

ALOTA Winter Board Meeting
Wallace State Community College
March 5, 2022

1. Call to Order: 11:30
2. Establishment of quorum, introduction of guests
 - a. Rachel Ashcraft, Rachel Gahan, Alyssa Ritenour, Emily Crowe, Carl Robinson, Casey Brock, Jessica Varnadore, Mia Tigue, Laura Smith, Ella Denes, RJ Higginbothom, Kimberly Harn, Valley McCurry, and Angela Davis
3. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Approved (13 Yes)
4. Old Business/New Business:
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - i. OT Compact
 1. Cost will be less than originally thought as the Lieutenant Government sponsored the bill.
 2. Passed in the Senate and House and waiting for the Governor to sign.
 - b. Journal Club Update
 - i. We have completed 2 Journal Clubs with good member engagement. Topics covered so far are Children and Trauma and Stroke Rehab. Two more topics to complete the year. Next up Mental Health and OT starting in April. Please pass on to you colleagues. Great discussion in the public forum as well.
 - c. Open Board Positioning
 - i. Secretary and VP up for election. Elections stating in May, 2022. Term from July 2022-July 2024. Accepting nominations.
 - ii. President up to election. Term: President-elect July, 2022-July, 2023; President July, 2023-2025.
 - iii. Open election in May
 - b. Journal Club Update
 - c. Open Board Positioning
5. Officer/Committee Reports:
 - a. VP
 - i. Fall Conference Update
 1. Sharing sponsorship brochure-available at alota.org
 2. Added a sponsorship levels for Keynote Speaker and Ultimate Reception Sponsorship
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Financial Report
 1. Email Treasurer@alota.org for details
 - ii. Working on the budget for next year
 - c. Membership
 - i. Able to sustain membership during the pandemic
 - ii. Currently 401 members
 - d. Recognitions
 - i. OTA Scholarship given today

Ella Denes and Mckenzie White, both of Wallace State, received their award at today's winter CE Event. Congratulations!!

- ii. OTP Awards and OTS Scholarship to open late spring early summer.
- e. Social Media
 - i. Jessica Maxwell assisting with social media. Welcome Jessica!
 - ii. Working on "Get to Know Your Board" Post
 - 1. Send Emily and Jessica your info asap
- f. RA Update (Robin unable to attend the board meeting; send update via email.)
 - i. I am going to the in-person RA meeting in San Antonio later this month
 - ii. I worked on the task force that developed the AOTA policies on "Gender Affirming Care" and this was approved by the RA. Also, we developed (I was not much help but boy did I learn a lot personally!) another policy for "Affirming Care for Sexual Minorities." This will be voted on in the Spring RA meeting. I am proud of the work we accomplished!
 - iii. Big changes are coming to the RA, details should be coming soon. I don't think everything is finalized. I have sat in on the meetings and discussions about it. I think change is hard but this will be good. There are definite positives to the changes.
 - iv. The survey went out to members about items up for voting. Please feel free to respond to the AOTA email or to me about your thoughts and concerns and how voting should commence for Alabama. I represent us!
- g. DEI
 - i. Working on creating a DEI resource page for the website. This resource page will include peer reviewed articles, You Tube videos, and other resources to assist in provided multiple perspectives in accordance with AOTA Strategic Plan and 2025 Vision.
 - ii. Please pass on any recourse to Carl
 - iii. Putting together a series- DEI University for membership
- h. Program
 - i. Supporting Fall Conference
- i. District Chairs
 - i. North & NorthCentral
 - 1. Thank you for all your hard work for today's event
 - 2. Update in CE Event/ feedback on the process
 - a. Marketing beyond social media
 - b. Technology woos with virtual attendees
 - ii. Central & EastCentral
 - 1. Update on CE Event
 - a. Approval for conference at ASU on June 25
 - b. Details to be finalized- Mini conference. Half day.
 - iii. South & Wiregrass
 - 1. Update on CE Event
 - a. Details to come
 - b. Looking at October 2022
 - iv. Student Reps
 - 1. Ella Denes: Wallace State

- a. Simulating treatments as the enter into level II. Exit Practicum.
 - j. Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy Update
 - i. Our year to be audited. RJ going to present to Alabama Congress this summer.
- 6. Adjourn: 12:04