

AATA Thanks Outgoing Leadership and Welcomes Newly Elected Leaders

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The American Art Therapy Association would like to offer our sincere gratitude for the outstanding individuals who have dedicated their time and expertise through various leadership roles and will be rotating off their positions this year. Board of Directors and Committee Chair roles are volunteer positions that work to support the Association's mission to advance the art therapy profession and serve its members and the general public to promote knowledge in and about the field. The AATA thanks President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC; Secretary Michelle Dean, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, CGP; and Board member Cheryl Doby-Copeland, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT, for their years of service from 2015-2017.

The AATA additionally thanks the following individuals for their role in advancing the profession through leadership roles on the following committees:



*Michelle Dean, MA, ATR-BC, LPC,
CGP: LinkedIn Content Reviewer*



*Raquel Farrell-Kirk, ATR-BC:
Marketing & Communications Chair*



*Janice Havlena, MA, ATR-BC:
Undergraduate Sub-Committee Chair*



*Megan Robb, ATR-BC, LPC:
Nominating Sub-Committee Chair*



*Craig Siegel, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS:
Honors Working Group Chair*



*Patricia St John, EdD, ATR-BC,
LCAT: Education Committee Chair*

The AATA is an organization of professionals dedicated to the belief that the creative process involved in the making of art is healing and life-enhancing. The Board of Directors is charged to encourage the highest quality of art therapy services to the public, facilitate communication among members and colleagues, support legislative efforts at the state and federal levels, disseminate information, and recognizes excellence in clinical, professional, educational, and research activities. The AATA welcomes the newly installed leaders to the following positions:

- Christianne Strang, PhD, ATR-BC: President
- Margaret Carlock Russo, EdD, LCAT, ATR-BC: President-Elect
- Jennifer Jividen Jackson, ATR-BC, LMHP, LPC: Secretary
- Cheryl Doby-Copeland, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT, Speaker of the Assembly of Chapters
- Gretchen M. Miller, MA, ATR-BC, ACTP: Member, Board of Directors
- Daniel Blausey, MA, ATR-BC: Member, Board of Directors
- Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC: Member, Board of Directors
- Gioia Chilton, PhD, ATR-BC, LCPAT: Member, Nominating Sub-Committee

The Association relies on the tireless efforts of our volunteers, and we thank each of you that work so hard to continue advancing the art therapy profession! If you would like to become more involved on a committee, please contact the National Office via e-mail at info@arttherapy.org.

