**Non Member Survey Comments**

Please review the comments posted by nonmembers and the responses from the MiOTA board are in red. Thank you for taking the time to provide this valuable feedback.

2 Lower cost 4/15/2015 11:21 AM

Student discounts are provided and a 20% discount was offered to anyone in April and May 2015. Please continue to check the MiOTA web site for any additional upcoming specials.

3 more town meetings and social gatherings to share info 4/4/2015 10:43 AM

Two more chapters opened up this year in hopes to share more information. Teleconferencing options are available to some chapter to increase the means to gain information without physically attending a meeting.

4 Membership requirement events with give away items and general information regarding MiOTA. Emails, flyers

with reminders.

4/3/2015 4:58 PM

Yes – great idea and SOTA and membership has already started doing this. Gift certificates for restaurants and free memberships have been given out this year at different events. Check the website for these events and giveaways.

5 More chapter networking opportunities to meet other local therapists and either reduced annual dues or the option to pay monthly. Having reduced rates for members for events such as the conference or CEU workshops

would also be ways to demonstrate the benefit of membership. Even if there's a fundraising goal for the AOTPAC or lobbying efforts - something tangible to help practitioners understand where their membership dollars are going or at least demonstrate the benefit. Advocacy town hall meetings during OT month is another idea to facilitate discussion and rally therapists to become more knowledgeable on legislation affecting practice and

patients.

4/2/2015 7:51 PM\

Yes these are all wonderful suggestions and several are already in action. Two more chapter have opened up this year and the meetings are posted on the web site. Monthly dues options cannot work with our current website set up, however this is being looked at for possible changes in the future. Email blast and MiOTA and Face book posting are provided on legislation and will continue to post more timely. Often weeks go by with minimal activity because a lot of waiting occurs with legislation, then everything happens at once. This is a goal to post more content - thank you.

6 Response time. Stay up to date and current with trending OT news, informaiton is not presented in a timely manner. When somoeone raises their hand to help, encourage them rather then blocking them. Provide them with mentorship. Expose them to current avaiable opportunities. Involve students more, after all the are the next generation.

4/2/2015 9:48 AM

Yes students are the future and mentoring with others in the field is a great collaboration. Mentoring options are active at this time for most positions, however this is an evolving program due to different needs and the changes in time commitments from everyone who is a volunteer. Please reach out to offie@mitoa.org to express your interest. Everyone should feel valued and MiOTA strives to involve everyone. The newsletter and MiOTA website has the open positions posted so please check those out as many opportunities are available and in need!! Thank you - please be persistent and share your passion with the profession and MiOTA.

7 I really didnt see the benefit of being a memebr of Miota, so after a few years I let it drop. Sell it to me, why should I be a member? What can you do to help me serve my patients better? 4/1/2015 4:09 PM

Yes – membership advocates for the profession. Continued awareness is needed to keep the profession viable and sustainable in Michigan. A large part of your dues goes to paying a lobbyist who navigates the confusing and demanding legislative arena for occupational therapy practitioners. Lobbying for specific bills to protect our scope of practice is the lobbyist’s priority. Often bills are not available for occupational therapy practitioners to address in specific practice area, hence continued advocacy in other ways is necessary. Please share specific needs that you are seeking to provide resources or seek out needed resources. Your voice brings issues to light that the MiOTA organization may not be aware of or may not have any volunteers to help advocate for, so your voice is critical. Pease contact office@mitoa.org to share your voice and your practice area concerns.

8 Get information out to members in a TIMELY manner - I let my membership lapse after the 2014 conference when MiOTA shared licensure information/updates that had apparantly been out for months but they neglected to share until October??? With that type of communication, membership is not worth my money.

4/1/2015 8:48 AM

Thank you for your information and feedback. MiOTA uses social media including the MiOTA website and Facebook to release information. At that time of the information you are addressing the MiOTA website was not active, hence email blast and Facebook was utilized to issue out information. MiOTA membership pays for website management and our lobbyist at two large expenses so lower membership and limited volunteers aides in information released to nonmembers may be slower than members. Please continue to voice your feedback so MiOTA can make necessary changes and please consider rejoining to volunteer your time to help prevent communication gaps. Thank you!

9 Increased information on the importance for legislation purpose and opportunities. 3/27/2015 7:42 AM

Yes – thank you for your feedback. Updates are provided on the website under advocacy section and on Facebook as well as email blasts. Furthermore, updates are provided and discussed at chapter meetings. If you have not attended a chapter meeting you may want to seek one out as it is a great way to share information. Often legislative issues are quiet for weeks then there is a lot of activity. Please keep checking the website for these updates. Thank you for your feedback.

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