

The AATA Board of Directors Meets in Alexandria, VA



The AATA Board of Directors in the conference room, beautified by the recently installed *Graduate Art Therapy Programs* collaborative mural. **Back row, from left:** Daniel Blausey, Christianne Strang (President-Elect), Cheryl Doby-Copeland, Donna Betts (President), Stephanie Wise (Treasurer), Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro, Michaela Kirby, Kat Michel (staff). **Front row, from left:** Melissa Hedlund-Nelson (Speaker, Assembly of Chapters), Cynthia Woodruff (Executive Director), Gwen Short, Juliet King. (*Not pictured: Michelle Dean, Secretary.*)

On January 30th, 2016, the AATA Board of Directors held its bi-annual meeting at the National Office in Alexandria, VA. With energy and enthusiasm, we addressed critical priorities, exchanged ideas, and attended to the Association's work. The artist in each of us was called upon: the meeting opened with a joint art-making experiential, and closed with the creation of collaborative drawings (pictured below). On January 31st, the Board participated in a productive strategic planning retreat which we'll report on in an upcoming issue of *ATT*.



In keeping with our dedication to the belief that making art is healing and life enhancing, the Board of Directors' jointly created drawings reflect the dynamic flow of ideas and synergy that result from our hard work and dedication to the profession, rooted in our mission to serve our members and the general public by providing standards of professional competence, and developing and promoting knowledge in, and of, the field of art therapy. We are honored to be at your service, and extend gratitude to our members for entrusting us to oversee the work of this vital organization. Thank you.