

# Michigan Occupational Therapy Association



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## LEADER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

## IN THIS ISSUE

### On a Mission for an updated Vision....

This past spring I spoke about the movement towards a "rebirth" of sorts for MiOTA, and over the past several months, we have been working very diligently to achieve that. After going through the results of the survey in the spring, and beginning the task of updating the MiOTA bylaws, we discovered ourselves at a new crossing, but one that requires the help of you – our members – to proceed any further.... You could say we are on a mission for an updated Vision....

The Bylaws and structure of MiOTA is formed based on what our mission and vision is as an organization.... As a one line statement, stating that MiOTA is the "Voice of OT in Michigan" seems quite encompassing, however, it can be viewed as a little ambiguous as well.

Currently, MiOTA's Mission and Vision are as follows:

**"The mission of MiOTA is to advocate for the profession of occupational therapy in the state of Michigan and act as a communication vehicle for its members."**

**Vision Statement:  
"That MiOTA is acknowledged by Occupational Therapy practitioners and all stakeholders"**

**as the premier resource of knowledge, information, and expertise for the profession of Occupational Therapy in the state of Michigan.**

**Our website is your resource for information regarding the profession of Occupational Therapy within the state of Michigan."**

This August, the MiOTA Association Assembly, including Denise Justice, Denise Hoffmann, Nancy Milligan, Cathleen Johnson, Claudette Reid, Donna Case and myself were fortunate enough to meet with AOTA officials including Chuck Willmarth (Director of Health Policy and State Affairs), Deb Amini (Director of Professional Development), Chris Davis (Director of AOTA Press), Frank Gainer (Director of Conferences) and Susan Robosan Burt – Michigan RA Rep.



We discussed the results of the survey, the bylaws and a number of challenges, strengths and goals MiOTA has for communications, networking, advocacy, member benefits, ways to support continued financial growth and so much more. AOTA was there to help us to brainstorm how to make our dreams reality and support our thought process as

we attempted to determine the most effective ways to achieve them. In the end, the greatest need appears to be the need for an updated Mission and Vision; creating a mission and vision that are more concise, directed and pertinent to the membership of today.

Over the next few months, we will be developing some key points that we have identified through the membership and non-member surveys and working to identify their roles in our updated mission and values. We hope to present preliminary work on the key points at our Annual Conference in Traverse City, Michigan, October 11-13<sup>th</sup> and we invite you to attend the annual membership meeting to join into the conversation.

I encourage you to read on for the director's reports; it has been a busy few months for all of our volunteers. I also encourage you to nominate a colleague for a MiOTA award to be presented at the Annual Fall Conference. In addition, the 2015 Ballot is included in this newsletter – please be sure to cast your vote. Ballots AND Award nominations are due by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your support – thank you for being members of MiOTA.

Sincerely,

*Kirsten*

Kirsten Matthews, MA, OTRL, CLT

Leader of the Executive Committee,  
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

#### ADVOCACY NEWS LETTER REPORT

This Advocacy Update brings many changes that are happening in the advocacy and legislation world.

**SURVEY:** The survey results are in and can be found on our website as well as on Facebook. Nearly 140 members and nonmembers participated in the survey to voice what is needed from a state association to help our profession. The top three areas were identified needs: Mentoring program, up to date communication, and better understanding of the vision and purpose of the state association. The Executive Board met with AOTA officials early August to discuss these results and guide the board and MiOTA towards a strategic plan to respond to your 'voice'. Look for email blasts, web site and Facebook postings of communication and activities to increase MiOTA engagement and communication to all occupational therapy practitioners in Michigan.

**NEW COMMITTEE:** I am excited to announce the Michigan Occupational Therapy Board Liaison Committee has been fulfilled and actively working. This new committee is comprised of Cindy Klinger, Gem Sabolboro, and Rebecca MacDonald. The committee attends the Michigan Occupational Therapy Board meetings which is a board separate of MiOTA who create the rules and regulation for occupational therapy. This new committee attends meetings and communicates the information

back to MiOTA. At this time there is no new information to report on these rules as the past couple meetings have been cancelled. The board only meets once quarterly. The next meeting is August 25, 2015.

#### **Applied Behavioral Analysis Bill:**

The updates on this licensure bill for Applied Behavioral Analysis therapists are as follows: I attended a working meeting with all involved stakeholders in May to discuss MiOTA's concern with the bill due to language and lack of defined scope of practice. The concerns were received and the committee is addressing these concerns. There will be a new meeting early Fall to discuss the bill. MiOTA is not opposing licensure of this discipline, however, we are seeking for clarification in language in the bill that is confusing to consumers regarding the distinction in OT services and ABA services.

