

## Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



## 2018 Spring Message from the Leader of the Executive Committee

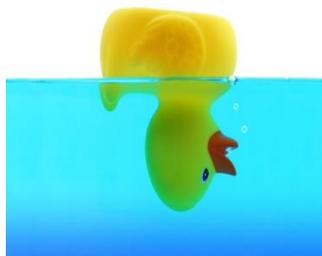
Happy Spring!

As always, our volunteers with MiOTA have been busy planting seeds and nurturing growth of policies to strengthen and maintain the profession of Occupational Therapy in Michigan. We are thankful for the help of our Lobbyist, as well as Chuck Wilmarth with AOTA for catching some important items for us to monitor, review and/or apply for.

Because of Chuck's find of an open organizational seat on the Michigan Special Education Advisory Committee, we were able to apply – and be granted – a seat on this long-standing state level committee that requires each state to have an advisory council. We admittedly caught this application with only a short time-frame to spare to get the application in, so thanks to the work of Donna Case, Sara Clark and myself we were able to put together a proposal, be granted an opportunity to make our case in person, and Sara presented on our behalf. We needed to identify immediate delegates at the time of application, however, as we

move forward, we will be working to grow the Pediatric SIS to allow for us to create a pool of individuals to support state-wide professional and consumer involvement and to be potential future delegates/alternate delegates for the position. If you have not checked Pediatric SIS as an interest area but have an interest – please email Holly in the office add you to the list.

Legislatively, there are several issues going on. Of course, the Auto-No Fault bill continues to be present, although how much it may move in the next few months is questionable. New legislation outlying work requirements for Medicaid has come out; it is already on its second draft, but there continue to be some vagueness in some areas of the bill we feel we need to monitor and comment to. Our advocacy committee has grown and are working on several projects; I will defer to their report in this newsletter so as not to be



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redundant. I do want to remind everyone that legislatively, **this is a LAME DUCK year**; what this means is that although bills may not move super-fast throughout the year (although never say never), the period between election and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, bills that were already introduced tend to move extremely fast and there is potential for bills to be introduced and immediately passed in that time period. Because of this, we will need to stay very alert and ready to respond.

One another legislative note, this year we hosted our largest lobby day so far. A huge thank you to the Lobby Day & Advocacy Committee for their work on making this a success. I would like to ask each of you to keep track of your legislator's office and coffee hours and try when you can to stop in to talk to them. **YOUR VOICE MATTERS.** Whether it be in person meetings, writing letters or making calls. And everything you do now to help your legislators understand why Occupational Therapy is valuable, unique and important, will only help us to lay the ground work for issues that come up later. I wanted to share a picture from our trip to the Museum of Science and Industry this spring;

the picture below is a harrowing representation of the number of people who have discovered their voice counts and how to use it. I would love for the members of MiOTA to paint a much different picture of this graph!



**them.** Early bird registration for EXHIBITORS ends May 31<sup>st</sup> for the best deal on a table, but they can register later.

One more note; we are taking nominations for elections and we will accept award nominations as well. Please see forms in the newsletter and return to the office by the dates specified.

Thank you, as always, for your dedication to your profession at the state level through your MiOTA membership. We are grateful for every one of you. Until next time!

*Kirsten*

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

status by ACOTE, the program anticipates beginning accepting applications for the Fall 2019 first class in August 2018.

In August 2017, ACOTE mandated that all entry-level OT programs move to the doctoral entry-level by 2027. The University of Michigan – Flint School of Health Professions and Studies, is proud to offer the first entry-level OTD program in the state of Michigan. According to the Founding Program Director, Nancy Vandewiele Milligan PhD, OTRL, FAOTA, the OTD program is a three-year full-time program. The curriculum utilizes a learner-centered teaching approach incorporating authentic educational activities and experiences.

