

**NCCATA**  
**National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations**

**VISION:** *To promote education, wellness, and healing through the creative arts and to increase access to quality creative arts therapies, in order to serve the public.*

**MISSION:** *To further the creative arts therapies through facilitation of collaborative advocacy, research and education.*

**FOUNDED** 1979

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NCCATA, through representation by Association Presidents or their designees, represents over 15,000 individual members of six Creative Arts Therapies Associations in the United States.

**Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)**

**Executive Committee:** Chair, Joan Phillips; Chair-Elect, Ronna Kaplan; Treasurer, Randy Mulder

**2015-16 Members:** American Art Therapy Association, American Dance Therapy Association, American Music Therapy Association, American Society for Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama, National Association of Poetry Therapy, North American Drama Therapy Association

**Highlights for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)**

- The Annual meeting (April 2016) and quarterly teleconference meetings (July, October and February) were attended by the “working group” (Executive Committee and the President of each member association or his/her designee).
- The NCCATA Board engaged in a productive strategic planning process at the annual meeting in Chicago in April 2016 and developed an initial plan which is being implemented with participation by all member associations. Goals of the Strategic Plan are to:
  1. Clarify the mission of NCCATA.
  2. Expand advocacy to identify and monitor opportunities for the period 2016-2021.
  3. Expand the NCCATA’s operational and financial resources.
- NCCATA continues to be represented at the Joint Commission Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) on Behavioral Health. ADTA member Norlyn Asprecc represents NCCATA at the teleconferences that constitute the groups’ meetings.
- In January 2016 NCCATA distributed fact sheets to attendees of the American Association for State Counseling Boards’ Annual conference. The purpose of this activity was to educate and collaborate with our peers in order to assist in protecting creative arts therapists’ ability to practice.

- Communications with constituents included featured news items on the NCCATA website and ongoing responses to web inquiries received via the website.
- NCCATA hosted Creative Arts Therapies Week March 13-19, 2016. Creative Arts Therapies Week was designed to inspire events around the US to increase the visibility of creative arts therapies. The event was publicized on the NCCATA FaceBook page, highlighting one of the member associations each day of the event week, in addition to numerous other postings and media messages from creative arts therapists across the country.