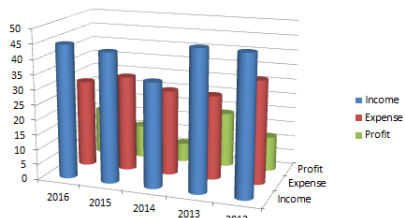


Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2016 conference was a success we had 230 registered guests, 24 poster sessions and 14 sessions. This year (2016) we tried to decrease the amount of printing and paper utilized and therefore used "Survey Monkey" for the conference evaluation. There year there were 78 surveys completed whereas last year (2015) 74 surveys completed by paper. The demographics of those who completed the surveys were 59% OT, 18% OTA, 23% students; 64% have attended the MiOTA conference in past; 70% have attended the AOTA conference in the past; 40% of those attending have been practicing more than 11 years.



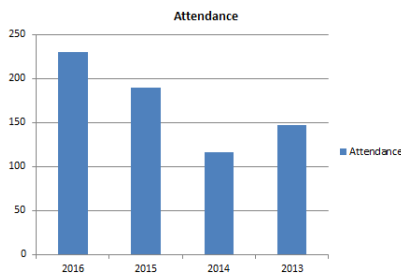
2016 (Grand Rapids); 2015 (Traverse City); 2014 (Lansing); 2013 (Troy); 2012 (Kalamazoo)

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therapy as well as maintain your licensure credentials.

Come celebrate the 100-year anniversary of occupational therapy with MiOTA on Mackinaw Island October 7 and 8, 2017.

Call for papers (presenters) coming soon! Watch your email and the website.



See the website for more detailed results of the "Survey Monkey".

With the pending finalization of our rules and regulations for licensure; conference is the perfect venue to earn PDU/CEU for the renewal of your state licensure. Whether you attend the conference, present at the conference, or serve as a board member you are advancing your ability to function in the profession of occupational



November 1st Financial Report

Post conference the current account balances are as follows:

MiOTA Checking \$4,716.20
 MiOTA Savings \$2,506.09
 MiOTA Scholarship CD \$23,552.36

MiOTA Student Members!

Your professional organization wants to recognize your graduation! Please send an email to Cathleen Johnson – Cathleen@therapiststrainingtherapists.com with your anticipated graduation date!

Educators!

MiOTA wants to recognize the accomplishment of our Michigan OT students. We will do this in a variety of ways – email congratulation statement and attendance at graduation



Upcoming FREE Continuing Education Opportunities for Members:

Register on line via the MiOTA website

Contact CEU Coordinator – Tera Richards if you would like more information or to become a speaker in 2017! Tera.a.richards@gmail.com

November 16th 6:30 p.m. Spaced Retrieval Technique – A great overview of a technique to help your patients recall information through building procedural memory! – Cathleen Johnson

December 14, 6:30 p.m. Evidence Based Safe Patient Handling for the Adult and Older Adult – Steve Eberth

January (TBD) – Sensory and Behavior : A comprehensive approach to difficult behavior –Gwen Wild


January (TBD) Special Student event – NBCOT Prep Eric Checkley

February (TBD) – Home Modifications – Karen Koch

March (TBD) – LSVT – Bernadett Kosir



MIOTA WANTS YOU!



Do you have in-depth knowledge in an area that you would be willing to share with other occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants?

MIOTA IS REACHING OUT TO YOU!

As a benefit of MiOTA membership we strive to hold monthly continuing education events. This is typically done through an online webinar. We are looking for presenters for 2017. Please contact MiOTA's continuing education coordinator, Tera Richards, at tera.a.richards@gmail.com for more details or to convey your interest in presenting.

Membership Director update by Cathleen C. Johnson, MS, OTRL, FMiOTA

Member Type	Active as of 11.2.16
Associate	1
Honorary	9
OT	312
OTA	34
Retired	10
Student	207
TOTAL	573

Thank you for being a member of MiOTA. I hope you are experiencing some of the benefits of being a member of your state professional association – networking, being informed and educational experiences. There are many occupational therapy practitioners in the state of Michigan who do not

have the same level of exposure and knowledge base about practice acts, rules as well as re-licensure educational requirements. Encourage your co-workers and professional contacts to join MiOTA so they are informed and practicing in an up to date manner. A small handful of professionals (our members) are supporting the knowledge base of many non-members – encourage others to join!

