

**PATA Open Board Meeting**  
**Sun. Dec. 12, 2004 1pm-3pm**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Keimig McNulty, Phillip Pradier, Kimberly Hanrahan-Havern, Huyen MacMichael, Donna Kaiser, Merry Urbia, Dorothy Dvorachek, Katie Bacon, Jordan Potash

**PATA Members Present:** Lauren Edelstein, Sally Brucker, Heidi Bardot, Lisa Garlock, Savneet Talwar, Molly Reeder, Anne Mills, ...

**Board Members Absent:** Stacy Robbins Ferguson, Lee Abbott, Gioia Chilton, Diana Steinbock

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### 1. Announcements/Corrections to Minutes

**Public Information Chair** position is still open, **Jennifer** has stepped up as **Egroup Monitor**.

**Savneet** will be leading several free art-making opportunities at GWU Art Therapy Dept. for alumni; **Feb. 5, Painting from the Inner Image (workshop), Mar. 8 and Apr. 2 Open Studio Days**

**Mar. 26 Lani Gerity** will be at **GWArt Therapy program for workshop; Katherine Williams** will also be doing a silent auction to raise funds for the scholarship in her name that will benefit multicultural projects and minority students. **Items and contributions are needed!**

### 2. Communications Updates

As noted previously, our new web address is: [www.potomacarththerapy.org](http://www.potomacarththerapy.org)  
**Molly Reeder** offered thanks to **Huyen** for job well done on getting website up and running. Our webmaster is also considering putting membership survey, ongoing projects on line as they become ready.

**Those who wish to receive announcements from E Groups please email Jennifer or check with potomacata at Yahoo Groups**

**Jennifer** noted continuing need for new directory of membership, updated referrals list from work unfinished. **Phillip and Amy** are looking into.

### 3. AATA Delegate Report

**Jordan** summarized information coming from Chapter Delegates 5 hr. meeting, **focusing on Gov. Affairs Committees concerns** and leading to discussion of our relationship with national organizations regarding help with achieving licensures.

**VA is no longer seen as ‘push state’ for AATA**, as focus has had to become more limited, priority has been given to states deemed easier to work with. However, AATA is willing to help with resources in our own efforts, ...Jennifer Baldwin noted as contact.

**There is push now for chapters to do research and being in regional symposiums** with little cost to us for programs.

Discussion took off on desirability of state licensure vs focus on nat’l counseling certificate as not all art therapists are clinical. State licensing covers all areas of art therapy, and focus of interest locally appears to be VA vs being spread too thin attempting tri-state area at once.

#### **4. Membership Discussion/Resolutions on developing PATA’s Direction**

**There was general consensus that PATA should have 1-2 main areas in which to build work and get committee members- strong interest was expressed in both research and working toward licensure.**

**Dorothy proposed we develop committees now while interest is high. Jennifer seconded with additional concern of building membership. Donna** took names of those interested in research, **Kim** for those wanting to join GAC. Information about these committees efforts will be highlighted to help build membership/participation **and invitation to join from Donna and Kim will go through E Groups** . Licensure committee to work with Jennifer Baldwin to determine course of action.

**Amy** noted ties between interests and **raised question of research beginning with survey of art therapists in this local area. Jordan** has some experience with doing survey and can help.

There was further discussion of possible areas for research including **outcome studies with Veterans, Special ED, trauma and helping with ongoing studies.** **Anne** noted GW profs are doing studies and looking for ways that student projects could plug in. **Donna** pointed out committee members could also help do background research for getting grants or setting up projects.

#### **Remaining News**

**Lisa Garlock’s workshop on Spirit Dolls** was well attended and inspired a wide variety of fun, mysterious, provocative and poetic figures in wire and fabric. Photos were taken and may be available to view soon.

**Thanks to Gioia from GW** for hosting gathering during AATA conference!

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**Next Meeting to be Monday Jan. 31, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Riverside Hospital**