

## **OTA President's Report July 2009**

It's another new year for OTA. We need your voice as a member. In addition to the choices on your membership form, committee chairs will be asking for your help on a variety of committees.

### Here's what OTA accomplished in FY 2008-2009

- OTA annual conference procedures notebook
- Filed initial form 990 with IRS to maintain not-for-profit status
- Membership drives at 4 OT / OTA educational programs in the state
- Electronic balloting for 2009 election
- Redesigned and updated OTA website
- Hired a website manager
- Obtained Directors and Officers (newly termed Association Professional) Liability Insurance
- OT Month projects at Daily Living Center in OKC and OASIS in Tulsa
- 2 Continuing Education offerings and the annual conference in Oklahoma City covering all 6 AOTA Centennial Vision practice areas
  - Mental Health
  - Productive Aging
  - Children and Youth
  - Health and Wellness
  - Work and Industry
  - Rehabilitation, Disability, and Participation
- Annual Report to membership based on OTA Strategic Plan
- OTA Strategic Plan on ASAP Sharepoint
- Contributed to legislative efforts
  - SB 546 Licensure for Therapeutic Recreational Specialists signed by Gov. Henry on 5/29/09 with amendments by OTA & AOTA *that protected your scope of practice*
  - SB 971 Professional Development Release time for Related Services legislation was tabled for this legislative session and will be introduced onto the House floor fall 2009
- Co-sponsored with OUHSC a workshop with Renee Taylor and Gary Kielhofner March 28, 2009-rescheduled for OTA annual conference 2009

**Just think what we do with YOUR involvement this year**

### Board Changes

- ✓ Thanks to our out-going officers: Meg Smith and Ashley (and Lorelei) Efaw
- ✓ Congratulations to newly elected officers: Toby Hamilton, Shannon Fischer, Fonda Scott, and Reeca Young.
- ✓ Congratulations to newly elected AOTA RA representatives: Susan Tucker and Suena Glasco
- ✓ Thanks to our continuing officers and chairs
- ✓ Thanks to the nominating and election committee chaired by Melanie Trook
  
- **Election results and EB vacancies**
  - Results: Toby Hamilton, President; Fonda Scott, Secretary; Shannon Fischer, Student Representative; Reeca Young, COTA Representative

- View results @ [http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=mB2y2P1R6APufRrKkftbURfYy\\_2fJ583nkQxrlYtOXb4\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=mB2y2P1R6APufRrKkftbURfYy_2fJ583nkQxrlYtOXb4_3d)
- First electronic ballot with very low participation
- I welcome your suggestions for vacancy for fundraising chair

### **Legislative Updates**

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Respectfully submitted,

*Toby Hamilton*