IF EACH MEMBER HELPED US GROW BY 1 – IMAGINE HOW STRONG OF AN ORGANIZATION MIOTA COULD BE.....(pictured is our MiOTA Membership Committee – Eric Checkley, Cathleen Johnson, Sonny Grendel, Christine Brough – missing Chet LaFave and Tera Richards)



Educator Certificate Program on November 19th and 20th, 2016 (Saturday and Sunday). Sara Clark is teaching the two-day course. You can register for the course by contacting Sara at: sara.clark@wmich.edu.

Thank you, fieldwork educators for your service hours!

MiOTA OT/OTA Student Scholarship

Sara Clark – MiOTA Communications Director

MiOTA is committed to supporting the future of our occupational therapy profession - OT and OTA students! The MiOTA Student Scholarship is an effort to recognize scholastic achievement, leadership and to encourage continued progress toward professional goals. Applications for the MiOTA Student Scholarship are now being accepted.

Application Deadline:
December 1st, 2016

OT and OTA students can find the scholarship application on the MiOTA website under the *Membership* tab on the home page.

http://www.miota.org/miota_scholarship_application.php

The MiOTA Student Scholarship will be awarded to one student per year. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must exhibit leadership qualities, and demonstrate a

commitment to the field of occupational therapy. You must also meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in an accredited occupational therapy program in the state of Michigan through the spring term of 2017
- Be a member of MiOTA
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA average
- Be involved in a student professional organization, participate in activities of your educational institution, or demonstrate significant community engagement
- Submit your application by December 1st, 2016

Please submit your application to:

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association
124 West Allegan Street, Suite 1900
Lansing MI 48933

All applications will be reviewed by the MiOTA Scholarship Review Committee during December 2016 and a winner will be announced by January 1st, 2016. The winner will be featured in the 2017 MiOTA Winter Newsletter. Please contact the MiOTA Office at 517-267-3918 with any questions regarding the scholarship application process.



MOTEC Memo

By: Anne Crites, MOTEC Member, Mott Community College OTA Program and Sara Clark, MOTEC Member, Western Michigan University

MOTEC (The Michigan Occupational Therapy Education Consortium) wishes you all a happy Fall! We hope you are enjoying all the amazing colors Michigan has to offer! Our consortium is a collaborative group of all the OT and OTA academic fieldwork coordinators in the state of Michigan. MOTEC sponsors annual workshops related to Fieldwork Education. There are two regional workshops in the Spring and two in the Fall each year. These are free one-day conferences and are worth 6 PDU's to be used toward your NBCOT recertification. If you want to learn more about MOTEC, our mission and our annual workshops, please visit the MOTEC page of the MiOTA website at <http://www.miota.org/motec.php>

Reminder: The final MOTEC Fieldwork Educator Day (Building Intentional Learning Experiences) for the 2015/16 calendar year is being held at Macomb Community College located at 44575 Garfield Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48038-1139 on Friday November 11, 2016 from 8:00am-4:00 pm. The program will include a student panel, a review of the new AOTA Code of Ethics and updates from MiOTA and AOTA. You do need to register to attend this event and registration is due

by November 4, 2016. If you have any questions, refer them to Linda Netzel at netzell@macomb.edu

Welcome New MOTEC Members!

Kim Banfill, MOT, OTRL is taking over the fieldwork program at Wayne State University for Nancy Vandewiele Milligan. Kim also teaches all the pediatrics courses for the MOT program at Wayne State. She has a wealth of pediatric experiences in the clinical and school settings.

Marta Muusz, MS, OTRL joined EMU's Occupational Therapy Program in September as Academic Fieldwork Coordinator. She coordinates both Level I and Level II fieldwork. Marta received her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and has worked as a pediatric clinician and fieldwork educator in early intervention, school, acute care, in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation, and community-based settings.

