

PATA Board Meeting
Wed. Sept. 1, 2004 7:00pm-8:30pm

Board Members Present: Jennifer Keimig McNulty, Diana Steinbock, Kimberly Hanrahan-Havern, Merry Urbia, Amy Babish, Stacy Robbins Ferguson, Katie Bacon

PATA Members Present:

Board Members Absent: Phillip Pradier, Elaine Parks, Lee Abbott, Jordan Potash, Catherine Preziosi, Gioia Chilton, Donna Kaiser, Dorothy Dvorachek

1. Board Position Changes

Phillip Pradier is officially assuming responsibilities as **Treasurer and Membership Chair**. **Diana** will be meeting with **Phillip** to orient him to **Treasurer**.

Merry Urbia has volunteered to fill the position of **Secretary**. **Amy Babish** has assumed responsibilities for chairing **Job Hotline/ Referrals**. They and **Student Representative Katie Bacon** were welcomed to the board.

Public Information Chair and **Publications** positions are now open. **Elaine Parks** will be finishing work on newsletter soon and will have other duties that prevent her from continuing with publications. **Thank you Elaine** for your long-time service!

2. Communications Updates

As noted previously, our new web address is: www.potomacarttherapy.org we will no longer be using the old address. **Huyen** will be working on uploading new information to our website in the coming months. In addition, Board members were asked to update contact information. **Merry** will be redoing list of the officers and committee chairs. A handout was given on using voicemail.

3. New Award for Professionals

Diana brought in a proposal for a **Professional Scholarship Award** to be presented annually to an ATR-BC who has shown “**Commitment to Education, Supervision, Continuing Education and Professional Development.**” This award would provide \$300.00 or the cost of that year’s National AATA conference (whichever is greater) to the PATA professional chosen, as well as publication of their biography in the newsletter. A handout was provided with criteria and other specifics which were then discussed by the board. **This**

proposal as described above passed by unanimous vote of the board members present.

4. Other Proposed changes to PATA Awards

Based on favorable status of existing PATA funds and the desire of the Board to increase submissions for the **Schoebel Scholarship award, Diana further proposed raising the student award to \$200.00 or the cost of student attendance to National AATA Conference. This proposal also passed by unanimous vote of Board members present.** She urged the Board to look into establishing a committee to fundraise for all PATA awards in the future, to insure availability of funds. This was tabled for further discussion at a later time as were the actual award dates. Funds for the Service Award will remain the same.

Discussion also was held on the deadline **dates for submitting nominees for PATA awards. It was unanimously agreed to have all submissions on the same deadline of July 15,** which would better serve the proposed use of monies.

Committee News

Kim is looking into clarifying what the actual job position will be at AATA that pertains to working in government affairs and how that will relate to PATA.

Ideas for future programs are being solicited by **Stacy**. Interest was expressed in having printmaking with T. Svat, and music therapy/GIM workshop.

Next Meeting to be Sunday Oct. 3, 12pm to 2 pm at Riverside Hospital