

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

**TRI-ALLIANCE MEETING**

On Wednesday, 10/24/18 the “Tri-Alliance Committee” met. Those in attendance: MIOTA: Denise Justice and Jeannie Kunz; **MPTA:** Jake Jakubiak Kovacek; **and MSHA:** Elaine Ledwon-Robinson. **The group discussed the following:**

1. Legal Issues Impacting Professional Practice in Michigan

MPTA: 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 website has information for members on the details of this new law. No operational issues reported at this time.

2. Legislative Updates in Michigan

MPTA: MPTA publicly endorsed these legislators for the 2018 midterm elections:

*Julie M Rogers, PT – 5th District Kalamazoo County Commissioner – Incumbent

*Sponsors of SB 582, now PA 62-18 – PTs to certify citizens for handicapped parking placards:

*Senator Marty Knollenberg R-13 Troy – Incumbent – Bill sponsor

*Senator Rebekah Warren D-18 Ann Arbor. Bill co-sponsor. Term limited in Senate. Now running for 3rd term in MI House District 55.

*Senator Dale Zorn R-17 Ida – Incumbent. Bill co-sponsor.

Sponsors of HB 5444 – PT/PTAs to mandatory reporters of child neglect/abuse.

*Rep Jeff Yaroch R-33 Richmond – Incumbent – Bill sponsor

*Rep Tommy Brann R-77 Wyoming – Incumbent – Bill co-sponsor

*Rep Donna Lasinski D-52 Ann Arbor – Incumbent – Bill co-sponsor

*Rep Kristy Pagan D-21 Canton – Incumbent – Bill co-sponsor

Friend to PT over the years via bill sponsorship, attending MPTA Advocacy Day legislative breakfast, scheduling time to meet in their office with MPTA

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member’s/ PT students, supporting PT legislative efforts.

*Senator Jim Ananich D-27 Flint – Incumbent

*Senator Margaret O’Brien R-20 Portage – Incumbent

*Rep Winnie Brinks D-76 Grand Rapids – Term limited in House. Running for Senate District 29

*Rep Scott Dianda D-110 Calumet – Term limited in House. Running for Senate District 38.

MiOTA:

Meetings with:

*Senator Knollenberg

*Senator Booher (ADA guidelines)

3. Reimbursement / Payment Update

MPTA:

*MPTA sent the NY Times article and a copy of the OIG audit report that raised concerns on Medicare Advantage plans services and denials to BCBSM to help substantiate the burdens on the provider with eviCore. Articles attached.

***October 2018- BCBSM The Record**

***FEP billing guidelines for physical, speech and occupational therapy at skilled nursing facilities**

*Health plan benefits for Federal Employee Program® members include physical, speech and

occupational therapy that's provided in a skilled nursing facility.

What you need to know when billing for this:

- *The facility must bill each individual date of service,
- *Services with a date range will cause the claim to reject and will delay the claim process.
- *Visits will accumulate toward the physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy maximum under the member's Standard or Basic Option coverage.
- *The Standard Option visit maximum is 75 visits per person, per calendar year.
- *The Basic Option visit maximum is 50 visits per person, per calendar year.

MiOTA:

- *Working with BCBS and BCN on the (60 consecutive visit)
- *Developed an Ad hoc Committee policy to provide guidance and structure to promote involvement of membership and non-membership to address special issues
- *Created an Ad hoc Home Modification Committee to improve access to reimbursement through legislation and education
- *Wrote an article to inform membership about Medicaid Work requirements
- *Wrote an article to inform membership about the purpose of the Ad hoc Committee policy as a means of involving non-membership on special issues

MSHA:

Now have access to CHAMPS

4. Rules Update from State of Michigan – LARA

Reminder: LARA informed MPTA that language stating that the professionals must provide continued care without regard to the provider's safety will be removed from all Rules as it superseded the statute.

Note: MPTA has been informed that LARA cannot support the move from a 2-year re-licensure cycle to a 3-year re-licensure cycle. No rationale given. Still seeking information.

- *PT – Proposed Rules not yet posted on Michigan.gov
- *OT- Draft Rules to Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) on 10/12/18
- *SLP- Rules complete

5. Other Updates

MiOTA:

- *OT representation at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Mother-Infant Health Improvement Plan
- *OT was appointed a position on the Michigan Special Education Council"
- *Watching the auto no-fault bill during the lame duck session

6. Lobby Day

MiOTA:

- *Last lobby day >150 attendees
- *Next Lobby day will be late winter or early spring 2019

7. Future Meetings

MiOTA: October 10-12, 2019
at Bavarian Inn of Frankenmuth.
MPTA: March 22-23, 2019
Spring Conference at Ann

Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest.
MSHA: March 21-23, 2019;
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.

