

MAPT Board Meeting Minutes from the Lees Summit Board meeting held
on Saturday, January 10, 2009

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by MAPT President Jerri Graven.

Persons in attendance included Jerri Graven, MAPT Board President, Carolyn Adams, MAPT Past President, Kristi Perryman (via telephone) President Elect, Joyce Wilkerson, MAPT Member At Large, Lisa Nash (via telephone) MAPT Treasurer, Kerri Kohler-Butt Northwest Area MAPT Representative, Corie Schoeneberg Northwest Area MAPT Representative, Darryl Haslam, Southwest Area MAPT Representative, and Larry R. Beckett, MAPT Board Secretary.

President Elect Kristi Perryman introduced discussion concerning scholarships and possible changes in the policy concerning scholarships. Following the discussion, the matter was tabled until a future board meeting.

When asked by Jerri, Carolyn replied she was in charge of getting the newsletter out on-line. Carolyn set a goal of having it out two (2) months (April) prior to the MAPT annual conference.

Area representatives were encouraged to send receipts to Lisa and Joyce. Lisa suggested considering a “cap” on area training meeting expenses. This matter was taken under advisement until more information about the actual costs could be collected.

Discussion occurred concerning Lisa and Joyce working on handout materials concerning the Fall meeting. No decision was rendered.

The Secretary’s report of the previous meeting’s minutes were offered. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Carolyn and seconded by Kristi. Previous meeting’s minutes were accepted.

The MAPT Treasure had previously submitted a Treasure’s report showing a current balance of \$2828.03. It was noted, the cost of each CEU at area meetings is \$15.00. Darryl made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Carolyn. The Treasure’s report was accepted. Lisa suggested gathering cost analysis data and then consider establishing guidelines for reimbursements for workshops. Lisa plans to send out an e-

mail once she feels she has secured enough useful data to provide suggested guidelines for containing workshops expenses. The board deferred a vote on this topic until Lisa has the data to submit for consideration.

The Member at Large report was offered by Joyce Wilkerson. Joyce provided an overview of current events concerning membership efforts. She had e-mailed APT to match membership numbers. At the end of November 2009 there were 116 professional members in MAPT. At that time, 148 were needed to satisfy the Gold Branch goal. Joyce presented detailed information concerning her numerous efforts to communicate with members, past and present, and APT in an effort to discuss the hardships currently on present and past members due to the economic crisis. Joyce related that APT Executive Bill Burns had been contacted and was considering possible options to deal with the current economic situation as it relates to membership fees. One alternative Joyce mentioned that APT was considering was extending the term of membership when renewed. Joyce had suggested to APT they consider lowering the total number (percent) of new memberships required to secure the Gold Branch status. Joyce reported extensive efforts in ascertaining what area representatives needed in their areas. This has been done through Joyce making a significant amount of personal contacts with area representatives to provide information. It was reported area representatives would like to set up area representative tables at the state annual conference to provide additional information and promote membership. A motion to accept that idea was made by Carolyn and seconded by Darryl. The Board agreed they would help promote that effort.

Ad Hoc Committee report. A question was raised about the Ad Hoc Committee's origin. Jerri explained the committee was established and approved by the MAPT Board to replace the former MAPT Educational Committee. Jerri explained since there is no current relationship with MSU for any services concerning any MAPT training/workshops/annual conference the work of the Educational Committee was no longer needed. The two members currently serving on the Ad Hoc Committee are Lisa Nash and Joyce Wilkerson. Lisa is currently serving as chairperson on that committee. When you see Lisa or Joyce take a moment to thank them for serving on this new committee. This takes time, and they both always do a great job. Thanks Joyce and Lisa!

Future workshops discussed were February 21, 2009 at the Columbia, Missouri library. Contact person is Jason (area representative). Topic

discussed was Using Play Therapy with Special Populations with Peggy Harpster presenting. Carolyn made a motion to accept this plan. The motion was seconded by Darryl. The vote passed by a majority vote.

February 28, 2009 in Springfield, Missouri (location OTC). Contact person Jerri. Presenters: Barb Hylton and Kathryn Boone. Topic: Clinical Supervision in Play Therapy for RPTs wanting to become RPT (S). Carolyn made a motion to accept this plan. The motion was seconded by Darryl. The vote passed by a unanimous vote.

A CPRT training was discussed with possible dates in March or later Spring. The presenter was Larry Beckett. The location was TBA. The month to present was not decided at this board meeting. Larry indicated he was willing to be flexible and work with what the board felt would best serve the membership. The fee for the training facility was reported to be \$50.00. This workshop decision was tabled.

Northwest Area Representative Report. The N.W Area Representatives reported they have created a “Facebook” in an effort to provide additional MAPT information. They reported they plan to publish an article at a future time on the APT webpage. They reported Stephanie Carter is assisting with that project. GREAT TEAM WORK!!

Southwest Area Representative, Darryl Haslam announced a scheduled area meeting planned for the next week. The meeting was scheduled to be held at noon at Ryan’s on Campbell in Springfield, Missouri. Darryl extended an open invitation to join in with the SW Area of Play Therapists. The topic was not yet announced, but would be relative to a recent topic presented by APT in their Mining Reports. Darryl reported Terri Courtney-Miller was the scheduled presenter. One hour of CEU will be available to purchase for participation in the meeting/training.

Jerri introduced the topic of Gold Branch status (2009) for discussion to the MAPT board and other members present. Jerri explained that currently a 5% increase over the past year of Professional Members is required by APT as one component required for obtaining the Gold Branch status (Joyce has also reported concerning these data). Joyce, Member at Large, has been in communication with APT officials attempting to negotiate that percent as a reflection of data she has collected from current and past members. Joyce

has really gone above and beyond expectations to talk with folks concerning renewals of memberships. She reported that a significant number of former members are not renewing due to the current strained economy. Joyce has done an outstanding job in contacting our folks, and re-contacting them as needed. Plus, she has been very vigilant in talking with APT about these concerns. Thank you, Joyce.

Jerri led a discussion with the MAPT Board concerning twenty eight (28) Administrative Audit Criteria items. They included long-range (3-5) year goals, annual goals, membership surveys, reporting to membership about programs, the process of our annual meetings, the annual budget, producing a annual balance sheet report, adopting a conference budget, purchasing general liability insurance, the purchase of special event/cancellation insurance, purchasing officer insurance, clarifying job descriptions for officer and staff, establishing a operating and procedure manual, offer leadership orientation training, branch leaders consider APT Leadership Academy, recognizing outstanding performances by members, promote an understanding of the committee system to groom new leaders, funding the attendance for MAPT president and president-elect to attend annual APT conferences, the IRS employer identification number (EIN), have an IRS letter of exemption (501(c) (6), maintain a separate checking account, maintain a APT approved Provider Number, provide Play Therapy training(s), Promote Play Therapy and the value of the therapy, sponsor a website, peer networking and client referrals, promote RPT and RPT-S credentials, promote membership and retention, collaborate with APT to promote Play Therapy and the needs of mental health professionals.

In terms of new business Jerri indicated she is consulting with an attorney to discuss possible options for contracts when working with presenters. More information will be made available to the board as information becomes available.

Jerri announced there was no further information on the meeting's agenda to discuss.

Carolyn made a motion to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Jerri.

The January 10, 2009 MAPT Board meeting held at Lee Summit, Missouri adjourned at 1:55 p.m.