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Dr. Ron Hunt Elected ACATE Chair For Immediate Release

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) has elected Dr. Ron Hunt as ACATE Chair for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2021. Dr. Hunt joined ACATE as a public member in May 2020. Current ACATE Chair, Ms. Janet Kempf, noted, "Dr. Hunt immediately demonstrated a strong and active commitment to the work of the council."

A board-certified public health dentist with extensive education and accreditation experience, Dr. Hunt has held senior leadership positions in academic dentistry for the past 35 years. He is an active researcher in epidemiology and health policy, and he has published 66 manuscripts in various dental and public health journals. Dr. Hunt has held various leadership positions in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and was its elected president in 2009-2010. For the past 10 years he has represented ADEA on the Dental Quality Alliance and served as its chair in 2013.

In addition to leading accreditation reviews at his own schools, Dr. Hunt served terms on the Commission on Dental Accreditation and the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education and has led many site visits to other programs and schools.

"ACATE benefits from Dr. Hunt's expertise as a program director and a former member of two accreditation committees," said Ms. Kempf. "He has demonstrated his commitment to the mission of ACATE and promoting the highest levels of professional training and competence of art therapists. The ACATE council looks forward to his leadership."