

## **Call for Nominations for Representative and Alternate Representative**

Candidates for the positions of Representative and Alternate Representative are being sought for election in 2008. The election will be conducted by AOTA in the spring with the duly elected Representatives and Alternate Representatives assuming their duties on July 1, 2008.

Representatives and Alternate Representatives are elected for a 3-year term of office and may serve two consecutive terms. To be eligible to run for Representative or Alternate Representative from a state/election area, a person must:

1. Be an occupational therapist (OT) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA).
2. Be a member in good standing of AOTA and the state association at the time of the election and throughout the term of office.
3. Be a voting member of the election area to be represented at the time of the election and throughout the term of office.
4. Maintain any election area regulatory requirements necessary to identify themselves as OTs and OTAs throughout the term of office.
5. Have at least 2 years' experience working in official capacities in local, state, or national occupational therapy associations.
6. Have consistent access to a computer with high speed Internet connection and be comfortable working in an e-mail environment. This includes opening, saving, editing, and sending attachments in e-mail as needed.

The duties of a Representative and Alternate Representative are:

1. To represent the Association members in their state/election area and participate in meetings of the Assembly. Generally, this involves one meeting conducted online in the fall and one face-to-face 4-day meeting at AOTA's Annual Conference and Expo, for which travel and per diem are provided.
2. To identify and clarify issues of concern within the state/election area and initiate action on behalf of the constituents if indicated. This may include assisting the constituent in writing a motion to the Assembly for consideration at one of their meetings.
3. To communicate the results of deliberations from these meetings, as well as general information on Association issues, to the constituents.
4. To encourage Association membership.

Anyone wishing to run for Representative or Alternate Representative is urged to contact Valley Osborne-McCurry at [valley.mccurry@alota.org](mailto:valley.mccurry@alota.org). The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Copies of the Representative and Alternate Representative Job Description and the Representative Assembly Standard Operating Procedure are available upon request from [chris.eidson@alota.org](mailto:chris.eidson@alota.org).