In addition to the valuable partnership with Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor, the OTD program has over 40 clinical partners allowing students access and opportunities with highly skilled occupational therapy clinicians and researchers across the state. The goal of the OTD degree is to develop occupational therapists with skills that are beyond a generalist level. In addition to opportunities through lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences to learn and develop advanced skills, students will complete a residency and a capstone project in a focus area of interest. Capstone project focus-area examples may include clinical practice skills, such as working in



**Fall Conference** this year will be in Livonia; it is going to be a great conference! We will be doing things differently this year; we will have some general/basic requirement sessions Friday afternoon with exhibitor time JUST on Friday evening. This was done on the suggestion of past exhibitors as during the week is easier for many to attend and one day is more efficient than two days. We are excited to try something different. **If you know of exhibitors you would like to see at conference, please let us know or pass on the exhibitor registration information to**



## Program Update

The University of Michigan –Flint Entry-level Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program submitted their application in April 2018 for Candidacy to the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). Pending review and obtaining candidacy

a specialized site with occupational therapy emerging practice areas and interventions utilized with different populations, such as hand therapy programs with hand transplants or bionic limbs. Another area may include developing research skills by collaborating and learning from recognized individuals who are actively engaged in projects that include research design and planning, data collection, and analyzing data. Dr. Milligan will be presenting "Doctoral Capstone Projects and Residency: What is it?" at the 2018 MiOTA Fall Conference.

## May Member Spotlight - Meet Nancy Vandewiele



I have been a member of MiOTA for 41 years and have served on the MIOTA Board and on various committees for 38 of those years. I reactivated the Detroit Chapter of MiOTA in 2011 and was able to build membership and conduct bi-annual meetings for members in the Tri-County Metro Detroit area. I turned over the chapter in 2016 to Eric Checkley who continues to build a large

supportive membership there. In 2017 upon my arrival at the University of Michigan-Flint to start the first entry-level OTD program, I realized that there was not a Flint Chapter. In May 2017 I held the first Flint Chapter meeting which was attended by 10 members. The Flint chapter continues to grow and now has support of the other OT and OTA programs in Flint and is well supported by McLaren, Hurley and Genesis Health Care Systems as well as local clinics and community partners. I am a MiOTA member because I believe that my membership over the years has supported occupational therapy to become a licensed and highly recognized profession in the State of Michigan. As an educator, I have advocated for students to become members and be actively involved in their State association. I can proudly say that I have had the honor to work with former students who now serve on MiOTA!

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

~Sherry Anderson

## MOTEC MEMO

### May 2018

*Kimberly Banfill, Wayne State University*  
*Sara Clark, Western Michigan University*  
*Annette Horton, Baker College of Flint*

Happy spring from MOTEC (The Michigan Occupational Therapy Education Consortium)! We hope all

are having a wonderful spring and are looking forward to when the weather matches the season!

MOTEC is hosting their annual Fieldwork Educator Days for 2018. Listed below are the dates and locations of this year's events.

### Pathway to Success in Fieldwork Education

**Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 =  
Easter Michigan University**

**Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 =  
Baker College Muskegon**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 =  
Saginaw Valley State University**

Each of the three days will run the same program content and participants will receive a certificate for six free Professional Development Units (PDU's). The content will include: the objectives of Level I Fieldwork, evaluating a Level I fieldwork students, an overview of the potential new psychosocial ACOTE standards for all fieldwork experiences, how to manage a challenging student, tips on writing competency development plans, tips for new fieldwork educators, and administrative updates on AOTA, MiOTA and ACOTE topics. Registration forms are available through your local OT/OTA academic programs and the MOTEC

page of the MiOTA website.  
<https://www.miota.org/motec.php>

### **MOTEC Presentations at MiOTA Conference**

Save the date! MOTEC will be presenting their annual "Fieldwork 101" presentation at MiOTA Conference (Oct. 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018) in Livonia, MI for new fieldwork educators. Some MOTEC members will also be doing a separate presentation on Level I Fieldwork updates. MOTEC hopes to see you at MiOTA conference!

