing our way through a journey of diversity...Playing our way...Destination Diversity...Playing our way to diversity and inclusion...Leading the way through play and diversity...you cannot have play without diversity...
- ✓ Play for everyone, anyone, anytime.
- ✓ Exploring cultural learnings to celebrate human diversity. Playing our way to understanding and celebrating each other.
- ✓ Play for everyone, anywhere, anytime.

12) Adjournment

On behalf of the Board of Directors and CAPT, Theresa reiterated a deep appreciation to Kip and Elizabeth for their years of dedication as a Management Company for CAPT. Theresa thanked all members for attending the AGM, and for their commitment to CAPT.

Motion “To adjourn the AGM at 8:32 EST”.

Moved by Tina Katsikeros.

Seconded by Wendy Grace.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kenda Riggs, MSW, RSW