**VOLUNTEERS:** The advocacy committee is seeking volunteers with an interest in public policy or an interest in advocating. Please see the web site for more information. Look for the below logo in email blasts and on our web site for up to date postings.

Thank you and see you all at conference

Denise Hoffman, MSOT, OTRL



## Lansing Chapter Meeting

Tuesday October 1, 2015. Time and place TBD. Contact MaryJo Moore at 988-494-8552 or [mjmoore80@gmail.com](mailto:mjmoore80@gmail.com)

## Membership Information

As of August 6, 2015

OT	368
OTA	44
Retired	20
Student	176
Honorary	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>

## Membership Director Report

A Note from the Membership Director, Retention & Recruitment Committee!

Our membership numbers continue to grow! A factor of some effortful recruitment activities, grass-root education on the value of membership and our discounted "membership" drive pricing in April through Mid May!

Help us Grow by "1" – Our goal is that each member recruit one more member!

-Encourage a team member, peer, supervisor to be part of MiOTA

-Invite me (or a membership committee member) to come to your place of employment and discuss the benefits of MiOTA membership while also reviewing the enacted OT rules of June 11, 2014

Upcoming "free education" CEU Webinars

As part of your membership benefit – free educational webinars are offered on a monthly basis. Upcoming topics for September and October are as follows:

September: Donna Case, Ph.D.  
OTL – **School Based Therapy Discussion**

October: Cathleen C. Johnson, MS OTRL -- **Role of OT in Continence Improvement**

November: TBD

December: TBD

If you are interesting in speaking on a topic and sharing your time and talent please contact Cathleen Johnson @ [cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:cajohnson@hcr-manorcare.com)

## SUMMER FINANCE REPORT

The financial status of MiOTA is steadily improving thanks to our membership drive campaign of "Grow by One". MiOTA is continuing to pursue revenue from advertising opportunities on the website and in the newsletter. We have a marketing chairperson who is actively assisting these efforts. Also we are looking to increase

a company you would like us to contact? Let me know by email at [djustice@umich.edu](mailto:djustice@umich.edu).

### July Financial Information

Income:

\$34,619.28 (LAST MONTH)  
\$25,374.20

(Projected for year \$92,920.00)

Expenses:

\$27,314.70 (LAST MONTH)  
\$14,891.60

(Projected for year \$92,815.00)

Income versus Expense:

**\*We have some outstanding payments due**

This MONTH

Checking Account Balance:

\$10,093.38

Money Market (Savings)

Balance: \$2,505.45

## Job opening in Southeastern Michigan for OTR/CDRS

Experienced Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist needed for a dynamic, privately-held Driver Rehabilitation practice, with facilities located in Shelby Township and Livonia, Michigan. Responsible for clinical and on road assessments for individuals with varied diagnoses with or without the use of adaptive driving equipment. Excellent communication, problem solving, and interpersonal skills required.

Autonomous practice environment with the ability to consult with experienced, supportive practitioners. Opportunity for flexibility in scheduling. Forward resume to [gayleagarOTRL@live.com](mailto:gayleagarOTRL@live.com)

Dear Occupational Therapy Students,

The MiOTA Conference Committee is offering an opportunity to nine students to serve as "Student Ambassadors" for this year's Annual Fall Conference, **October 12 – 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**. The conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan.

If selected, you **must** be available on Sunday evening **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.** for a short orientation meeting. **You must also be available throughout the entire two days of conference.** The orientation meeting will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI.

**Your primary responsibility as a student ambassador will be:**

- Be available on **Sunday, October 11th at 5:30 PM** for orientation
- To convene specific assigned sessions (a job description will be given out at the meeting)
- Collect the "Speaker Evaluation" at the end of these sessions
- Other duties may be assigned based on other conference activities

**Why should you apply to be a Student Ambassador?**

- Conference registration fee is waived for Student Ambassadors
- Continental breakfast and lunch are provided both days of conference.
- Network with occupational therapist and students from across Michigan

You **MUST** be a member in good standing of MiOTA at the time you submit your application. **Other expenses, such as hotel costs, mileage, and/or dinners will be at your own expense.**

Please go to the MiOTA website: [www.mi-ota.com](http://www.mi-ota.com), to review the conference schedule.

