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Dear SCAPT Membership!

I am writing this communication to you after having enjoyed the good company of your board who continues to work diligently towards serving you, the membership. We now have a President Elect, Robert Horak, a secretary, Debbie Crawford Sturm and a treasurer, Candace Smith. In addition to Debbie and Candace, Laura Langley and Sally Moore have agreed to contribute as a conference committee member.

We remain in need of members to take on the following positions on the board Membership Chairperson; Communications Liaison & Newsletter Editor (this individual will write the Newsletter and communicate with our Website Consultant to revise website information); and 1 additional Conference Committee member.

Please communicate to me if you are willing to take on one of these positions. When we have all of the board position filled, the work will be much lighter and the pleasure will grow! (deborah.hickey@capella.edu)

Our agenda for the coming year is full beginning with our seminar training that will be held at Greenville Technical College in Greenville, on September 6th (on website). This will be a wonderful training for those who are eager to get beginning training or to simply solidify what you already have in knowledge and skills. The price will also be very right for 6 contact hours specific to play therapy! SCAPT is also co-sponsoring a one day workshop on September 27th in Myrtle Beach, SC (on website).

Nancy Davis will be back by popular demand to present in March 2009. She will be presenting to us about therapeutic stories for those who have sustained trauma. In addition to Nancy's presentation, members will have the opportunity to get training in supervision and supervision itself. The brochure for this conference will be sent out shortly and will be available on our website (www.sca4pt.com).

Which leads me to let you know that we are working diligently to get our website revised...thanks for your patience. We have now contracted with a consultant to assist with this process. You can be looking forward to seeing this site develop and become a wonderful site filled with many important links and materials.

So, we are making very good progress with meeting our two essential goals for 2008-2009...namely providing excellent training and developing our website!

Last, but not least, I will also put in a strong plug for attending the national APT Convention in Dallas. Dr. Bruce Perry, who's work I have been following for

fifteen years, will be presenting. He is a noted researcher in trauma and the brain and hearing him will be well worth whatever effort you must go through to get there. I highly recommend attending APT this year!

Warmly,

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SCAPT President