

# MIAPT Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE: November 6, 2015  
West Regional Workshop- Grand Rapids  
Gay Walker



## A Message from the President

Dear MIAPT Members,

It is my pleasure in writing my first newsletter address as President of MIAPT! It is a true honor to be part of this organization, serving first as a member of the Annual Conference Committee and then becoming President-Elect this past year. I am excited to tell you of upcoming events and plans. First, the West Regional in November will be in Grand Rapids on integrating art and play therapy. Before that is the APT International Conference in Atlanta (October 6-11). I hope that many from Michigan will attend and represent our state. I will see you there! Over the summer check out the networking opportunities across the state. Check the MIAPT website on how to get connected. Check out upcoming trainings in other states to help expand on your knowledge of play therapy at [www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org). I am excited for the future of MIAPT. Play on!

Jason Clanton, M.A., LLP, RPT  
President, MIAPT

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## Using Magic in Play Therapy



On April 24<sup>th</sup> Diane Frey, Ph.D., RPT-S, brought magic alive for use in play therapy. Frey reviewed the recent findings about information processing from the field of neuropsychology and its relationship to the use of magic as part of our play therapy “toolbox”. She described using magic to establish rapport, empower clients, instill hope, reframe concerns, improve interpersonal skills, develop group cohesion, building trust, recognize boundaries, problem solve, establish assessment, utilize metaphors, teach life skills, develop insight, encourage self-expression, enhance self-esteem, provide reinforcement for appropriate behaviors, use time efficiently, infuse therapy with pleasure and augment versatility in therapy. The workshop included the appropriate populations for using magic and guidelines for using magic in play therapy. A

wealth of magic tricks and how they would be used were demonstrated with audience participation. A few of the tricks included jumping rubber band, dollar bill, potato and straw, pepper trick, vanishing napkin, float to the top, salt and pepper, magic paper, etc. Frey’s evaluations were extremely high in all areas. Written comments included “Fantastic!”, “So amazing”, and “Great examples of magic and structure and its use. Love the inclusion of metaphor discussion. Diane was very patient with our questions”. Great workshop!



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At the West Regional Workshop on Friday, November 6, Gay Walker, will present "*Creative Connections: Expressive Arts and Play Therapy*". She presented a highly successful three hour workshop at our annual play therapy conference in February; this workshop will not be a repeat! Written comments from her conference workshop included "Excellent! I wish it had been longer", "Great session", "Would love more!", "Wonderful, wonderful training", "I have a masters in fine art, taught art for 13 years and I have been 'reading art' for a long time. Info presented was very thought provoking with the neuro-science of art and color that I have never heard before".

The brochure will be included in the MIAPT August Newsletter and will again be held at Wedgwood Christian Services in Grand Rapids. Save the date - you won't want to miss it!

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## MIAPT Website

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We are in the process of updating the MIAPT Website. The website will contain the newsletters, current board members, annual conference and regional workshop brochures, and a copy of the Bylaws. MIAPT members have the opportunity to submit a photo, credentials, address, etc. to be put on the website for client advertisement/promotion. Your information should be emailed directly to Angela Fitton, MIAPT Administrative Assistant, at [mymiapt@gmail.com](mailto:mymiapt@gmail.com).

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## Board Recommended Bylaw Change

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At the recent MIAPT Board meeting held on May 14, 2015, discussion was held to add the use of email for our annual elections. This would be more efficient for our members and less costly for our budget. The Board unanimously moved to present this motion to our membership. Unless the Board hears negatively in writing, the actual vote will be sent electronically in August. The voting procedure will be very similar to what we use for our conference and regional workshop registrations. The specific changes are all found in Article VIII, Section 1 and include the following: 1) Letter A - add "emailed or sent via USPS" and put before the word "mail", 2) Letter B - add "email, USPS" and put before the word "fax", 3) Letter D - add "emailed or USPS" and put before the word "mail", and 4) Letter E - add the word "Chairperson" before "forty-five" - this is what has always been done but not specifically stated in the Bylaws. Please feel free to contact any MIAPT Board member should you have any questions.

**20th Annual Play Therapy Conference  
February 20, 2016 – Lansing, Michigan  
Saturday Presentation Proposal Form**

Workshop Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Basic \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced  
 Length of Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Hours \_\_\_\_\_ 6 Hours

Presenter Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Presenter Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide each of the following supporting documents with your proposal form:**

- 1. Title:** A play therapy specific title (that meets APT - CEU guidelines) appropriate to the workshop content (e.g., Play Therapy Techniques in the Treatment of Adolescent Self-Harm and Suicide Ideation). The words, *Play Therapy*, must be included in the title.
- 2. Overview:** A description of your program that is no longer than 40 words to be used in the conference brochure. Be sure to make this play therapy specific to meet APT - CEU guidelines using the words, *Play Therapy*, descriptively in the overview.
- 3. Abstract:** A summary of your presentation not to exceed two (2) pages, which will be used to evaluate your proposal.
- 4. Objectives:** A list of 3-5 objectives for your presentation, i.e., what the participants will learn from attending the workshop. Be sure to make this play therapy specific to meet APT - CEU guidelines (e.g., As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to understand and assess the unique differences between self-harming behavior and suicide ideation utilizing play therapy materials). The words, *Play Therapy*, must be included in the objectives.
- 5. References/Citations/Sources:** For your presentation – a minimum of three references.
- 6. Biographical Sketch:** A brief description of your credentials you would like to be used to introduce you at the beginning of your presentation.
- 7. Resume/Vitae:** For each of the presenters.

**Presenter Benefit Package:** The MIAPT Benefit Package includes a complimentary conference registration for each presenter, an honorarium of \$350 for a ½-day workshop and \$700 for a full-day workshop, one hotel room per workshop for Friday night, and travel allowance for out-of-state presenters and mileage reimbursement at the current IRS (Internal Revenue Service) non-profit amount for in-state presenters.

Please email your proposal with **complete** information by Sept. 15, 2015 to Robin Bell: robinbell77@gmail.com If you have any questions, please contact Robin at 517-489-1468 or robinbell77@gmail.com