

ALOTA Summer Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting
July 26, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:31 pm
2. Establishment of quorum, introduction of guests:
Alyssa Ritenour, Rachel Ashcraft, Megan Sortino, Rachel Gahan, Keiylon Bodie, Tara Thompson, Casey Brock, Angela Davis, Laura Smith, Ashton Mayo, Scott Megginson, Madison Washington, Laura Dunham, Beth Chittam, Peyton Brown, Lovett Lowery, Kimberly Hern, Dewayne Hamilton, Mia Tigie
3. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Approved (19 approved)
4. Old Business/New Business:
 - a. Government Affairs Update
 - i. OT Compact
 1. Passed: 11th state in the country to pass.
 2. There are enough states move forward with second phase and should take effect in a year or so.
 3. Looking for a “calm” year as we have had a busy legislative agenda the last few years
 - ii. Election update
 1. Thank you to everyone who participated into election process
 - a. Alyssa Ritenour- President Elect
 - i. *Rachel A will mentor Alyssa into the role of ALOTA President to ensure smooth transition into the role in July 2023
 - b. Rachel Ashcraft- Secretary
 - i. *Alyssa will continue to serve as secretary until she takeover as ALOTA President to allow Rachel to continue to serve as President.
 - c. Megan Sortino- Vice President
 - iii. Welcome OT Student Reps!
 1. Payton Brown: University of Alabama Birmingham
 2. Madison Washington and Keiylon Bodie: Tuskegee University
 3. Scott Megginson: University of South Alabama
 4. Sydney Bolden: Alabama State University
 5. Awaiting the 2022-2023 academic year to name Wallace State student rep.
5. Officer/Committee Reports:
 - a. VP
 - i. Fall Conference Update
 1. AOTA Vice President, Dr. Arameh Anvarizadeh, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA, as the Keynote Speaker

2. Adding a Preconference this year on Thursday September 15, 2022. Needed at least 10 partitioners to make a profit. Currently have 14 people registered.
 3. Last Call for poster submissions due 7/31/22
 4. Sponsorships: Currently 6 sponsors for conference. Our Goal is 10 sponsors. If anyone knows a company who would be interested in sponsoring spend their information to Megan.
- ii. District event at conference
 1. Sandcastle building competition with local craft beer share from their district. A way to meet people within your district and across districts.
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Financial Report
 1. Email Treasurer@alota.org for details
 - ii. 2022-2023 Budget Review
 - c. Membership
 - i. 413 current members
 - d. Recognitions
 - i. OTP/OTA awards and OTS scholarship now open until 8/21/22
 - e. DEI
 - i. Working on the DEI resource page. It is now live on the website.
 - ii. Hopeful for a DEI University for the membership.
 - f. Program
 - i. Supporting the Fall conference and District Events.
 - g. District Chairs
 - i. North & NorthCentral
 1. Event was in March of this year. Tapa Snow Positive Approach to Aging at Wallace State.
 - ii. Central & EastCentral
 1. Event was in June of this year at ASU. 4 different sessions for 4 CE credits.
 - iii. South & Wiregrass
 1. Update on CE Event coming in August.
 - a. Mental Health First Aid. As of today we have 7 people registered. Please get the word out and encourage people to attend and the value of this certification. No virtual because of the hands on nature it has to be in person.
 2. Will be assessing the surveys from the events and will talk during the business meeting to get feedback for next year.
 - iv. Student Reps
 1. School years just begun. No updates yet. All student reps expressed their excitement for the 2022-2023 academic year.
 2. Will be meeting with Rachel A. in a few weeks to discuss student engagement at Fall Conference
 - h. Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy Update: Ann Cosby will be at fall conference meeting to update the board.

6. Adjourn: 8:21