

Canadian Association for Play Therapy (CAPT)
Annual General Meeting: In-Person and Virtual
Location: Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel and Suites
Date: May 5, 2023, 5-6:30 pm (EST)

1) Official Opening Remarks

CAPT President Kevin St. Louis welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting, and confirmed there was quorum with 46 attendees in-person and virtually. Kevin expressed gratitude for everyone's attendance at the AGM.

2) Official Meeting Called to Order

CAPT president Kevin St. Louis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm EST.

Moved by Caileigh Flannigan. Seconded by Stephanie Anderson. Motion Carried.

3) Land Acknowledgement

Board Member Justine Elliott shared a land acknowledgement, and offered respect and honour to the land we are on for our AGM.

4) Approval of the AGM Agenda & AGM 2022 Minutes

Motion "To accept the approval of the draft AGM 2023 agenda and the approval of the AGM 2022 Minutes".

Moved by Liz Christie. Seconded by Donna Starling. Motion Carried.

5) Treasurer's Report

Please see CAPT Financial Annual Report. Executive Board member Helena Kogas, as Treasurer of CAPT, presented the 2022 financial review. Helena highlighted the high numbers participating in Foundation level trainings, and the growth of CAPT as an organization.

Motion "To appoint the financial report as presented by Treasurer Helena Kogas."

Moved by Liz Christie. Seconded by Caileigh Flannigan. Motion Carried.

Motion: "To appoint the Accounting Firm of RLB Chartered Professional Accountants until the year-end of December 2023".

Moved by Kenda Riggs. Seconded by Justine Elliott. Motion Carried.

6) Committee Report Highlights

Certification Committee – Chair Hannah Sun-Reid and Krysteli Needham provided an update on the Certification Committee. Congratulations to the nineteen (19) newly certified play therapists and six (6) play therapist supervisors in Canada! The numbers continue to grow from year to year. Krysteli presented and highlighted the updated Supervisor Resource Handbook!

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Training Management Report - Theresa Fraser updated on the Training Management report. This training management team is appointed to support the Education Committee. Please see committee report.

Education Committee – In the absence of Chair of this Committee, Kevin St. Louis provided an update on the Education Committee. Seeking new committee members. The committee will look at launching new online trainings for the 2024 year. Please see committee report.

Membership Committee – Committee Board Member Kenda Riggs updated on this committee for Chair Lindsay Crowe. Key focus for the upcoming year is on membership engagement, renewal of memberships, recruitment, and retention. This committee is seeking more committee members. Please see committee report.

Research Committee – Kevin updated that the research award was advertised, and there were no applications received for this award. A new Committee Chair is needed, as long time Chair Nancy Riedel Bowers will be finished in her role. Please see committee report.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Chair Donna Starling updated on this Committee, which has been focused on working together with Indigenous communities. The committee is developing a two-day Indigenous focused training to Indigenous communities, with a focus on how to utilize what we know about the powers of play therapy and combine with the longstanding cultural beliefs and practices of Indigenous communities. This committee is seeking more committee members. Please see committee report for more information

Approved Provider Committee – Member Theresa Fraser updated on this Committee, and a new Committee Chair is needed for this committee.

Marketing Committee – Chair Nicole Perryman and Board member Caileigh Flannigan updated on phase one of the website development, and phase two of the website development will be an area of focus for the upcoming year. Efforts have been focused on having a larger presence on social media. Please see committee report.

Publications Committee – Co-Chair Ricky McIntyre and Co-Chair Theresa Fraser updated and continue to work on publications of the Playground Magazine. Please consider submitting an article for publication! The next issues are in the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. Please see committee report.

International Consortium of Play Therapy Associations – Theresa Fraser updated on the monthly meetings. There will be a request for funds again next year from CAPT for membership.

Motion “To accept all of the Committee Reports”.

Moved by Liz Christie.

Seconded by Krysteli Needham.

Motion Carried.

7) New Business

Kevin thanked outgoing Board Members for their dedication and commitment to CAPT.

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Approval of the 2023-2024 Slate for Board of Directors:

- Kevin St. Louis, President
- Nicole Perryman, Vice President
- Helena Kogas, Outgoing Treasurer
- Kenda Riggs, Secretary
- Lindsay Crowe, Director
- Justine Elliot, Director
- Caileigh Flannigan, Director
- Grant Gear, Director
- Ineke Guadagnin, Director
- Ricky McIntyre, Director
- Hannah Sun-Reid, Director

Motion “To accept 2025-2024 Slate of Board Members”.

Moved by Liz Christie.

Seconded by Krysteli Needham.

Motion Carried.

8) Newly Appointed CAPT Certifications

Congratulations to the newly CAPT certified play therapists!

2022

Katie Bauer
 Nathalie Brissette-Chenery
 Julie Casey
 Kristi Forbes
 Fatemeh Heshmati
 Alyson Hirtle
 Michelle Kwapis
 Mora MacDonald
 Cynthia Manley
 Ricky McIntyre
 Anna Raworth
 Kimberley Sesink
 Venessa Trask-Nichols
 Lori Wareham-Mulrooney
 Abigail Wideman

2023 (as of April 2023)

Esther Waymouth
 Heather Becker
 Kristi Garrido
 Paula Hennessey

Congratulations to the newly CAPT certified play therapist supervisors!

2022

Billie-Jo Bennett
 Rachel Tara Koblitz
 Stephanie Rabenstein
 Danny Seto

2023 (as of April 2023)

Zoila Carolina Hall
 Anna Raworth

9) Awards

The Betty Bedard Bidwell Volunteer Award

Betty Bedard Bidwell is the only current member who has been with the Canadian Association for Play Therapy since the very beginning. She has taken on many roles to help create and teach curriculum by being a Board Member, Certification Committee member, Education Committee member, Supervisor, and Mentor to many certifying play therapists. With her long volunteer history, it is fitting that the CAPT presents the annual award for outstanding volunteer contributions for our Association and its members in her name.

The winner of the inaugural Betty Bedard Bidwell volunteer award is **Donna Starling**. Congratulations **Donna!**

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 President Kevin St. Louis and Executive Board Member Kenda Riggs on behalf of CAPT to Member **Lori Wareham-Mulrooney**. Congratulations **Lori!**

10) CAPT Donated Prize Draws

A number of prize draws were held. The winner of the door prize donated by Sand Trays Etc - Therapeutic Sand Tray was CAPT member Billie-Jo Bennett. Congratulations Billie-Jo!

11) Recognizing Retired CAPT Play Therapists

A video slide show was presented to recognize and honour retired play therapists in Canada. These include Carol Ahmed, Donna Cuthbertson, Kathy Eugster, Kevin Keliher, Trudy Kozak, Barbara Tredger, and Eila A. Norris. On behalf of CAPT, thank you!

12) Adjournment

On behalf of the Board of Directors and CAPT, President Kevin thanked everyone for their presence and commitment to CAPT.

Motion "To adjourn the CAPT AGM".

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Moved by Justine Elliott.

Seconded by Liz Christie.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kenda Riggs, MSW, RSW