**Next Tri Alliance Meeting:
Wednesday April 10, 2019**

Please provide any input/questions for the next meeting by contacting the MiOTA office.

**Friends of OT in Michigan
Call for Volunteer Leaders**

Our Political Action Committee (PAC) needs to move "to the next level" to improve the conditions in MI for our clients/consumers/patients and the occupational therapists here in MI. Jackie Ryan (West-Frasier) and I "reactivated" the PAC in 2013 when OT was on the list of professions in Michigan that were recommended for having licensure removed. We have raised well over \$6,000 since that time, but we need to start the action of putting that money to work for us in the political system. Jackie and I agreed to do the bookwork and fund raising, but that isn't enough! We need to "pass the baton" on to others who can work closely with the MiOTA Advocacy Committee to actively watch candidates and fund-raising events, so that we can use the money to move our professional issues forward in the state of MI! Jackie is the finance person, and will work with Jody

from the lobbyist's office and our new committee to be sure that we cross the "t: and dot the "i" and follow all the legal rules for a PAC. I will work with the committee to talk about the Silent Auction and other "asks" that we have made in the past. It is a worthwhile time commitment that is very low most of the time but then requires some bursts of time after conference to get the reports done in a timely manner. We have been very happy to play the role that we could this past 5 years and are ready to help others get to that "next level."

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact

Debra.lindstrom@wmich.edu or djustice@med.umich.edu

MiOTA Chapter Challenge

At the most recent MiOTA conference, it was announced that the October 2019 conference in Frankenmuth will be our 100th anniversary! In celebration of this momentous milestone in the great state of Michigan, the Greater Area Lansing Chapter would like to challenge all Michigan MiOTA chapters in a friendly race to promote membership and participation.

During the month of November 2018, each chapter who wants to participate in this challenge, should verify the number of active members on their chapter roster. This will be each chapters' baseline number. During the months of **December 2018-**

September 2019 changes in membership and participation should be recorded, according to the chart below. All numbers should be turned in to the MiOTA office by the last day of September 2019 for totals to be compared. The winning chapter will be announced during the 2019 Conference Awards ceremony, and will receive a traveling trophy, which will be kept by the winning chapter until the next conference. This will be an annual contest, and all data submitted by each chapter will be received on the honor system.

1 st time member joining	5 points
Renewing member	3 point
Student member joining or renewing	2 points
Each member who submits a proposal to present at the 2019 Annual Conference	10 points
Each member who is accepted to present at the 2019 Annual Conference	25 points
December 1-September 30: % of new members	1 point per percentage number
December 1-September 30: % of student members	1 point per percentage number
December 1-September 30: % of members who attend each chapter meeting	1 point per percentage number*
Donation to MiOTA or the MIPAC	25 points per donation*

*Because each chapter meets on various dates and times during the year, the % number submitted for the challenge at the end of September 2019, should be the average % of all meetings. For example, if a chapter meets x3, the number submitted for the challenge would be: 33%+42%+65% divided by 3 = **47%**

**Donations can be in any form: monetary or tangible. Please contact the MiOTA office for ideas of what is needed. Donations to the Michigan Political Action Committee should be committed to prior to the 2019 conference in the form of auction items and/or monetary donations of at least \$25. Receipts of all donations will be required as proof of purchase/donation.

Financial Director Report

Income:

Budget: \$90,876.00
(Actual): \$94,155.40

Expenses:

Budget: \$86,120.00
(Actual): \$56,133.78

Net Income:\$38,021.62

MiOTA Checking - \$49,058.13

MiOTA Savings - \$2,507.05

MiOTA Scholarship CD - \$23,057.04

Cindy Klinger, MiOTA Financial Director

2018 MiOTA Conference Summary

The conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia, Michigan was a huge success. Over the course of the three days we had 253 attendees; 26 exhibitors; and one amazing keynote speaker, Katie Tietz. Thank you to the following people who helped ensure the event was a success: from photography by Matt Odgrodowski, to the conference planning committee (Cindy Klinger, Kirsten Matthews, Denise Justice, Keelia Parise, Holly Mauk, Joanna Coddington, Susanne Terry, Marta Munz, Danielle Baker, Bethany Burge) and finally to the student ambassadors (Cydne Johnson, Carlene Severin, NJ Phillips, Timothy Parent, Forrest Patterson, Kaitlin Graf, Brittany Perlaki, Supriya Jalukar).

If you attended the event and did not turn in your contact hour sheets please do so via fax, mail, or email ASAP. The MiOTA office will issue you a certificate of attendance for your records.

Next year conference will be held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth to honor the 100-year anniversary of MiOTA. Be advised that the dates have changed since the printing of the conference program. The dates are October 10-12, 2019.



