

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



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LEADER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Spring Renewals

I'm hoping that as you are reading this, you are finding spring to have "sprung" so to speak. For some of us this winter - maybe all of us, really - it has been another long, cold hard winter.

Although another hard winter wasn't exactly my preference, sometimes the tough times are great in teaching. It teaches us the importance of being prepared and proactive. It teaches us how to persevere and adapt. It reminds us how thankful we should be for what we have. And, in the end, when we come through to see the first signs of spring peeking through, it teaches us the importance of reflection as we reflect on what went well and what we should strive to do better for the next winter. Of course, just because one tough season passes, we always know that the next season may bring sunny skies or turbulent weather, so we stay on our toes as we enjoy our spring.

MiOTA is working to come out of its hard winter, but we still expect some hard weather ahead. We are learning, we are reflecting, we are rebuilding and we are replanting. We are preparing for some of our largest changes yet. For MiOTA, this spring will be about a start of a process of renewal, rebirth and regrowth. Certainly, the pains and labors of growing are difficult. Growing is unpredictable and subject to outside forces; sometimes as helpful as rain and sun, which contribute to the growth. But sometimes the forces are more like hail stones; beating down with more interest in destroying than supporting. In the end, we hope that the strength overshadows the damage and the harvest is enough to bring

us into a new year, sustaining us for the long haul.

Some of our plans have already been in the works and we finally have the right resources in place to guide us forward to walking the legal tight-ropes we have been trying to cross. Some are just getting to launch.

I was fortunate to have attended the Affiliation of State Association President's (ASAP) meeting in Nashville prior to the AOTA conference. Michigan really isn't alone in the struggles it faces; nearly every state is struggling with the exact same issues as MiOTA. Although there are a few doing better, there are certainly a number who are struggling; if not more than us, as least as much as us. We were fortunate during our meetings to have a number of great presentations and opportunities to share information with one another. From networking and learning from one another, a list of new priorities emerged for our association; call it the priorities for Membership Organizations for the Next Generation if you will.

MiOTA had a head start with strategic planning, mission and vision statements prior to my meetings mid-April. We had already launched a Survey Monkey questionnaire to gain member and non-member perspectives, a membership drive with a special offer (20% off your renewal or new/returning membership dues through the end of May, no matter when your membership expires!) and a push to rebuild and improve networking with the chapter groups - including reactivation of several chapters in Michigan. With the feedback received by members and non-members, we are able to make some plans on what the majority needs and wants to see. We will have more

decisions to make on the information before we can officially share our timeline, but expect the changes to be quite noticeable. Everything is up for review and discussion right now... bylaws, how we share information/communication, networking structure, mission, vision... everything. Some of it will be a challenge; we will need manpower in the form of volunteers to make things happen. We will need standing committees and we will need some specially appointed committees. We are going to ask for more help and insights from our chapters so we have a better feel for the issues around the state. There is going to be some trial and error as we test out new ideas and even retry some old ideas. We are going to have some work to do to improve how connected the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula are with one another. We may explore some collaboration with surrounding states. Every item is under scrutiny and up for debate at this point! ☺

This is MiOTA's spring to regrow. We hope you will pitch-in any ideas, volunteer time or resources you feel comfortable offering to make this a new and stronger organization for the next generation of MiOTA.

And, as always, we appreciate your membership - without you, we do not exist - so...Thank YOU!

Sincerely,

Kirsten Matthews

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

2015 Affiliation of State Association Presidents (ASAP) Annual Meeting – Nashville



We celebrated all states of the union gaining licensure for Occupational Therapists at the Annual ASAP meeting! AOTA presented the state associations with a cake in celebration of the last state of the union – Hawaii - gaining licensure! Pictured cutting the cake is Izel Obermeyer, the current ASAP Chair.

Now that all of the states have licensure for Occupational Therapists, there are a few states that do not have licensure for Occupational Therapy Assistants. We hope we can gain their licensure soon and celebrate that milestone as well!



Membership Information

Lansing Chapter Meetings

The Lansing Chapter has been reactivated! Please contact Mary Jo Moore mjmoore80@gmail.com or Cathleen Johnson cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com to further information. The next scheduled meeting is on June 25th in the evening!

Free continuing education opportunities!

Our webinars and conference calls hosted monthly continue to be well attended by our membership. These events are a great resource of clinical content as well as professional updates.

Our next two events are as scheduled:

May 20th 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Successful Supervision and Collaboration between the OT and OTA – Speaker is Mary Ellen East

June 17th 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. NBCOT Test Taking Tips (a student focused webinar) – Speaker, Eric Checkley

To RSVP for these events – email cathleen@therapiststrainingtherapists.com

Space is limited and is reserved via a first come first serve basis. We ask if you RSVP for the event to please mark your calendar to attend as we are turning away others based on meeting our maximum lines.

Invite our Membership Committee to your center for an event!

On April 30th HCR ManorCare and MiOTA cohosted an event for OT and OTA professionals. Attendees included HCR ManorCare therapy professionals and others OTs and OTAs from the area. HCR ManorCare provided a light meal and snacks, had giveaways and also raffled off memberships. It was a great event! As part of the event, Cathleen Johnson, Membership Director for MiOTA reviewed the Adopted Rules for OT that went into effect on June 11, 2014. It was a great night! We can do the same for your team – contact cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com – Cathleen Johnson, Membership Director for MiOTA.

