

Florida Association for Play Therapy  
Board Meeting  
November 9, 2006  
9:00 pm until 10:15pm

**Attendance**

Lawrence Rubin	President
Diana Malca-Chern	Vice President
Julie Ojalvo	Treasurer
Martha Allen-Suarez	Recording Secretary
Annabel Cloutier	substitute for Member at Large
Elena DeCardenas	Member at Large

1. First item on the agenda is the use of the FAPT and or APT Logo. Larry first Introduced the topic and there was a general discussion of the pros and cons of using both logos, using only the APT logo or using the FAPT logo and APT logo on all correspondence and using the FAPT logo only on promotional items. After discussing each option it was decided in a unamaous vote to use the APT and FAPT logo on all correspondence both written and electronic and to continue using the FAPT logo on promotional merchandise. The final decision was tabled by Julie Ojalvo to wait for the input of the Chapter presidents who were not present at the meeting.
2. Larry makes motion for FAPT to maintain FAPT log on all in state merchandise and add Apt to al paper and website communications. Julie Ojalvo seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. The next discussion introduced by Larry was the attendance of FAPT members at other related professional organizations conference to promote FAPT by setting up a promotional table at the conferences.

The discussion included reminding members that last year Julies Ojalvo who was the member at large at that time went with Elaine S. and Norma Bonet to the NASW conference and promoted APT at the conference. Larry asked volunteers to approach the various organizations and offer them a reciprocal type of deal where FAPT would give the organization a table to promote their organization if they would give FAPT a table to promote at their conference.

The people appointed to approach the various organizations are as follows:

Florida Association for Infant Mental Health Allen-Suarez	Sandy Barlow and Martha
Florida Association for Social Work information from Elaine Skowdoski.	Diana Malca to get

Larry agreed to contact the chapter presidents for people to attend the FAMFT, FPA and Florida Mental Health Counselor association.

4. The next item on the agenda was the discussion of offering a stipend to a member to attend the International FAPT conference. Diana agreed to ask Bill Burns concerning this type of use of FAPT monies and report back to the group.
5. The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the responsibilities of the members at large. The member at large agreed they are to send a welcome letter to new members, to check the web site for questions and respond. The student representative will be asked to call the 30 members on the membership list who do not have emails to get a current email address for them so they can receive email notices. Larry said he would get back to Maureen concerning member who have not renewed their membership so the member at large can send them a letter inviting them back. The member at large has recommended the bulletin board and guest book on the web site be marketed in the newsletter. She also suggested in the welcome letter to the new members the bulletin board in the web site be included as a way of new members to keep in touch with FAPT and ask questions. A way to make the bulletin board more interactive was discussed.
6. Larry asked Julie to talk with the conference call company how to reduce the cost of the conference call. Julie also talked about looking at other conference call alternatives for the board meeting.
7. Larry asked if any members of the board were interested in teaching a graduate level play therapy course in the local universities. Elena, Diana and Martha said they were interested. Larry told them to look at the APT web site and read the model for the course and syllabus. He also suggested looking at the Master University list to see which universities teach a course in play therapy.
8. The next item on the agenda was the question of whether FAPT wanted to promote research. Larry made a motion that FAPT consider an annual stipend to a member who would like to conduct research. The discussion was tabled so that in the news letter it would be investigated if members were interested in conducting research.
9. Larry made the announcement that the 2007 FAPT conference chair Loretta Gallo has reported that it will be in Daytona Beach. Information concerning the FAPT 2007 conference is posted on the FAPT web site. He requested members submit proposals for presentations. It was also discussed sending a Save the Date post card to members as a reminder. Helen Benedict will be the speaker and it will be held at the Daytona Beach Hilton.
10. The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Board members to produce and mail the newsletter. It was agreed that no board member would ever now or in the future make money on work done for FAPT on time incurred to accomplish board member work. Board member work and duties are entirely voluntary with no pay. However, expenses

incurred to produce newsletter would be paid to the person or company who is hired out to produce the newsletter.

11. The board reviewed the new sign in sheet for chapter conferences for continuing education that designed by Julie. The sign in sheet was approved and will be given to Norma so she can include it in the package on the web site for the trainings. The educational trainings offered by FAPT chapters and other chapters can be viewed on the APT web page.
12. Larry reminded the members that FAPT has a large number of members and offers a good number of trainings compared to other branches.
13. Larry recommended the next FAPT meeting be held in mid January and reminded the board members we are required to have at least one face to face meeting annually.
14. Larry asked Martha to back up FAPT files and to email Pam Bradshaw our board meeting minutes.

The Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Julie and the FAPT meeting ended at 10:13 pm