

ALOTA Fall Board Meeting  
The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, AL  
September 17, 2022

1. Call to Order: 12:53
2. Establishment of quorum, introduction of guests  
Lovette Lowery, Yolonda Clark (member), Angela Davis, Dewayne Hamolitaon, RJ Higginnbotham, Ann Crosby, Rachel Gahan, Laura Smith, Robin Dacey, Chris Eidson, Valley McCurry, Carl Robinson, Andrea (Member), Brooke Monceret, Kay Weller, Casey Brock, Scott Meggomson, Emily Crowe, Dianna Labrador, Tara Thompson, Sue Sommerville, Ashton Mayo, Sean Conway (NBCOT), Alyssa Ritenour, Rachel Ashcraft, Megan Sortino, Jessican Varnadore
3. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Approved
4. Old Business/New Business:
  - a. AOTA APP
    - i. We are an AOTA Approved Provider. We have been able to maintain this status through an extensive review process. All CE events provided by ALOTA are approved by AOTA. Need at least 2 months prior event to make sure we get AOTA approval
    - ii. Is this something we want to continue? Is this something that is valued by people attending CE events (mostly out of state attendees both in person or virtual). Will continue to evaluate.
  - b. Mental Health Initiative
    - i. Continue a conversation on Mental Health providers in the state of AL.
    - ii. Community Waiver program. ADMH has waiver programs which allows the community to be healthier. They see the benefit of OT as a referral service to serve individuals with mental health diagnosis. We are looking to build a coalition of Medicaid Providers across the state. Email Rachel if you are interested in learning more.
  - c. CE Discussion
    - i. Journal Club
      1. 4 activities a year. 1 contact hour per activity. 2022-2023 season starts October 1st. Please get the word out. First topic is Mental Health: Youth Suicide and the Role of OT.
    - ii. District Events
      1. Based on feedback from members' surveys. Unable to provide virtual options at fall conference due to cost. Moved CE events to districts and virtual. Trying to keep up with changes in the economy and therapy climate.
        - a. Feedback
          - i. It was difficult for the presenter to cater to the virtual option and in person.
          - ii. Getting the word out was difficult
          - iii. Maybe having students on fieldwork to get the word out to the OT population

- iv. Was very labor intensive- may not be sustainable
      - v. Did not make a lot of money but it did serve a need and gave opportunity to people who couldn't access other CE events.
    - iii. New Ideas
      - 1. Spring conference
      - 2. PT/OT Conference: President of PTA-AL approached Rachel A. about a combined conference/interprofessional event.
        - a. Fall conference
        - b. Northern conference in Guntersville
          - i. Feedback
            - 1. How will it affect Sponsors
            - 2. Opportunities for a larger speaker pool
            - 3. Student opportunities
            - 4. How to breakdown the money made
            - 5. Wallace has a joint conference for PTA and OTA that aren't having it this year. May have people looking to replace that opportunity
            - 6. What will this look like through AOTA APP?
            - 7. Opportunity for team building
          - ii. Going to review this after looking into the logistics and come back to the board and make a decision.
  - d. Government Affairs
    - i. OT Compact passed this year (11th state)
      - 1. looking how the requirements may affect our practice act
    - ii. Coming up next: Qualified Mental Health Provider getting OTP on that list.
    - iii. Ann Wellness program
5. Officer/Committee Reports:
  - a. VP
    - i. Fall Conference Update
      - 1. Thank you with helping with sponsorship
        - a. 16 sponsors and over \$10,000
        - b. Let megan know if you have any other leads
      - 2. Thank you Emily for the social media presence
      - 3. Thank you Megan for all your hard work.
    - ii. District event this afternoon
    - iii. Student social
      - 1. Thank you Restore for sponsoring
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Financial Report
    - ii. Please contact [treasurer@alota.org](mailto:treasurer@alota.org) for full report
  - c. Membership
    - i. 3,056 OTP 436 ALOTA members

- d. Recognitions
    - i. OTP Awards and OTS Scholarships
    - ii. OTAS Scholarships in spring.
  - e. Social Media
    - i. Unofficial ALOTA Facebook Page
      - 1. Vote to remove: Approved
  - f. RA Update
    - i. Went to AOTA Conference this year. Voted to change the rules and process of RA. 9 states don't have RA reps and difficulty to establish quorum but it did not pass.
    - ii. On a task force for the developed the AOTA policies on "GenderAffirming Care" and this was approved by the RA. Also, we developed another policy for "Affirming Care for Sexual Minorities."
    - iii. I'm in my last year and will do it again, but I encourage you young people in the room to think about running for RA for alabama. If you have questions, come see Robin.
  - g. DEI
    - i. Thank you for your feedback, helps build communication and presentation of this topic.
  - h. Program
    - i. Training on AOTA APP
  - i. District Chairs
    - i. Provided feedback on district events. See (District event feedback above)
  - j. Student Reps
    - i. Wallace State Community College
      - 1. Welcome Brooke Moncerete
6. Adjourn: 2:14 pm