Member Type	Paid through 5.4.15
Honorary	9
OT	241
OTA	25
Retired	10
Student	157
TOTAL	442



Spring Newsletter Advocacy Report



Your voice! You advocated! You got it!

MiOTA is launching in May 2015 **e Connect** which is a bimonthly email blast to update you on the latest advocacy, membership, communication, and finance information. We encourage you to read, share, and contribute to this initiative to increase awareness of new and ongoing topics among occupational therapy in Michigan.

Advocacy Acknowledgement!

Excellent Educators... Creative Clinicians... Significant Students...

The Advocacy Section on the MiOTA website is now acknowledging those that are engaging in advocacy events, activities, and projects. There are amazing advocates throughout our state. This platform is a way to share their ideas so others can duplicate and support ways to increase

occupational therapy awareness. There are forms on MiOTA website advocacy section to complete and submit for posting your event.

Thank you!

MiOTA asked for your feedback and you gave it through our on line survey. 118 members and 35 nonmembers completed the survey which closed on 4/30/15. Thank you!! Look for the results on Facebook and the website soon of what you, the stakeholders, need and want from MiOTA. A plan of action will be created to address these top needs throughout our state.

Calling all volunteers!

Share your energy, ideas, and passion for occupational therapy through volunteering. From organizing an event to sending out mailings... there is an opportunity for every one's talents and time.

Open Positions	Pre - Requirements	Position Activities
Director of Reimbursement	OT or OTA	Attend conference call every other month and act as liaison between MiOTA and insurance providers
Medicaid Liaison	OT or OTA	Attend conference call every other month and act as liaison between Medicaid and MiOTA
Advocacy, public policy, or rules and regulations committee members	Student, OT, or OTA	Conference call every other month and email communication as events are being organized

Any comments, contributions, or volunteer inquiries can be submitted to office@miota.org and indicate advocacy in the subjective section.

Your voice does make a difference!

Denise Hoffman, MSOT, OTRL
Executive Advocacy Director

AOTA News

Last month we reported on the recent Supreme Court decision in the case [NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL](#)

[EXAMINERS v. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION](#)

This article discusses recent comments by an FTC commissioner about how states should proceed.

FTC commissioner suggests regulatory board changes following Supreme Court decision

<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20150401/NEWS/150409985/ftc-commissioner-suggests-regulatory-board-changes-following-supreme>

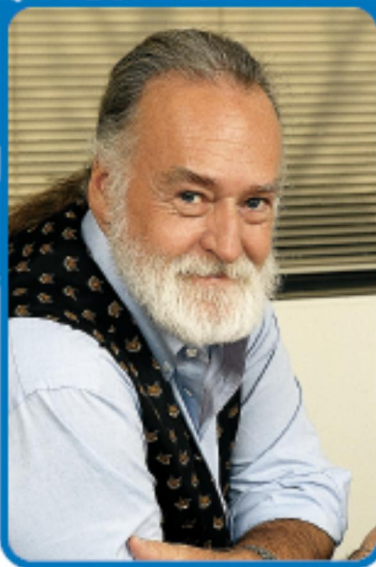
AOTA policy staff will be attending a coalition meeting on April 22 featuring a speaker from FTC to discuss the impact of the case and other issues. FTC's increased activity at the state level could impact how regulatory boards are set up as well as how scope of practice issues play out at the state level. We will keep you posted.

Chuck Willmarth, CAE
Director, Health Policy and State Affairs
American Occupational Therapy Association

Below are listed the various awards and the criteria for nomination. Please take the time to review the various awards and submit a nomination for an award this year. One important criterion is that the nominee be a current member of MiOTA.

1. OTR Award of Excellence: To honor members of MiOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the profession via encouraging the desire to contribute to the development and growth of the profession, focused public attention on the scope of OT, increased awareness of OT as a health provider and as a profession whose body of knowledge and skills are innovative in research and in implementation of new approaches to increasing quality of life.
2. COTA Award of Excellence: Highest Association award for a COTA to honor members of MiOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the advancement of occupational therapy via exemplifying the highest level of technical skills and knowledge that benefit the profession of occupational therapy. Shall have served as a leader within the profession and the health care community fostering growth and development of the profession and MiOTA.
3. Roster of Fellows: To recognize members of the MiOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, during their career have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members via utilizing special skills and/or knowledge in therapeutic practice, education, research, and/or administration. Both scholarly contribution and organizational leadership will be considered.
4. Distinguished Service Award: To honor a member of MiOTA for extraordinary service to the MiOTA. Nominee has made continuing and outstanding contributions to the development, growth and process of MiOTA.
5. Certificate of Appreciation: To express the appreciation of the MiOTA to members and non-members for extraordinary contributions to the advancement of OT. Their efforts could include, but are not limited to: financial contribution, political support, pioneer work, or outstanding leadership role.
6. Legislative Award: To recognize a member of MiOTA for significant contribution in promoting OT in the political arena via assuming an active role in training and organizing occupational therapists to impact on federal or state regulations and/or policies, educating legislators of other key government officials about the purpose and function of OT, responding to requests for action from the legislative committee of the MiOTA, acting as an advocate for consumers of health care and educational services, or playing an active role in state activities related to state PACs.
7. Departmental Membership: To actively support MiOTA participation by recognizing occupational therapy departments in which 80% or more of the staff are members of MiOTA.
8. Honorary Member Award: To recognize MiOTA members who have, or are, retiring, and who have performed distinguished service in the field of occupational therapy.
9. 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.