The 2015 Annual MiOTA Conference Presents

# The Changing Colors of Healthcare

## WANTED:

**Student Ambassadors**

**5K Run, Walk, Roll Participants**

**5K Sponsors**

**Conference Exhibitors**

**Annual OT Service Award Nominations**

**Conference Registration**

Visit the website at [www.mi-ots.org](http://www.mi-ots.org) for the forms or locate them within this newsletter



**Newsletter Deadlines:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. For articles and photos please send emails to [casedo@northvilleschools.org](mailto:casedo@northvilleschools.org)

**Attention School Based Therapists or those interested in school based therapy. Please send questions and/or ideas for MiOTA's School Based Webinar in September to Donna Case at [casedo@northvilleschools.org](mailto:casedo@northvilleschools.org) by September 7, 2015.**



The 2015 Annual MiOTA Conference Presents

# The Changing Colors of Healthcare

Keynote Speaker

**Amy Lamb, Vice-President and  
President-Elect of AOTA,  
OTD, OTRL, FAOTA**

October 12-13, 2015 at the  
Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City

Hotel Reservations:  
Grand Traverse Resort  
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd  
Acme, MI 49610  
800-236-1577  
[www.grandtraverseresort.com](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com)  
Reservation Code: mota15

Locate full brochure and registration forms for:

5k Run October 11, 2015  
Conference October 12 and 13 at:  
[www.mi-ota.com](http://www.mi-ota.com),  
Phone (517)267-3918,  
E-mail: [office@miota.org](mailto:office@miota.org)  
Fax #: (517) 484-4442



## Registration Form

Sunday October 11, 2015 at 2 pm

Grand Traverse Resort

100 Grand Traverse Resort

Acme, MI 49610



## Personal Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Apartment/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

MiOTA Membership Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Respond by September 15<sup>th</sup> for a free T-shirt! (Select shirt size- Adult sizes only)**

Small       Med       Large       X-Large       2XL

## Emergency Contact Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Apartment/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

MiOTA income is derived from membership and financial contributions which supports the mission of the organization. **Please use a separate form for solicitation of pledge monies which may be used for your registration fee and/or additional fund raising for MiOTA.** Contest for largest facility and school based teams. 10% of the profits, after expenses, will be donated to the Special Olympics program.

**Individual Participant Fee: \$35 Team (4+ Participants) Fee: \$30 Disability Fee: \$20**

\_\_\_ Check/Money Order (payable to MiOTA)      \_\_\_ VISA      \_\_\_ MasterCard

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV (3 digit code on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name (as it appears on the card): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Mail or fax Registration form to

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA)  
124 W. Allegan, Suite 1900,

Lansing, MI 48933

Phone (517) 267-3918/ Fax (517) 484-4442/ [www.mi-ota.com](http://www.mi-ota.com)Grand Traverse Resort– Acme, Michigan  
**October 12-13, 2015**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

MiOTA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Ambassadors Requirements:**

1. Must be a member in good standing with MiOTA.
2. **Must be able to attend training meeting on Sunday October 11th at 5:30PM.**
3. **Must be able to attend the ENTIRE conference (Mon & Tues).**
4. Submit with application a letter or recommendation from the Program Director or other faculty member of your program.

**Perks for being a Student Ambassador:**

1. Continental Breakfast(s), Lunch(s) and Welcome Reception included.
2. **Admission to the conference sessions included.**
3. MiOTA Student Ambassadors will be provided a T-Shirt. Please indicate your size preference.

Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large

Please check the conference areas that are of interest to you. (Your interests will be considered in terms of scheduling you into the sessions you will be convening)

- Ethics/Pain/Documentation
- Geriatrics
- Pediatrics
- Education
- Psychosocial
- Technology
- Special Interests
- Poster Sessions

Please submit a short essay (**50 words or less**) on why you would like to be a student ambassador. (Essay may be submitted as a separate attachment in a word document)

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Send completed application to:

MiOTA, 124 W. Allegan, Suite 1900, Lansing, MI 48933 or Fax (517) 484-4442 Or email: [office@miota.org](mailto:office@miota.org)*Conference information available at [www.mi-ota.com](http://www.mi-ota.com)*



## Michigan Occupational Therapy Association - 2015 Election Ballot

**\*\*\* RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 \*\*\***

**\*\*Your name and voting choices will be kept confidential within the MiOTA Business office, but you must be a current member to participate in voting; we ask your name OR membership number to verify current membership\*\***

Name &/OR MiOTA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please vote for ONE choice for each category:

1. **Finance Director** – Charged with managing the fiscal affairs of the Corporation so that the financial resources are available to allow the Corporation to achieve its goals, prepare the annual budget and overseeing accounts receivable and payable of the Corporation, as well as additional duties as outlined by the MiOTA Standard Operating Procedures.

\_\_\_ Kristen R. Clore

\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Communications Director** – Charged with reporting all pertinent activities to the Executive Committee and the Association Assembly and oversee preparation of the budget for and the production of the Newsletter, Website, and Networking Committees and listserv, as well as additional duties as outlined by the MiOTA Standard Operating Procedures.

\_\_\_ Sara Clark

\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **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.