### **OT Practice – Fieldwork Education**

In a recent publication of OT Practice, there was a wonderful article regarding collaboration between the fieldwork educator and the student to promote success in Level II Fieldwork. Below are some of the main strategies outlined in this article help guide the process between fieldwork educators and students during fieldwork.

#### **Level II Fieldwork Success: A Cooperative Effort**

Set clear expectations: orientation, clear guidelines, and specific expectations. (Ex: site orientation, site specific objectives, weekly guidelines, etc.)

Monitor performance: frequent meeting and

and monitoring progress. (Ex: weekly review forms, midterm feedback forms, communications between fieldwork coordinator, student and fieldwork educator, etc.)

Coping strategies: feedback between fieldwork educator, student and fieldwork coordinator identifying ways to deal with stress. (Ex: journaling, mock treatment plans, role playing, mentors, etc.)

Exchange of ideas: innovative ideas for learning between fieldwork educator and student. (Ex: evidence-based practice, innovative and new interventions, etc.)

"Cooperation among the academic program, the fieldwork educator and the student promotes Level II fieldwork success." (Hanson, D., 2014)

"...ongoing give and take between the student, the fieldwork site and the academic program is an essential component of student success." (Hanson, D. 2014)

Hanson, D. (2014). Level II Fieldwork Success: A Cooperative Effort. *OT Practice*, 19(12), 18-19.

Thank you to all fieldwork educators in the state of Michigan for mentoring the next generation of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants!

## **MiOTA Communications Directors Updates**

### **Newsletter Committee Update:**

The Communications Committee is seeking a new Newsletter Coordinator. The Newsletter Coordinator's responsibilities are to: solicit, renew, select and publish information pertinent to the practice of OT on a regular schedule. If you interested in learning more about this position, please contact the MiOTA Office.

### **Website Committee Update:**

If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities with MiOTA, please visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on the MiOTA website- under the Membership tab on the home page.

### **Networking Committee Updates:**

The Networking Coordinator role is currently vacant. The role of the networking coordinator is to support and coordinate special interest sections SIS, regional chapters, and specialty focus groups that are interested in exchanging, gaining or exploring information regarding clinical practice, education, and research. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact the MiOTA Office.

### **Regional Chapters:**

The Michigan OT/OTA General Rules require 20 hours of continuing education for the licensure renewal. Attending local chapter meetings is a fantastic way to earn one free continuing education hour and network with other local practitioners. Chapter information can be found on the MiOTA website-under the

home page. MiOTA members are encouraged to attend any MiOTA chapter meeting regardless of their home geographic area.

Here is some information regarding 2018 meetings. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Detroit Chapter:** Led by Eric Checkley

**Next 2018 meeting:** TBD

**Flint Chapter:** Led by Nancy Vandewiele Milligan

**Next 2018 meeting**

Wednesday, June 13

Topic: John Gamber, ATP will present on Home Modification

Location: Rehab & Mobility Systems 11395 N. Saginaw Rd. Suite 11, Clio, MI 48420

**Huron Valley Chapter:** Led by Marie Miller

**Next 2018 meeting:** TBD

**Lansing Chapter:** Led by Dilyn Smith and Cheri Ramirez

**Next 2018 meeting:** TBD

**Northwest Chapter:** Led by Shelly Roots

Shelly Roots has volunteered to help establish a Northwest Chapter this year to meet the needs of practitioners in the Traverse City/ northwest area of the state. If you are interested in helping Shelly to develop this chapter, contact the MiOTA office.