Nicole Kalich, MOT, OTRL, is the new Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for Baker College of Allen Park. She will coordinate both the Level I and Level II fieldwork for the OTA Program there. Nicole has been a practicing registered therapist for just over 8 years, graduating from Chatham University in 2008 with a Master of Occupational Therapy Degree. Her experience is in the sub-acute/SNF setting working

with primarily orthopedic patients, cardiac rehab, generalized weakness, and neurological disorders as a Clinical Team Leader.

Annette Horton, MOT, OTRL

Is the new the part-time Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for Baker College – Flint. Annette was a fieldwork educator and OT from Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. She has tried the innovated fieldwork supervision model of working with two Level II students from two different programs at the same time. She will share fieldwork coordination responsibilities with Julie Chreston.



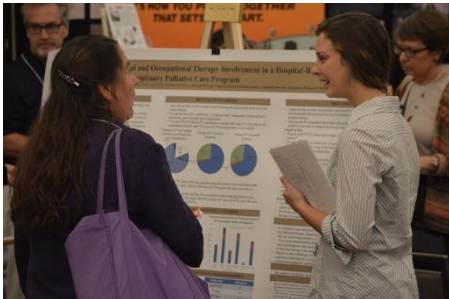
AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program

William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan is hosting the AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program on November 19th and 20th, 2016 (Saturday and Sunday). Sara Clark is teaching the two-day course. This course is worth 15 PDU's toward your NBCOT recertification. You can register for the course by contacting Sara at: sara.clark@wmich.edu.

2018 MOTEC Fieldwork Reservation Process Review

MOTEC uses a collaborative reservation request process for fieldwork placements each year.

On or after January 1st, 2017, all academic programs will have the opportunity to send out their Level II fieldwork requests for the entire 2018 calendar year. MOTEC is requesting that all fieldwork sites **hold their responses for 2018 fieldwork placements until February 15th, 2017**. MOTEC hopes that this reservation process will allow sites to view requests from all their academic program partners at the same time and distribute confirmed placements in an **equitable** manner. MOTEC also hopes that placements will be given to Michigan academic programs first, before granting placements to out-of-state schools.



2017 MiOTA Fall Message from the Leader

Greetings to all; as fall moves to winter and we wind down from a successful fall conference, one prevailing topic that appears hard to avoid is the recent election. While I acknowledge that there certainly is a wide and extreme range of emotions regarding this particular race and its outcomes, my intent is not to speak for that, but rather for what politically this may have in store for Occupational Therapy and consumers of Occupational Therapy.

I think most of us have known a health care colleague state they “went to school to be ____, not to push papers.” On that same note, I think a lot of us may agree that they went to school to be occupational therapy practitioners, not politicians. Whether you love it or hate it, it is undeniable that what happens in healthcare policy impacting our reimbursement and practice is directly impacted by actions by politicians in Lansing and Washington, D.C. With the roll-out of the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA), also more commonly referred to as “Obamacare,” during the Obama administration, a key provision impacting occupational therapy was coverage of habilitation services. Throughout the past several years, AOTA and MiOTA have been working at their respective federal and state levels to advocate for the role of occupational therapy and the definition of habilitative services. MiOTA has provided comment on proposed Essential Health Benefits for the state of Michigan advocating for occupational therapy services.

In the Trump administration’s “contract with the American voter,” repeal and replacement of Obamacare is listed as an agenda item for his first 100 days in office. It is unclear at this point what type of policy he will use to replace the ACA if it is repealed and what the impacts will be on healthcare and occupational therapy practice, and more recent analysts note that the ability to fully repeal Obamacare in that short of a period is unlikely, noting changes may not be until a year or two down the road. In addition, Trump has more recently hinted that he may keep some aspects of the ACA. However, whether we are ready to wear a politician hat or not, any time there are changes in policies such as this, it would behoove us as therapists to remain aware of what is happening and advocate at the federal level, which being a member of AOTA supports and being aware and advocate at a state level, which is what your membership in the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association helps you to do.

So, as we enter 2017 and foreseeable changes in state and federal policies, we will keep you updated on news to know whenever possible to keep you educated and informed, but also to let you know when we need you to use your voice to act, speak up, and advocate for Occupational Therapy Practice.

As always, thank you for being a member of MiOTA; yours in service,

Kirsten

Kirsten Matthews, MA, OTRL, CLT
Co-Leader of the Executive Committee
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

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