



**Washington Association for Play Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2016, 7:00-8:00pm**

Attendance: Elizabeth, Annie Merriman, Kade Hodges, Nayeli Aranda, Julianne Lu, Cary Hamilton, Valerie Juergens, Sarah Harwood

I. Future Conferences

- I. Spring 2017 Conference – March 24-25, Franc Hudspeth
 - i. Venue confirmed (Red Lion Renton) and contract is signed
 - ii. Registration: Rates and when to open on website: can open registration as soon as possible despite not having Friday
 1. Shorten early registration
 2. Discussed rates: Cary motioned to keep rates the same, Annie seconded; motioned carried to keep rates the same
 3. Open registration in January
 - iii. Food/drinks
 1. Decided upon keeping coffee and tea, cookies
 2. Red Lion can offer box lunches for about \$20, \$22 for boxes.
 3. Motion carried for box lunches
 4. Discussed food for Friday and Saturday
 - a. Annie motioned for food only on Saturday, Cary seconded, motion carried
 - iv. Proposals – criteria posted on website
 1. Call for proposal was put out in newsletters, no proposals have been submitted yet
 - v. Proposal Review Committee
 1. Cary, Elizabeth, and Valerie
 - a. Elizabeth will send out email to committee start of January of proposals received
 - vi. Lego presentation proposal
 1. Discussed logistical concerns of adding a poster presentation: concerns about trade mark of Lego (would need to run by APT)
 2. Discussed possibility asking her to submit a proposal for half day presentation.
- II. Claire Mellenthin – Spokane, Saturday October 28th 2017
 - i. Location
 1. Annie and Kade look into possible locations:
 - a. Possible locations: Whitworth University or WSU Campus

II. Health of Washington Association for Play Therapy

- I. New board members! Welcome Kade Hodges (Eastern WA Rep) and Nayeli Arando (grad school rep)
- II. Financial Health: Julianne will transfer PayPal money into bank account
 - i. PayPal needs to confirm identity, Julianne will follow up with this
 - ii. Needed to change Bank of America password: will update on Box
- III. Gold branch updates

- i. We are on track to meet Gold Branch with the new point system

IV. Outreach

III. Fall 2016 Conference – Success!

- i. Feedback that the room set up was crowded
 - 1. Add on registration for Spring 2017 that room will be in larger room!
- ii. Give more info about the schedule of when breaks are
- iii. Lots of requests for working with younger kids (toddlers)
- iv. 102 registered, 95 attended; Had a waitlist

IV. Networking Meetings

I. Elizabeth will be hosting one in Seattle, will be showing Gary Landreth video

II. Annie is putting together a networking meeting in December in the Tri-Cities

V. Newsletter & Communications

I. Winter – proposal ideas, networking conferences, election blurb

- i. Cary will do a blurb about training in China
- ii. Cary will ask student who went to fall conference for a blurb about newsletter

II. Call for proposals:

- i. Elizabeth will send out an email with both call for proposals and networking emails

VI. Committee Chair Updates

I. Western Washington: Jennifer not at meeting

II. Membership: Since March 2016 we have 20 new members, we are growing

III. Graduate Students

- i. Many students are saying they are doing play therapy but are not
- ii. Sarah will order more APT brochures
- iii. Nayeli will be attending Play Therapy class at Walla Walla University
 - 1. Will get the “Become a Member” flyer

IV. Social Media (Sarah)

- i. Getting more followers on Instagram and Facebook

VII. Olympia Children’s Museum (Cary)

I. 4th most visited place in Washington (2 Million visitors)

- i. Cary is looking into becoming a sponsor and have name put on the wall
- ii. Would be a donation to a non-profit

VIII. Next meeting January 8, 2017 at 7:00pm via Skype