**Southwest Chapter:** Led by Deb K. Lindstrom and Christine Vlietstra

**Next 2018 meeting**

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Topic: Joel Phillips, Kristen Hamlin, and Marie Bell will present on the Occupational Therapy Department at the Family Health Center

Location: Rider/Sammons Residence, 2622 Winchell Ave, Kalamazoo, 49008

**Western Chapter:** Led by Kathryn Potter

**Next 2018 meeting**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Topic: Dr. Theresa Leto will present on Food Insecurities and its impact on occupational performance

Location: Davenport University OT, 6191 Kraft Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

**UP Chapter:** Led by Britta Pennell and Kirsten Matthews

**Next 2018 meeting** TBD

Please visit the MiOTA website Communications Page for more information regarding Special Interest Groups, Special Focus Groups, and Regional Chapters. If you are interested in establishing a new Special Interest Group, Focus Group, or Regional Chapter please contact the MiOTA office.

## Advocacy Highlights

### Lansing Lobby Day 2018

Lisa Johnson, OTRL, OTD  
On February 27th, there were over 150 OT practitioners and OT students who met at the Capitol in Lansing to meet with their legislators. We gathered in the library to mingle over an abundant array of snack foods, supplied by the Grand Valley OT student association. The room was filled with many people sitting and standing along the walls. The participants received a brief review on the talking points: Auto No-Fault, Habilitation, and Telehealth. The day ended with some time for reflection and sharing on highlights of the day. The participants were encouraged to invite their representative to their place of school or workplace, for a first-hand look at OT in action.

### Friends of OT:

Looking into advocacy ideas for the next election cycle. To attend an event, the participant will need to be a contributor

### Regulatory Update

Steven Eberth, OTD, OTRL

April 30, 2018

According to Families USA, an advocate for healthcare consumers, as of April 2018 there are 18 states that have requested from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) waivers to Medicaid requirements known as Section 1115 Coverage Restriction Waivers. In April 2014, the Healthy Michigan Plan expansion, approved through December 2018 increased coverage for childless adults ages 19 to 64 years of age and contains

provisions regarding premiums, cost-sharing, health savings accounts, and wellness programs, which are contentious and beyond the scope of this article. On April 19, 2018, our State legislature took quick action and passed Senate Bill 897, legislation completed on March 20 by Senator Mike Shirkey to apply for a Federal waiver to establish work requirements as a condition of medical assistance. This legislation instructs the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to apply for this waiver by July 1, 2018. According to the Families USA Advocacy Timeline Factsheet, your voice continues to be of vital importance despite the passage of this legislation. At this point in the process, the best response is to activate your coalition and request participation during comment periods because the volume of responses matters. The volume of responses demonstrates to legislators we take notice of their actions, and it can build support for possible litigation. Families USA states that even after the approval of waivers, they can be rescinded which was the case in Pennsylvania when a new governor was elected. Medicaid requires states to have a 30-day comment period prior to their waiver submission to CMS, so the state comment period is currently open. After submission to CMS, there will also be a 30-day comment period, which will soon be open as well. For more information, visit Families USA Waiver Strategy Center at <http://familiesusa.org/state-waiver-resource-and-tracking-center> and join the effort by contacting your state representative. Together, we can make a difference!

### Advocacy in Action: Home Modification Committee

Karen Koch, OTRL

The most significant funding source for home mod OT's in Michigan is Auto No-Fault. The Auto No-Fault landscape is projected to change. The MiOTA Home Mod OT's are following the Auto No-Fault legislation and are vying for a seat at the table to represent OT during the Auto No-Fault reform to ensure we are written into the law. The Home Mod Ad Hoc Committee is working on a video of how people injured in auto accidents benefit from OT services and home modifications and how these services reduce hospital readmission and caregiver costs. Anyone who has a story, video or touching photo of how OT success stories please send them to Karen Koch at:

[service@functionalhomes.net](mailto:service@functionalhomes.net).

Home Mod OT's are hoping to address the Legislators in Lansing regarding making educated, responsible decisions based on how **changes in Auto No-Fault:**

- Will affect our Medicaid/Medicare system if auto accident hospital costs are defrayed onto the Medicaid/Medicare system instead of the Auto No-Fault system.
- Home modifications vs nursing home costs.
- OT services are required for acute care, rehab and long-term needs.

