



Attention AATA Members: Participate in the Annual Meeting of the Membership and join the Board of Directors for Open Dialogue at the Member Forum

*AATA Board of Directors
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In response to member feedback and with the goal of increasing attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Membership (AMM), the meeting will be held on a new day and at a new time this year. These changes resulted in expanded conference educational offerings and an expanded resolutions process. The choice to move the meeting arose from a deliberative process and was approved by the AATA Board in September of 2016, and the Board will be seeking feedback from the membership about the success of the changes.

The new resolutions process is an opportunity and invitation for voting members to have a voice in the direction and future of the AATA and to participate more effectively in the business side of our non-profit Association. It is inclusive of those who are unable to attend the conference in person. This new format is also intended to make the AMM more relevant, mission-focused, and efficient.

Here are the highlights:

- The AMM will take place on **Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** All conference attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. Eligibility to vote will be indicated on member badges and voting members should pick up voting cards as they enter the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.
- The change in day from Saturday to Thursday, enabled the AATA to provide more educational sessions on Saturday afternoon. This year we are offering over 230 sessions, a record number!
- Resolutions were submitted in advance, and all voting AATA members were invited to participate. It is no longer a requisite to attend the conference in order to have your voice heard in the AATA's Annual Meeting.
- Thank you to all who have submitted Resolutions Forms. All forms received by the October 31 deadline will be acknowledged, reviewed, and considered by the AATA's Board of Directors.
- The Association's Parliamentarian will help craft and oversee any resolution that the Resolutions Committee determines the membership should consider. Resolutions presented to the membership for consideration during the AMM (in the form of original main motions) will be open for debate and vote by the members present at the meeting. Resolutions adopted by the membership will proceed to the Board of Directors who will assign them to an AATA committee for review and further action as appropriate.
- Some resolutions may be adopted by the AATA Board and assigned for follow through in advance of the AMM. Any resolutions so adopted will be announced during the AMM.

- Immediately following the AMM, attendees are invited to participate in a Member Forum with the Board of Directors – ***“Let’s Talk! Member Forum: Sharing Ideas and Cultivating Foresight for Art Therapy”*** – an inclusive environment for constructive dialogue on AATA’s six critical priorities and future directions. Attendees will self-select to groups and have the opportunity to gain increased insight on various topics including those raised at the AMM which may not have been adequately addressed due to time constraints. We want members to know that we are doing what we can to enable productive dialogue beyond the time-limited AMM. This is your opportunity to interface directly with Board members, to share your ideas for advancing art therapy, to learn about the AATA’s initiatives, how you can get involved, and more.
- Don’t forget to check [MyAATA](#) on Wednesday, November 8th to review the President’s Report in preparation for this year’s meeting.
- Did you submit a resolution but can’t make it to the meeting? Post-conference, read *Art Therapy Today* for a forthcoming article on the meeting’s highlights.

