

BCPTA AGM President's Report 2024-2025

The President's role involved the following tasks and responsibilities this year:

Chairing and Attending Meetings:

- Chairing 8 of 9 board meetings:
 - 2024: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21
 - 2025: Jan 23, Feb 20, April 3, May 8, June 12
- Attending Education Committee meetings
 - 2024: Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 24,
 - 2025: Jan. 16, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 1

Overseeing BCPTA activities and communications

- Reviewing, making recommendations, and asking for input on activities of board, committees, and committee members.
- Reviewing, editing, and writing correspondence, newsletters, e-blasts, emails, and workshop flyers.
- Reviewing and editing website content on the About and About Us Tabs
- Reviewing our constitution for information for meetings
- Financial: reviewing Visa statements and financial documents and communicating with the Treasurer
- Education Committee:
 - Reviewing some Credentialing Approved Provider documents
 - Ensuring the APT (Association for Play Therapy) format is followed for workshop objectives, quiz questions, and registration information
 - Attending workshops and Play Cafés, introducing presenters, and overseeing/troubleshooting workshop activities.
 - starting in December, taking on the event co-ordinator duties for Marshall Lyle's in-person/hybrid event
 - Collating survey results
 - Reviewing meeting minutes and AGM report
 - Meeting with Presenters and the Education Chair pre-workshop
- Responding to emails from members interested in volunteering for BCPTA.
- Collecting BCPTA mail from postal outlet each week and paying to renew mailbox
- Communicating with and meeting with new Webmaster and submitting required documents
- Anti-racism Committee: attended a meeting

Communication with and within in committees:

- Working with Admin Coordinator to finalize workshop preparations and sign contracts with presenters
- Working with and between committees to problem-solve
- Forwarding website-related emails

- Meeting with board and committee members as needed to get input on roles, duties, and succession planning. Reviewing board and committee member expectations

Other Tasks:

- Meeting and corresponding with some BCPTA members regarding concerns and questions about credentialing.
- Phone meeting with Dr. Lorri Yassenik, Rocky Mountain Play Therapy Institute, regarding her students seeking credentialing with BCPTA
- Phone meeting with Canadian Play Therapy conference organizers about BCPTA involvement in the conference. Several ARC members will be panelists and Natascha Lawrence will be presenting a workshop.
- Book clubs:
 - “Raising Kids with Big, Baffling Behaviors: Brain-Body-Sensory Strategies That Really Work” by Robyn Gobbel
 - Created e-blast, contacted interested people to share logistics, attended all 4 sessions and facilitated one of them. Thank you to Sarah Joy Hopkin for facilitating the other 3.
 - The group enjoyed the discussions, sense of community, and sharing resources.
 - Communicating with co-facilitators for “My Grandmother’s Hands” by Resmaa Menakem and writing and editing the e-blast for this upcoming book club
- Writing document (still in progress) to send to GPs and Pediatricians to share with parents regarding the benefits of play therapy and a letter outlining what questions parents could ask a potential play/child therapist.
- Sending AGM reports to Lawyer

This is my third and last year as President.

A very big heartfelt thank you to the Board and Committee members for their dedication to BCPTA, hard work, and support!

Submitted by Helen Ritchie