

MeOTA Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday April 7, 2015
6-8 pm

Agenda:

- I. Review/accept minutes
- II. Announcements
 - a. Congrats on the new baby Nick and Erin
 - b. Happy OT Month!
 - c. Southern Maine MEOTA members holding a social gathering at Salvage BBQ April 29th from 5-8
 - i. Come socialize and network with the other OT and OTA's in the state
 - d. Amy our new consultative position
 - i. Going to create a master list of items our website is able to perform
 1. Looking for feedback or other sites that serve as a model for where we would like to head. Are there any good examples out there
 - a. Potential for advertisement?
 2. Amy willing to send out the email blasts to the constituents
 3. Amy to take over the social media component of the organization including facebook site
 4. Consider having both a members only section, but also general access location
 5. Career center very out of date
 6. Research tab would be beneficial- potentially with links to research sites, ect.
 7. Can our subgroups use the MEOTA site for their information
 8. Is the automatic update being sent out to MEOTA members when membership is due?
 9. Students not leveraging site- what is in it for them?
 10. Feel free to call or email Amy with thoughts, questions or concerns
- III. RA update- Jane Erickson
 - a. Please review the attached notes
 - b. Several voting opportunities down at AOTA 2015
 - i. License portability- ability to have one license between multiple states
 - ii. Military RA representative?

- iii. Case management- what is the role of OT's in case manager or serving as a case manager
- c. Entry level OT and OTA programs
 - Take the survey <http://www.aota.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/EducationCareers/Accredit/Announcements/Entry-Level-Survey-3-2015.pdf>
 - i.
 - ii. Are we as an organization going to support a different level for entry into the profession as an OT or OTA?
 - iii. Are field work placements going to be able to support this change?
 - iv. Should the profession support the current structure and state that we are doing the right thing by our profession
 - v. Does this advance our profession?
 - vi. Does this give any benefit to the person who has attended additional schooling?
 - vii. What is the ACOTE standard going to be? And does it have enough time to be developed?
 - viii. What is the next level of advanced training?
 - ix. Academic settings are looking for those OT's with doctorates- who will be our next professors?
 - 1. Jane looking for means of how to be able to spread information
 - 2. Please let her know if there is anything she can bring to the RA group- jeeaub@yahoo.com



Maine RA Update.pdf

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- IV. Communities Of Practice updates
 - a. Mental health meeting quarterly- 5-7 participants
 - i. Meeting at USM in Lewiston
 - ii. Susan Noyse- transitioning to AOTA SIS chair! No longer able to have the current position and is transitioning out
 - iii. Shift at the river view psychiatric center- what does this mean for OT?
 - iv. Intentional peer support program- a relationship building training for social change
 - v. Sue will inform MEOTA of next meeting date
 - b. COP for children and youth
 - i. Monthly meeting for between 7-25
 - ii. Secret group on facebook- by invite only (70 at present)
 - iii. Posting minutes to meetings
 - iv. Supportive means of information sharing
 - v. First research survey went out from UNE
 - vi. Pinterest website coming

- vii. Referral list from dentist to OT's
 - viii. Last night Tina Champainge was here at UNE- was free for MEOTA members- 20\$ for non-members
 - ix. Let us use this group to facilitate communication between students, practitioners and faculty
- V. Memberships
 - a. At an all-time critically low level, less than half of the average
 - b. The drop off
 - i. Less conferences
 - ii. People join at conference
 - iii. Not getting renewal notices
 - iv. Able to send an email blast who have a suspended membership- question ability for Amy to do?
 - v. Survey folks who did not renew their membership- why?
 - vi. People email site for two things- students wanting research and also OT/OTA's within the state
- VI. Fall conference
 - a. We have conference committee of 5
 - i. Peer support available
 - ii. Meeting week after AOTA
 - iii. Email blast about conference
 - iv. Go to meeting opportunities
 - v. Location TBD
- VII. Legislative update- Carrie Beals
 - a. KVCC and allied health programs- not going to impact the OTA program
 - b. Home health practitioners- don't have to carry their licensed
 - c. Language in gov's budget- expedite discharges within DHHS- may create two OT positions in the state
 - d. Cathy Adams- Mecare advisory meetings- proposition to combine OT and PT into one for our state. This will merge the visits- and increase visits to 5.
 - i. What if PT referral, then they uses all 5 visits- what about the OT?
 - e. We still have a lobbyist
 - f. Repealing of the Therapy cap happening right now- contact your senators and make sure they are aware to repeal the Medicare part B cap forever!
 - g. Physician fee schedule was approved
- VIII. Survey
 - a. Who gets the survey?
 - i. Current MEOTA members
 - ii. Licensed OT's in the state- has been most successful in the past by getting all licensed clinicians
 - b. Ten questions
 - i. Why did you not renew your membership?

- 1. Cost
 - 2. Return on investment
 - 3. Other- open ended
 - ii. Demographic data
 - 1. Current area of practice?
 - iii. Survey to be drafted and sent out for edits
- IX. Open positions-recap
 - a. United way day of caring and the LL Bean backpack awareness day
 - i. Research for community events- Shelby has ideas
 - b. OT information liaison for our consultant position to ensure integrity of MEOTA site
 - c. The award scholarships and nominations position
 - i. What would you want the criteria to be to offer awards
 - ii. To join the conference committee
 - iii. There is a nomination
 - d. The president elect
 - i. Critical for MEOTA
 - e. Regional reps
 - i. Central/west
 - f. Job Descriptions
 - i.
- X. Treasurer update
 - a. We have a new bank account, and the taxes are done
 - b. Quickbooks attempting to be acquired via our non-profit status
 - i. Will be on one computer
 - c. By April, all things will be changed over and all parties will be paid on time
- XI. New Business
 - a. United day of caring- May 21st
 - b. Backpack awareness day- August. Volunteers needed!
 - c. Advertising- can be advertised on the electronic site at the same rate as the hard copy
 - i. Online via website?
 - ii. Hard copy via conference brochure?
 - iii. Advertise on facebook?
 - d. May agenda items
 - i. Survey
 - ii. Review of MEOTA job descriptions
 - e. Next Meeting date: May 20th- location TBD