

## BCPTA AGM President's Report 2023-24

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

### Chairing and Attending Meetings:

- Chairing 6 board meetings on September 21, November 16, 2023 and January 11, February 7, March 7, May 2, 2024 and will chair a June 13, 24 meeting.
- Attending Education Committee meetings on September 7, October 2, December 7, and March 28, 24.

### 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.
- Financial: reviewing Visa statements and financial documents and communicating with the Treasurer
- Attending Play Cafés on September 29<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Reviewing some Credentialing Approved Provider documents
- Attending workshops, introducing presenters, saying Land Acknowledgments, and overseeing workshop activities.
- Responding to emails from members interested in volunteering for BCPTA.
- Collecting BCPTA mail from postal outlet each week

### Communication with and within in committees:

- Working with Admin Director 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:

- Presenting a one-day "Supercharge Your Supervision Skills" Workshop with Johanna Simmons on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Meeting and corresponding with some BCPTA members regarding concerns.
- Creating and Facilitating an Autplay® Handbook Study Group for accountability in completing Autplay® Certification
  - Participants who attended Dr. Grant's Autplay® Therapy workshop were invited to attend 4 x 2 hour Zoom meetings where we discussed sections of the book in sequence, completed the Handbook Quiz questions, and

discussed applying the Autplay® therapy model in our work with neurodivergent children.

- Problem-solving a local play therapy credential trademark misuse issue with a local group practice owner and Canadian Association for Play Therapy (CAPT) President and Executive Director.
  - CAPT proposed a collaboration on information to send to parents on play therapy
- Writing document (in progress) to send to GPs and Pediatricians to share with parents regarding the benefits of play therapy and what questions they should ask a potential play/child therapist.
- Sending AGM reports to Lawyer

Mission Statement:

- Creating a draft mission statement and sending it to board and committee members, and the Anti-racism committee in particular, for feedback and edits.

The new mission statement reads:

*The British Columbia Play Therapy Association (BCPTA) promotes the advancement, training, credentialing, and ethical evidence-based practice of play and child therapists. Through our dedication to the principles of anti-racism and inclusion, the BCPTA aims to foster a community of play therapy professionals who are committed to providing equitable, accessible, and culturally sensitive services to individuals in need. Together, we strive to promote healing, growth, and resilience through the power of play.*

Respectfully submitted by Helen Ritchie