MOTEC MEMO November 2018

*Sara Clark, Western
Michigan University*

MOTEC (The Michigan Occupational Therapy Education Consortium) thanks all fieldwork educators for another wonderful year (2018) of student placements across the state of Michigan!

Fieldwork Educator Days:

MOTEC hosted three Fieldwork Educator days in 2018 titled: **Pathway To Success in Fieldwork Education**. During these courses, numerous fieldwork educators, from across the state, discussed the importance of highlighting the assessment and intervention of psychosocial and mental health factors in any practice setting during fieldwork experiences. Thank you to the numerous fieldwork educators who volunteered their time to speak on the psychosocial panels. The course also

focused on how to address student performance challenges. MOTEC will meet in early 2019 to plan the agenda and locations of the 2019 fieldwork educator days.

OTD Entry Point Mandate in Abeyance:

On Tuesday October 9th, 2018, all AOTA members received an email from AOTA with the following information:

- "In July 2018 the AOTA Board of Directors passed a resolution that the OTD and OTA mandates be placed in abeyance so that further investigation of issues related to the mandates be completed and recommendations be forwarded to the Representative Assembly for consideration."
- "ACOTE on September 27, 2018, accepted AOTA's abeyance of the 2027 mandate requiring all entry occupational therapy programs to transition to the doctoral level."

In October of 2018, the AOTA Board of Directors appointed a task force to

“determine external issues affecting entry level education” for OT and OTA. The task force includes members of the AOTA Board, the Representative Assembly, and ACOTE. The evidence and data collected by this task force will be shared with the Representative Assembly, who will have the final education entry point decision for both OT and OTA.

For more information on this task force and how to share your opinions on this matter, go to the AOTA website, “News from AOTA” section.

2018 ACOTE Standards

ACOTE is the *Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education*. The 2018 ACOTE Standards were officially adopted in August 2018 and will be effective July 21st, 2020. To view the entire set of the 2018 ACOTE Standards, please visit the AOTA website, *Accreditation* section. The “C” section of the document lists the fieldwork standards for Level I and Level II Fieldwork. The most important changes to note are the following standards:

- C.1. 3 = All fieldwork experiences (Level I and Level II) will need a **psychosocial**

objective, for all areas of practice.

- C.1.11 = Academic programs will need to **verify the license number** of all Level II Fieldwork Educators and the **site-specific learning objectives** of the experience, **prior to the start of the rotation**. OT/OTA fieldwork programs can no longer wait until day one/week one of a fieldwork experience for the fieldwork educator license number and site-specific objectives.

AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program – February 2019 - Michigan

Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center (Mason, MI) will host the *AOTA Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program* on **February 15th and 16th, 2019** (Friday/Saturday). Registration information is in the development stages. Please contact Sara Clark if you are interested in attending: sara.clark@wmich.edu.

Spotlight on New Member



Daun Pascaretti is the supervisor of Occupational and Physical Therapy at Beaumont Health, Troy Specialty Services at the Rehabilitation and Dialysis Center.

I am a member of MIOTA for several reasons. The most important for me is that it is a great way to advocate for my field that I have loved dearly for so many years. I have seen many changes in health care and in our population health which I know OTs can play a significant role. We need to face these challenges by being an engaged, unified professional group. We need MiOTA to support our representatives during legislative hearings so that public policy promotes our core values and the need for occupational therapy. The opportunity MiOTA provides for networking, educational opportunities, sounding board/ advice giving when facing challenges related to insurance, ethics in the work place etc. are awesome. My only regret is that early in my career, I did not fully

understand how valuable MiOTA is. I feel I may have missed out on valuable experiences and professional growth as a newer OT that would have significantly benefited me in my career. Don't let this happen to you!

Side notes: I currently have a daughter who is in the Wayne State University Occupational Therapy Program and another who is currently attending Grand Valley State University with a goal of becoming a nurse.

From the Membership Director:

	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8	Paid thru 8
	1,12.1	1,30.1	3,9.1	4,5.1	5,2.1	5,24.1	6,8.1	7,23.1	9,6.1	10,13.	10,30.	18
Associate	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
Honorary	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
OT	331	324	321	320	325	329	320	313	312	316	319	319
OTA	44	45	46	46	48	48	45	43	42	37	40	40
Retired	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	8	8	9	9	9
Student	288	285	282	284	282	272	267	254	245	245	256	256
New Grad	2	5	7	10	10	10	11	11	17	22	24	24
TOTAL	683	675	673	677	684	681	664	643	638	643	662	662

Thank you for your membership – as you can see our numbers have not changed much throughout the year even though we have added incentives and continue to provide benefits of networking, educational professional development opportunities and a great conference.

