

President Report

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I often say, "Celebrate every chance you get." This month we celebrate the accomplishments of and say thank you to two of OOTA's past presidents.

In April, AOTA's Association of State Association Presidents (ASAP, formerly CSAP) elected Sharon Sanderson as its secretary. She must step down as OOTA President to take the position. She will serve out her term as Past President of OOTA.

Past President Carrie Ciro leaves at the end of July to pursue her PhD full time at the University of Texas (hard for an OU grad) Medical Branch in Preventative Medicine and Community Health, with an emphasis in Rehabilitation Sciences. She will be working alongside Bea Abreu and Suzanne Peloquin at UTMB.

Join me in thanking both of them for their service as OOTA president and wishing them well in their career directions.

Speaking of new directions, OOTA bylaws mandate that the vice-president serve the remainder of the president's term, so I will serve out the remaining 2 years of Sharon's Presidency and represent OOTA at ASAP. That means we have an opening for vice-president, a position I regret leaving ...

The vice president's position is vital to OOTA's commitment to provide quality continuing education, the main responsibility of the V-P position.

Why is this a great time to consider serving as OOTA V-P? Let's count the ways...

1. The V-P term has only 1 year remaining until June 2008
2. The annual fall conference for 2007 is already planned
3. One of the 2 continuing education (CE) meetings for 2008 is already planned
4. That means planning only one quarterly meeting + overseeing plans for the 2008 annual conference,
5. Working with an experienced & fun CE committee, who plans the program, sets fees, and then turns it over...
6. To Marsha Collier, our competent association manager who handles everything else.

If you've been considering increasing your service to the profession & OOTA, this is the position and time! Contact with me your recommendations for a V-P at toby-hamilton@ouhsc.edu or call me at (405) 271-2131 ext. 47137.

Remember to renew your OOTA membership at the new lowered fees and encourage your co-workers and protégés to join, too.

Here's an update on the financial outcome of the OOTA spring meeting aboard Carnival's *Ecstasy*. OOTA sold 16 cabins, which gave us two "free" cruisers minus fees, generously donated back to OOTA. Not only did 34 people get free high-quality continuing education, OOTA made \$760.00! Everyone has the chance to cruise the **free** curriculum on occupational health and balance in 2008. We'll even supply cute little drink umbrellas...



I feel honored to serve as OOTA President and look forward to your ideas for the betterment of OOTA and occupational therapy for Oklahoma.