

## BC ART THERAPY ASSOCIATION mini-mini newsletter

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GREETINGS BCATA folk. This is a mini-mini newsletter, designed to bring you up to date on the current status of the Association. There are many important activities in the works right now, and all of them important to the well-being of our profession.

The first is the automation of the Membership renewal process. We are “leaping” into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by instituting on-line renewal and payment, which will hopefully facilitate a faster, smoother system for you. You will be officially notified of the ‘how-to’ shortly.

Secondly, the AGM is coming up fast and as the two year terms of the current Board expire, it is critical to ensure we have a strong Executive in place to encourage a vibrant Art Therapy profile in the Province. As always, we are putting out the call to Members to put their best foot forward and get involved. So, when the call comes, please give serious consideration to what you are able to do for the Association.

We began tentatively, in the past few months, to experiment with the use of Skype for some Executive meetings. This would hopefully allow for participation of Members in other parts of the Province in Executive opportunities. We know – in this mad world, everyone is busy, busy, busy! Everyone! But, “many hands make quick work” – isn’t that the saying? Or, how about – “many paddles make a quick canoe” - Whatever the words, we need you to make it all work.

The mandating of a College of Therapists and Counsellors is still on the horizon, and while this has been a long, slow process, it moves with inevitability towards establishment, Province-wide. We need to maintain a healthy and vital presence in the therapeutic community as we step into that brave new world. So, to paraphrase (and

twist) the famous words of J.F. Kennedy, ‘while you think about what the Association can do for you, consider even more so what you can do to make the Association work effectively for the Art Therapy community at large.



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So as a new day dawns, step up ladies and gentlemen and take a seat!

Another huge consideration has been blowing in the wind for the past few years, and that is exploring how and in what capacity we, as a Provincial Association, might collaborate with the Canadian Art Therapy Association (CATA). That issue will be open for discussion at the upcoming AGM as well.

A grand day of fun and inspiration is planned to accompany the AGM this year on the lower Mainland. Details of the event will be circulated within the month. Plan to attend and we’ll see you there.

If you have any news for future mini-minis, just send me a quick note: [llona@shaw.ca](mailto:llona@shaw.ca)

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