**The Home Mod Ad Hoc Committee meets online on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Please email Karen Koch at: [Service@functionalhomes.net](mailto:Service@functionalhomes.net) to join us and to be included on the email list for the Home Mod Ad Hoc.**

### Legislative and Registration Update

Lisa Johnson, OTRL, OTD

PT's are now permitted to authorize handicap placards. OT will need to wait for a new bill to be added as an authorizer for handicap placards.

BCN has a 60-consecutive day limitation for outpatient visits. This is a problem for many pediatric and splinting issues. MiOTA has attempted to contact the BCBS liaison

While at Lansing Lobby Day, Senator Vincent Gregory shared that he had sponsored Senate Bill 184 called the Accessibility/Visitability Tax Credit which will allow taxpayers to claim up to \$5000 for purchasing an accessible residence or renovating a principle residence to improve accessibility. Senator Vincent believes "Improving physical access in our homes helps to eliminate barriers and provides greater opportunities — especially with regards to employment and social freedoms," Sen. Gregory said. "The architectural features of a home influence the quality of life and independence of not only the resident, but also others who may have physical limitations to their everyday lives."

Reimbursement for Outpatient Pediatric Feeding Therapy Services. Occupational Therapy is an approved provider of feeding therapy services as part of the multidisciplinary team.

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/MI\\_SPA\\_Approval\\_17-0006\\_Pediatric\\_Intensive\\_Feeding\\_Services\\_615011\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/MI_SPA_Approval_17-0006_Pediatric_Intensive_Feeding_Services_615011_7.pdf)

Anyone interested in joining the Advocacy committee to assist with organizing provider guidelines for on the website, please contact the MiOTA office

## Trialliance

On 4/25/18, Denise Justice, OTRL and Lisa Johnson, OTRL, joined with Elaine Ledwon-Robinson, SLP and Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, PT, for the biannual meeting of the Trialliance (Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology and Physical Therapy). It was a time of sharing and, collaborate on shared legislative and regulatory concerns. The Minutes from the meeting are listed below

### **1. Legal Issues Impacting Professional Practice in Michigan MPTA: PT's may now certify handicapped parking placards**

SB 582 became Public Act 62 of 2018 (Governor signed on 3/13/18) with an Effective Date of 6/12/18. PTs may certify citizens for handicapped parking placards. MPTA is fine with the 6/12/18 effective date as it gives the Secretary of State time to update forms and train employees on this new statute.

### **2. Legislative Updates in Michigan MPTA: PT's were not listed as a mandatory reporter. They wanted to pursue this due to extra legal protection it can provide**

HB 5444 (Rep Jeff Yaroch, R - District 33, Richmond) and HB 5541 (Rep Roger Hauck, R - District 99, Mt. Pleasant) both require PTs/PTAs to be added to the list of mandatory reporters for suspected child neglect or child abuse.

HB 5444 was introduced on 1/24/18 & referred to House Committee on Families, Children & Seniors

HB 5541 was introduced on 2/8/18 & referred to House Committee Law & Justice

Note: The MI Child Protection Law provides civil and criminal immunity for someone making a report in good faith. The identity of the reporting person is confidential under the law under most circumstances.

Perhaps MiOTA & MSHA would want to consider this legislative change as well?

Support Michigan joining the Physical Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact – MPTA hopes to introduce this bill in the 2019-2020 session.

“Licensure compacts increase consumer access to PT services by reducing regulatory barriers to interstate mobility and cross-state practice”. From the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Other health professions recommend, and activity seek interstate licensure compacts including:

- Nursing – 25 states enacted.
- Medicine – 18 states enacted.
  - As of 4/6/18: 16 States have enabled PT Licensure Compact, 2 await Governor's signature, 3 have passed one State Legislative Chamber, 2 currently introduced.

