

Executive Director's Report 2026 AGM

I feel very privileged to have been selected as the Executive Director of The Canadian Association for Play Therapy.

I have had a long relationship with CAPT, from shortly after its inception and being part of the initial development of the association at the Board and Committee level, to being a trainer for Foundation Training for over 30 years, to being a passionate advocate for Play Therapy to have a solid footing as an effective model within the spectrum of mental health interventions.

I have witnessed the growth of this amazing Association which has also included growing pains and the ups and downs of organizational change and development.

Over the last year, the Association has had a number of struggles with the departure of the previous Executive Director and the Board's huge commitment to taking on most of the day to day operating responsibilities. I can give witness to the countless hours that the Executive, Board Members and Committee members have poured into keeping our Association afloat. All of the duties and responsibilities of the Association were impossible to manage at a level which members have grown to expect. We are still focusing on improving communication, tying off loose ends and filling the gaps which had inevitably appears.

But, that is mostly in the past now and there is renewed energy, commitment and vision from our Board, Committees and our members. I have been so warmly welcomed by all and I think you for that. The support I have received from the Executive, Committee Chairs and members and our contractors has been amazing and is making my work so much easier.

We are focused on making the Association for effective, more efficient, more responsive and more creative in supporting our members on their various journeys on becoming Certified Play Therapist or Certified Play Therapist Supervisors.

I believe you will be very pleased with the various announcements, enhancements and changes which are being implemented or proposed.

My leadership style is to have an open door policy and I welcome the voices of any member who has an issue or an idea that could help us move forward.

I encourage members to become active advocates for play therapy and to consider how you can assist CAPT in its mission to ensure certified play therapists are well trained, well supervised and have the confidence and competence to make a difference in the lives of children, youth, adults and families.

I am excited as I look at what we can accomplish over the next year and do anticipate members will see more training opportunities, greater access to helpful resources and just more visible supports for all members.

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