What more can our membership committee do to grow membership? We have added the incentive of offering a discount to those attending and joining at a chapter meeting – 25% discount off membership for new members or renewing members! Please attend a chapter meeting, bring a non-member and encourage membership. The membership committee created invitations for conference attendees to hand to their peers who are non-members. The

invitations spelled out the benefits of membership.

I ask each of you reading this message to please reach out to a peer and invite them to be a member. Your membership allows us to have a lobbyist that keeps an ear and an eye out for issues impacting our profession. Personally, I attend the Michigan OT Board meetings in Lansing to inform MiOTA members of potential issues that could impact our practice.

Please help us grow membership by inviting someone to become a member.

Thank you

Cathleen Johnson, Membership Director - and Membership Committee – Sonny Grendel, Eric Checkley, Christine Sperry, and Tera Richards



A Tribute to Christian Rasmussen

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association wishes to extend its greatest sympathy to the family of Christian Rasmussen. After battling

cancer for 2 years, he passed away on June 27, 2018.

Christian graduated with his master's in occupational therapy in 1977 from University of Buffalo. Christian worked in the field of occupational therapy since the late 80's. His career consisted of working at the University of Michigan in both hand and burn treatment. He then went on to work for Smith and Nephew-Roldan. Many of you may recall him visiting your clinic or attending a splint workshop.

Christian volunteered for MiOTA in several ways. He designed conference brochures, and in early 2000's, MiOTA had the honor of having him as a Key Note Speaker at our annual conference in Kalamazoo. His presentation included painting a mural of Mozart which was auctioned off. The owner of this painting is Fred Sammons and Barbara Rider. Christian also coined the theme for one of MiOTA's annual conferences: "Living Life to the Fullest".

Christian had a passion for helping people and for art. He lived his life in this manner in the truest sense as he had one final "happy hour" while in hospice at the hospital which included his favorite beverage, an "Old Fashion".

Some interesting facts about Christian:

1. He was on the show "What's My Line", as a fire hydrant painter for the city of Dearborn.
2. In the past, his artwork has been displayed during Art Prize in Grand Rapids
3. His two sons wrote, directed, and produced a

short film based upon Christian's life called "Famous in Detroit," which won the **2018 Cinetopia Audience Award** at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Christian Rasmussen was an amazing individual who will truly be missed by all who knew him including the community of Occupational Therapy.

MiOTA has already donated to the Detroit Institute of Art in memory of Christian.

If you would to make a personal donation in memory of Christian Rasmussen, you can still do so with one of the following charities:

1. Detroit Institute of Arts
(www.dia.org/support/donate/tribute-memorial-giving)
2. Children's Creative Center
(www.childrenscreativecenter.org)

3. Ann Arbor Arboretum
(<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/310500/tributee/Christian%20Rasmussen/type/memorial>)

process for registering individuals, assigning speakers and advertising the events. She has done a great deal of work and will support a new individual coming into the role.



Coordinator for Educational Webinars – A volunteer opportunity!

A big thank you to Tera Richards for serving as the individual who sets up and coordinates the webinars on a monthly basis! Tera is stepping down from the position at the beginning of 2019. Tera has created a streamlined



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MiOTA Scholarship

Application Deadline January 15th, 2019

This 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 profession. You must also meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in an accredited occupational therapy program in the state of Michigan
- 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 community involvement
- Submit your application by January 15th, 2019

This scholarship has been established to recognize scholastic achievement, leadership and to encourage continued progress towards your professional goals.

Instructions (please read carefully):

- Complete **all** sections of this application.
- Use only the space provided to answer application questions
- **Read** and **sign** the bottom of the application on the last page
- Enclose a copy of your **current resume or CV** with your application.
- Submit your completed application and letters of recommendation to one of the following:

Office@miota.org

Or

***Michigan Occupational Therapy Association
124 W. Allegan Street, Suite 1900
Lansing MI 48933***

Additional Information:

- For questions, contact the MiOTA office at 517-267-3918 or office@miota.org



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MiOTA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline January 15, 2019

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ County: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email address: _____

Program in which you are currently enrolled: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____



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3. Describe a specific activity or experience that has been important in clarifying or strengthening your commitment to the field of Occupational Therapy:

4. Explain why you feel you are an excellent candidate to receive this scholarship:



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5. How do you envision getting involved and giving back to your community, your profession and your program/college after graduation?

6. Other information (not already addressed in the application) that you would like the MiOTA scholarship review committee to consider:



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AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE:

*I understand that I must have a **3.0 GPA** or higher and that all information that I have included in this application is accurate. If selected for this scholarship, I understand my obligation to volunteer 20 hours of my time to MiOTA. By my signature below; I give MiOTA permission to release the award information to the appropriate institutions/organizations for publicity purposes.*

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please submit to:

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