MPTA is educating State Legislators via APTA's campaign that PT is a proven alternative to reducing pain and avoiding increased opioid use.

- <https://www.moveforwardpt.com/Default.aspx>

### **3. Reimbursement / Payment Update MPTA: PT had a portal on their website for patients to report their difficulty with obtaining authorization and coverage due to Evicore. PT's took a summary of the concerns and presented it to BCBS**

[https://www.bcbsm.com/newsletter/therecord/2017/record\\_1117/Record\\_1117s.shtml](https://www.bcbsm.com/newsletter/therecord/2017/record_1117/Record_1117s.shtml)

- November 2017 - Blue Cross to expand preauthorization requirements for PT, OT services for Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> members
- Content in November 2017 newsletter is copied & pasted in *italics*:

*“In partnership with eviCore healthcare, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will expand its use management preauthorization program for outpatient physical and occupational rehabilitation for members with Medicare Plus Blue to include outpatient skilled nursing facilities and doctors with the following degrees: M.D., D.O., D.P.M. and D.D.S.*

*Starting Jan. 1, 2018, all skilled nursing facilities and doctors with the above-mentioned degrees will be required to obtain preauthorization for all outpatient PT and OT rehabilitation services for members with Medicare Plus Blue, our Medicare Advantage PPO plan.*

*The program applies to Michigan members being treated by Michigan health care providers. Speech therapy is not included in this program.”*

Next MPTA / BCBSM Payment Committee Meeting is set for 5/11/18. Jake will keep the Tri-Alliance posted on relevant information.

BSBS/BCN Gold Card Status : Some facilities can obtain a better reimbursement if they commit to implement Choose Wisely recommendations of their national organizations.

**MSHA**

Advocacy Day: May 9, 2018 at the Capitol. Primary issues:

- facilitating the ability to enroll in CHAMPS
- parity in access to benefits from Michigan Medicaid providers
- discussion re: the future of the state's autism mandate
- compliance with the current maximum of 60 students per week on a SLP school caseload.

**4. Other updates**

MiOTA Lansing Day was Feb 27, 2018. Over 150 OT's were in attendance. We focused on auto no fault, telehealth, and maintaining habilitation.

MPTA Advocacy Day was 4/11/18. About 80 MPTA members attended, picture on Senate Floor via Sen. Margaret O'Brien. Issues discussed as noted above. YAY!

**5. Administrative Rules Update:**

Two issues to consider- Provider safety and moving from 2-year to 3-year cycle. Note: These are discussion points only currently, not MPTA priorities.

- Safety: Jake discussed provider safety with LARA again on 4/10/18 re: a provider may violate this Rule IF the patient home environment is not safe. PT Rules are open. Trying to amend this Rule.

PT Rules: R 338.7124 Prohibited conduct. (b) Failing to provide or arrange for the provision or continuity of necessary physical therapy service.

OT Rules: R 338.1212 Prohibited conduct. (d) Willful or negligent failure to provide or arrange for provision of continuity of necessary therapeutic service; including but not exclusive to collaboration between the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant, patient and caregiver, and community.

SLP Rules: No prohibited conduct section found in SLP Rules. Double checked, did not find it. b) PT wants to move licensure to a 3-year model

**5. Future Meetings**

MiOTA: Fall Conference October 12 – 14, 2018 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia, Michigan. Friday at 4 pm we will offer a Human Trafficking session open for ALL disciplines. The 2019 conference will be October 11-13 at Bavarian Inn of Frankenmuth.

MPTA: MPTA Fall Conference will be October 5-6, 2018 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. Thanks for the great idea, MiOTA!

MSHA: March 21-23, 2019; Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.

**Next Tri Alliance Meeting:** 10/24/18 at 11:30 in Ann Arbor

Federal Advocacy Update Possible Change in Reimbursement of OT services for service to patients with Medicare. Bipartisan Budget Act 2018: Starting in January 1, 2020, Medicare Part B providers will report with a modifier indicating whether OT services were provided in whole or in part by an OTA.