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John F. Barnes, PT



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As ADA Celebrates its 25th Anniversary, Legacy Bus Tour Stops Outside AOTA Conference in Nashville

July 26, 2015, marks the 25th anniversary of President George H. W. Bush signing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The law has helped create equal access for all people—regardless of age, body, or ability—and its impact can be seen everywhere from sidewalk cutouts to wider elevators that climb to the top floor. As a part of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, AOTA and its members were involved in advocacy for the law from the early stages

To help celebrate the history and significance of the law, the ADA Legacy Bust Tour (<http://www.adalegacy.com/ada25/ada-legacy-tour>) is traveling across the country. The mobile exhibit highlights the efforts needed to get the legislation on the books as well as how the ADA continues to shape the modern world. The bus recently stopped in Nashville, Tennessee, outside AOTA's Annual Conference & Expo, where occupational therapy practitioners had the chance to reflect on how the ADA has allowed them to better help clients engage with their communities.

"The ADA has opened many doors and removed barriers for persons with disabilities and has given the occupational therapy profession an incredible opportunity to expand its reach to enable our clients to live life to its fullest," says AOTA Board of Directors member Shawn Phipps, PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA. "While we have made great strides since the ADA's enactment 25 years ago, there is still so much work to be done. In the spirit of the ADA, AOTA will continue to advocate for the occupational therapy profession and the clients we serve to ensure that we continue to provide high quality services that promote full engagement and participation without restriction."

Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone (W): _____ (H): _____

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

Name of award: _____

Name of Nominee: _____ MiOTA membership #: _____

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 on page 6). Also include a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominated individual by September 1, 2012. 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.

Part B: Use this portion for the Departmental Membership Award Only

Name of Department: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

List the name and MiOTA membership # of all applicable departmental personnel along with number of OT staff within the department.

Please complete a separate form for each nomination if making more (feel free to copy this form). Be sure to send a narrative and curriculum vitae by **September 1st, 2015**.

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MiOTA is looking for a few individuals to run for office this year.

Communication Director: This position appoints, (with the approval of the Executive Committee) and oversees the Coordinators of the Newsletter, Website and Listserv coordinator as well as Networking Committees and the subsections of the Networking Committee (Special Interest Sections [SIS] and Chapters). They discharge the duties of the Leader of the Executive Committee in the absence of the Leader; perform other such duties as are assigned by the Executive Committee, and orient incoming elected director at least two (2) months prior to the first day of the fiscal year before the elected member assumes office.

Financial Director: This position is responsible for managing the fiscal affairs of the Corporation so that the financial resources are available to allow the Corporation to achieve its goals. They prepare the budget and present it to the Executive Committee for approval. Act in an advisory capacity to the Agent of the Corporation. Keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation or delegate to an Agent for the Corporation as specified within a contract. Arrange for the annual review of the corporation accounts by a qualified accountant.

Submit written statements of financial affairs to the Executive Committee for all Executive Committee meetings and at other intervals as it determines. Review submitted Co-Sponsoring Activity with MiOTA Worksheets and Cost Projections Worksheets with other interested parties and informs the person or persons of acceptance, need for revision, or denial of the proposal. Orient incoming elected director at least two (2) months prior to the first day of the fiscal year before the elected member assumes office. Perform other such duties as are assigned by the Executive Committee.

Advocacy Director: This position is responsible for appointing, with the approval of the Executive Committee, and oversee the coordinators of Public Policy and Third Party Reimbursement, exhibit knowledge regarding current health care legislation and reimbursement issues at the State and National levels, assure MiOTA's legislative presence and integrity in health care issues at both the state and, through AOTA, at the national level, assure the involvement of MiOTA in issues that impact the reimbursement for occupational therapy services in the State of Michigan, assist the MiOTA membership in obtaining necessary information regarding laws, rules and regulations and third party reimbursement and shall serve as an avenue for the membership to bring related issues to the attention of the Executive Committee and/or Association Assembly.

If any member has interest in any of these positions, please contact the MiOTA office. To be eligible, nominees must be members of both MiOTA and AOTA registered within the state of Michigan to practice and have served on at least one committee of the corporation. A waiver of these qualifications may be granted by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. More information can be shared. Individuals may want to communicate with current officers for more in depth discussion about the positions in making a decision to be nominated for the offices. Deadline is June 15, 2015. If interested please contact MiOTA Office.

Newsletter Deadlines: May 1st, August 1st, November 1st and February 1st of each year. For articles and photos please send emails to casedo@northvilleschools.org