

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

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 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)

Executive Committee: Chairs, Joan Phillips-resigned October 2016; Ronna Kaplan-began October 2016; Chair-Elects, Ronna Kaplan;-through October 2016; Nadya Trytan-began October 2016; Treasurer, Randy Mulder

2016-17 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 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)

- NCCATA leadership transitions occurred earlier in the term than expected, due to health issues for chair Joan Phillips. Sadly, Joan passed away in February 2017. Her loss was widely felt by NCCATA, AATA, her family and other friends and colleagues.
- The Annual meeting (April 2017) and quarterly teleconference meetings (July, October and January) were attended by the “working group” (Executive Committee and the President of each member association or his/her designee).
- The NCCATA Board began to implement the new Strategic Plan, with participation by all member associations. Our most successful work in this fiscal year related to the goal of expanding advocacy to identify and monitor opportunities for the period 2016-2021. Of particular note are the advocacy and visibility projects undertaken in FY2017.
 - NCCATA was well-represented at the *National Roundtable for Arts, Health and Well-being across the Military Continuum* in Maryland and Virginia in November 2017. Then AATA president Donna Betts, then ADTA president Jody Wager, then NADTA president Jason Butler, NCCATA chair Ronna Kaplan, AATA

Executive Director Cynthia Woodruff, and AMTA Executive Director Andrea Farbman attended. See attached report.

- A team of Creative Arts Therapists submitted a proposal in spring 2017 to the National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH) conference for September 2017. The panel presentation was accepted.
- NCCATA input was also provided for NOAH's whitepaper on *Arts, Health, and Well-being in America*. Donna Betts served as a contributing author, and Ronna Kaplan served as a reviewer. Patricia Lambert, lead author, joined NCCATA's spring meeting via Skype to review the process. Presidents from each Creative Arts Therapy Association provided input, and Andrea Farbman, executive director of AMTA, was consulted for guidance. The paper will be completed and distributed at the September 2017 NOAH conference.
- NCCATA continued to be represented at the Joint Commission Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) on Behavioral Health teleconferences by ADTA member Norlyn Asprec.
- 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 in March 2017. 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, with numerous postings and media messages from creative arts therapists across the country.