Beginning in 2022, any services provided by OTA will be reimbursed at 85% of the typical payment rate. AOTA is working on this issue.

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 also included permanent repeal of the cap on Medicare outpatient therapy service. Advocacy works.

Humana Insurance Policy limits significant therapy codes such as aquatic therapy, group therapy, sensory integration, community/work reintegration, and work hardening. AOTA is review this policy and will be advocating against these exclusions.

Tricare insurance company currently will not reimburse for service provided by OTA's. AOTA has been in discussion with them and a formal consideration by Tricare to occur.

**MIOTA Financial Report**  
checking account balance \$8,476.37  
Savings balance \$2,506.77  
MIOTA Scholarship CD balance of \$23,055.69.

The approved April payments equal \$4,110.00 which were paid the beginning of April.

If you have not yet renewed your annual membership, don't put it off. Sign up today and help MIOTA advocate for Occupational Therapy in Michigan.

Submitted by Cindy Klinger,  
MIOTA Financial Director

## MiOTA Membership News

Dear MiOTA members,

Thank you so much for your continued support of MiOTA through your membership. Your involvement in our membership allows us to advocate for the profession, keep an eye on any potential issues or trends that may impact practice as well as network with one another.

As you read this message think about someone you can influence to become a member our association. There is strength in numbers!

If each member encouraged one professional to become a member our organization would be greater than 1000 members. If your work would like a member of our membership committee to join them for a lunch and learn send me an email – [cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com) I would love the opportunity to talk about our organization or other issues related to practice in Michigan such as our state practice act.

Thank you,

Cathleen Johnson, Membership Director

## MiOTA Executive Positions Available in Upcoming Elections

MiOTA is seeing individuals interested in running for the following positions on MiOTA's Executive Committee.

**Advocacy Director** – Charged with assisting members to obtain necessary information regarding laws, rules and regulations and third-party reimbursement and serving as an avenue for membership to bring related questions to, as well as tracking current state and national health care legislation and reimbursement issues, as well as additional duties as outlined by the MiOTA Standard Operating Procedures.

**Membership Director** – Responsible for Appointing and overseeing the Coordinators of Recruitment, Retention and Activation and appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee. The membership director serves to promote and retain MiOTA Membership.

**Member-At-Large/Secretary** – Charged with overseeing the interests of the Members of MiOTA; as well as duties including: recording minutes of the business meetings of the Corporation, recording minutes at all MiOTA Executive Committee, Association Assembly, and general membership meetings and to maintain the history of the organization.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please fill out the document on page 12

## MiOTA Member Susan Robson-Burt getting her FAOTA award at AOTA





The 2018 Annual MiOTA Conference Presents

## Blazing A Trail into the Future of OT

October 12 - 14, 2018

**Embassy Suites Hotel**  
 19525 Victor Parkway  
 Livonia, MI 48154  
 734-462-6000

Keynote Speaker  
**Katie Tietz,**  
**MS, OTR/L**  
 Author of "Self Care for the  
 Healthcare Professional"

### 2018 Conference Updates

- Call for papers is closed
- Notifications for acceptance to present will go out mid-May
- Human Trafficking presentation will be offered on Friday, October 12 from 4-5 PM and open to all disciplines (invite your co-workers)
- Exhibitor hall will be open during Welcome Reception on Friday, October 12 from 5-9 PM with CEU opportunity
- Still accepting exhibitors
- Full conference program will be available mid-June

