

OOTA Executive Board and General Meeting
January 9, 2007
Oklahoma City and Tulsa

Attendance

Voting Board Members

Sharon Sanderson, President

Toby Hamilton, Vice President

Mary Isaacson, Interim Treasurer

Meg Smith, Secretary

Suena Olson, AOTA Representative

Rachael Godsey, Student Representative

Non-Voting Board Members

Jennifer Campbell, ListServ/Web Manager

Mary Isaacson, Community Promotions

John Jennings, Nominations and Recognition Chair

Heather Parmley, Finance Chair

The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed by the secretary.

Unfinished Business

Three goals of 2007 were clarified to include:

- 1) High quality continuing education
- 2) OT promotion with focus on OT month activities.
- 3) Increased membership and member participation

Sharon reported on the member request for information on inequities of pay for school based OTs and COTAs through legislated bonuses and pay raises. Sharon will pursue this further with her legislative contacts but is not hopeful of any changes in favor of OT.

Sharon reported on follow up of Licensure CEUs for OOTA membership. She found an old list with "membership" penciled in but did not see it on official documents. Phone calls for clarification have not yet been returned. The Board agreed that our goal is participation not simply membership and agreed not to pursue this issue.

Toby reported the next continuing education activity will be Feb.3, 2007 and is titled "Applied Neurobiology and Clinical Research Review". This is being jointly produced with OU to enhance publicity and speaker depth. The brochure already went out to OT and PT lists. 33 people have enrolled so far.

Toby further reported on the following Continuing education activity/cruise for April 26–30, 2007. The continuing education committee has met and has enough information to put together a brochure. 20 CEUs will be offered with no charge beyond the price of the cruise. Discussion was held of a possible repeat of this continuing activity at a later date for interested persons who were not able to go on the cruise. No decision was made.

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Jennifer tentatively offered TCC as a host site for the 2007 annual conference. She also proposed having the TCC SOTA Club chair the activity as a fundraiser service by splitting proceeds from the basket auction. Sharon suggested and the Board agreed that a set honorarium of \$500 would be more appropriate. Jennifer will pursue necessary TTC approvals and available dates (Sept 28 and 29?). She anticipates there will be no fee for use of the facilities except tech support. The committee will discuss possible childcare options.

Mary reported on OT month promotions at Lowe's stores. The tentative date is March 31 for a demonstration with Lowe's staff on gardening issues and modifications. Mary is still checking approvals and funding.

Sharon reported that Anne Marie Grassman has resigned as Treasurer due to health issues. The Board formally accepted her resignation. Meg moved that Mary Isaacson act as Interim Treasurer. Suena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A formal election of a new Treasurer will be held at the next quarterly meeting. Marsha will handle Quick Books. Mary will get with Suzette Jones to transfer and update records. Sharon has handled outstanding bills and deposited income.

Suena reported that it is a "quiet time of year" at AOTA. She reminded everyone to support AOTPAC.

Jennifer reported a delay in getting the Feb. 3rd conference brochure on-line. Toby will work with Marsha to set up timely Pay Pal and on line registration.

Membership growth ideas were discussed. Debbie will review these ideas. The Board consensus was that it is time to make a review of the organization by laws to see if they are user friendly for the current membership environment or need changes. Sharon agreed to bring back proposals to the Board.

2007 Executive Board Meeting dates are May 15, July 17, Sept. 18, and Nov. 13.

All Board members are reminded to meet newsletter deadlines promptly.

Nominations are needed for Student Representative and Secretary elections.

Suena moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20. Toby seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith, Secretary