\_\_\_ Denise Hoffman

\_\_\_ Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MIOTA OFFICE VIA MAIL (Postmarked by) OR FAXED BY September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.\*\***

### RETURN TO:

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association \*\* 124 W. Allegan, Ste. 1900 \*\* Lansing, MI \*\* Fax: 517.484.4442

**QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? Email MiOTA office : [hmauk@mhsa.com](mailto:hmauk@mhsa.com) Phone: 517.267.3918**

## 2015 MiOTA Officer Candidate Biographies

### Finance Director – Kristen R. Clore

#### Candidate Statement:

"I graduated in 2007 from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) with a master's degree in Occupational Therapy. During my master's program, I served as secretary for the Student Occupational Therapy Association at EMU. I have been a staff OT at the University of Michigan since 2008. Prior to that, I worked in hospital administration from 1998 – 2005, handling budgets and finances for over 200 nursing staff. I am a responsible individual, dedicated to advocacy of OT and would love the opportunity to serve the profession as a member of the MiOTA Board."

### Communications Director – Sara Clark

#### Candidate Statement:

"My name is Sara Clark and I am running for the Communications Director of MiOTA. I am currently the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator (AFC) for Western Michigan University's Occupational Therapy Department for both the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids campuses. I graduated from Washington University's Occupational Therapy Program in St. Louis, MO, in 2000 and have been practicing for 15 years. Prior to living in Michigan, I worked in numerous different hospital systems, in all levels of care (acute, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient, and home care): Children's National Medical Center and the National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington DC), Hospital for Special Surgery (New York City, NY), and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL). After having my daughter, I transitioned to academia and I was the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and a Pediatric Clinical Instructor for the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) for six years.

In my current role, as the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at Western Michigan University, it is vital for me to understand the variety of practice settings and levels of care where occupational therapists provide services in our state of Michigan. I have had the opportunity to meet numerous different occupational therapists from across the state, in various areas of practice (traditional and community based). Networking with other occupational therapists to discuss best practice and teaching about our profession, are my daily career goals.

I have developed and provided numerous presentations at state-occupational therapy conferences (Illinois and Michigan), at national AOTA conferences and an international presentation in Johannesburg, South Africa on various topics: pediatric spinal cord injury and brain injury rehabilitation, fieldwork education and supervision, cultural sensitivity in our profession, and evidence based practice. I am directly linked to AOTA as a national instructor of the AOTA *Fieldwork Educator Certificate Program Workshop*. I have taught this two-day course 10 times at various locations in both Illinois and Michigan. I am a firm believer in supporting the advocacy and teaching efforts at both the state and national levels for our profession.

In the role of the Communication Director of MiOTA, I hope to:

- Continue MiOTA's efforts to educate all occupational therapists in our state about the 2014 state rules and regulations for our profession
- Connect with the *Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists* to transmit information about the upcoming continuing education requirements for licensure renewal
- Continue to improve the MiOTA website and newsletter to provide useful information to our members
- Increase awareness about our MiOTA mentorship program and *Special Interest Sections*, help our state conference continue to grow and be a meaningful and stimulating annual gathering for our members
- Work closely with the other MiOTA Board members to advocate for our profession and protect our scope of practice at the state and national level

I have a passion for teaching and transmitting information about the *distinct value* of occupational therapy. I am very approachable and dedicated to helping MiOTA members get the answers they need to questions about practice in the state of Michigan."

### Advocacy Director – Denise Hoffman

#### Candidate Statement:

"For the past two years, I have served on the board of MiOTA as the Executive Advocacy Director working directly with members, non-members, policy makers, and numerous organizations to foster collaborations and education about our profession and issues impacting practice. Throughout my career I have had opportunities working in administrative roles developing policies and implementing changes impacting better outcomes for patients. Currently in private practice, I have developed a foundation of understanding reimbursement and formed connections with experts within and outside our state to increase awareness and equality for reimbursement within our profession. Furthermore, traveling throughout the US as an employee with Handwriting Without Tears, I have had opportunities to consult with other professionals on practice and policy related issues learning how to maintain current and effective advocacy here in Michigan. Finally, I am currently completing my doctoral studies at Quinnipiac University with my capstone dissertation on public policy and professional engagement which has lead me to greater resources to embed and utilize with MiOTA. As the current MiOTA Advocacy Director, I have been engaged with members and non-members advocating to retain our license, block bills that has

encroached on our practice, and collaborated with Autism organizations during Capitol Hill days in Lansing. Working with law makers, our lobbyist, and the Tri Alliance, I have seen changes in advocating for fair reimbursement, protection of our scope of practice, and increased awareness of our profession. I would embrace the opportunity to continue as the Advocacy Director and develop more projects and programming to advocate for our profession with members and nonmembers throughout the state.