### MiOTA Membership Numbers

|              | Paid<br>thru<br>1.12.18 | Paid<br>thru<br>1.30.18 | Paid<br>thru<br>3.9.18 | Paid<br>thru<br>4.5.18 | Paid<br>thru<br>5.2.18 |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Associate    | 2                       | 3                       | 4                      | 4                      | 4                      |
| Honorary     | 9                       | 9                       | 9                      | 9                      | 9                      |
| OT           | 331                     | 324                     | 321                    | 320                    | 325                    |
| OTA          | 44                      | 45                      | 46                     | 46                     | 48                     |
| Retired      | 9                       | 9                       | 9                      | 9                      | 9                      |
| Student      | 288                     | 285                     | 282                    | 284                    | 282                    |
| New Grad     |                         |                         | 2                      | 5                      | 7                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>683</b>              | <b>675</b>              | <b>673</b>             | <b>677</b>             | <b>684</b>             |

### MiOTA Monthly Webinar Schedule

|              |        |                                   |                          |
|--------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| May 31, 2018 | 6:00pm | mCIMT w/ Chronic Stroke Survivors | Holly Grieves, MS OTRL   |
| June 2018    | TBD    | The Role of OT in Maker Spaces    | Michele Morgan & Partner |

# MiOTA Executive Committee Board Member

## Nomination/Application Form

1. Position you are requesting nomination for (check one):
  - Membership Director
  - Member-At-Large / Secretary
  - Advocacy Director
2. Your AOTA membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration/Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your MiOTA membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration/Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_
4. State of Michigan license #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration/Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(\* Please note, you only need to practice in the state of Michigan and be a MiOTA member to run for office).

### Information to be included on the voting ballot:

Bio:

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Previous experience that supports position you are running for:

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Committees you have served on in MiOTA or AOTA:

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Platform on which you are running:

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**By signing this form (initials for electronic transmittal), you agree, that should you be elected, you will serve the term as outlined by the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Corporation.**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit to the MiOTA office via email, fax or mail (postmark must be on or by nomination due date).

**FOR 2019-2020 TERM ELECTIONS: Return completed Nomination form by **June 15th, 2018** to:**

**Michigan Occupational Therapy Association \*\* 124 W. Allegan, Ste 1900 \*\* Lansing, MI 48933**

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Please contact us by email (above) or phone: (517) 267-3918 should you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you.



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### **MiOTA Awards & Special Recognitions**

Below is a brief description of awards individuals can be nominated for

#### Certificate of Appreciation

- To express the appreciation of MiOTA to members and non-members for extraordinary contributions to the advancement of OT.

#### Departmental Membership Award

- To actively support MiOTA participation by recognizing occupational therapy departments in which 80% or more of the staff are members of MiOTA

#### Distinguished Service Awards

- To honor members of MiOTA for extraordinary service to MiOTA. Nominees have made continuing and outstanding contributions to the development, growth and process of MiOTA.

#### Master Clinician Award

- To recognize members of MiOTA, who with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to occupational therapy through a combination of some of the following: supervision of students and staff; articles and presentations; workshops; mentoring; education; therapeutic work with clients and families. This therapist stands head and shoulders above the crowd: a model for fellow therapists.

#### OT Award of Excellence & OTA Award of Excellence

- To honor members of MiOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the profession.

#### OT Honorary Member Award

- To recognize MiOTA members who have, or are, retiring, and who have performed distinguished service in the field of occupational therapy. Honorary members receive a free, life membership in MiOTA.

#### Fellow of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

- To recognize members of MiOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, during their career have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members.
- Will be allowed to use credentials - FMiOTA



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## 2018 Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominator:

Date:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

Phone (C):

(H):

Part A: Use this portion for all the awards except Departmental Membership:

Name of award:

Name of Nominee:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail Address:

**Directions:** return this form along with a narrative of at least 50 words specific to the award purpose and criteria, (listed above). Also include a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominated individual by **September 8, 2018**. Please make sure information is accurate as this facilitates the determination of awards by the Awards Committee via specific information and examples of qualification for the award. Please send to the MiOTA office Fax: (517) 484-4442. Email: [website@miota.org](mailto:website@miota.org). Mail: 124 W. Allegan St. Suite 1900, Lansing, MI 48933