

Florida Association for Play therapy
 Monthly board meeting
 June 15, 2006
 9:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Attendance to conference call

Larry Rubin	President FAPT
Diana Malca	Vice President
Martha Allen-Suarez	Recording Secretary FAPT
Deidra Skigen	Treasurer
Elaine Sadkowski	Member-at-Large
Julie Ojalvo	Member-at-Large
Dee Dee Nold	Naples Chapter President
Norma Bonet	Miami-Dade Chapter President

The minutes from the April 21, 2006 board meeting held in Orlando were approved and corrected via email.

The first business item discussed was the official acceptance of the resignation of Jim Gilligan as correspondence secretary. Diana has agreed to work with volunteers from St. Thomas University to send the next newsletter.

The issue of chapter's collection of fees for workshops was open for discussion. Larry agreed to discuss the details with the Tallahassee Chapter president Sandy Barlow concerning the chapters specific plans, number of people they believed would be coming to the workshop and fees they would be charging to pay for the speaker's expenses. There was a general discussion of this matter opened for the board members. Some ideas were to make a cap on the amount of money given to chapters for workshops (\$250), suggesting more than 3 hours of CEU's be offered to entice members from other Chapters to attend and have a well thought out and planned promotions in place.

The next order of business was a proposal by Larry to amend the Bi-Laws to read, "in the event that there is a sole nominee for any board position, that nominee will, after accepting the nomination, be appointed by the president for a full term of office." After discussion by the board, the proposal was put to a vote by Larry and seconded by Elaine. The vote was unanimous to accept the change in the Bi-Laws to read as quoted above.

There were no abstentions to the vote and no one was in opposition to the vote.

Larry accepted the resignation of Deidre Skigen as treasurer. The board thanked Deidre for her hard work as treasurer in the past year.

Next Larry accepted the resignation of Julie Ojalvo as member at large.

Larry next requested the board to consider Julie Ojalvo as a nomination for the position of treasurer. The board put Julie Ojalvo nomination for the position of treasurer to a vote and it was unanimously accepted.

Larry asked Julie to look into a notice received by FAPT from the Department of Revenue requesting a past tax return. Julie agreed to look into it. There was a discussion as to whether or not FAPT was required to file a federal tax return.

The next item of business discussed was the issue of electronic voting. Larry asked that the Bylaws be amended to include the implementation of electronic voting for board members and Chapter officers. He proposed electronic voting be used in place of the standard procedure of writing in votes as long as members were allowed to vote only once and anonymity was assured.

After a period of general discussion, this proposal was seconded by Julie and brought to a vote.

The vote was unanimous, with no abstentions.

Elaine said she would not accept the nomination again for member-at-large for her term which would end September 30, 2006.

Elaine and Julie agreed to present an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Member-at-Large position for consideration at the next meeting.

Larry asked new board members to send in a platform of how each envisions their office and what they would like to accomplish in their term. He asked these statements be sent to Diana for the newsletter.

Elaine suggested for future elections the creation of an elections committee be discussed at the next board meeting.

Norma added to the previous discussion of collecting fees at chapter level that the workshops would be offered free or at a reduced rate for FAPT members and non-members pay the regular rate. She agreed to draft a proposal concerning this matter for the next meeting.

Larry announced the next FAPT annual conference would be in March. He requested that board members make suggestions concerning whom they would like to send in proposals for keynote speakers.

Larry announced that FAPT now has Gold Branch status and thanked Elaine and the rest of the Board for their work in helping FAPT to receive this honor.

Concerning the old business in offering incentives for members who have let their membership expire for more than a year, Larry requested Member-at-Large to draft a letter that would entice people to renew their membership.

There was no more new business brought forward.
The meeting was adjourned by Larry and seconded by Elaine. The board meeting ended at 10 pm.

The next board meeting date will be set at a latter date.