

MiOTA Newsletter

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Occupational
Therapy
Association, Inc.

Message from the Leader of the Executive Committee by Kirsten Matthews

2014 brings a new year of hope and an opportunity to reflect on our past, present and future.

There are a number of goals we have for the 2014 year. MiOTA has plans continuing underway for the updated website with hopes for website launch to continue to occur by mid-spring if all goes well. Advocacy continues to be the largest of our challenges; some bills currently surfacing do not necessarily intend to restrict OT practice, but we are evaluating wording that may inadvertently impact us in a negative fashion. An Advocacy day is being worked on for fall and possibly spring. There continue to be some concerns regarding reimbursement policy and the Advocacy group as a whole has been working quite hard to keep up with the bills and notices coming through. There appears to be some competition in various practice arenas. Finances are always a tough issue; although we continue to do better in many areas, we continue to struggle with financial unpredictability that comes with expenses from food and board at conference. Please see the director's reports for more details regarding the above. There is some revival of Chapters in the state, but more chapters need to be reactivated. The PAC is getting stronger and has accomplished huge milestones in their short new life. The fall conference committee is already working on the 2014 conference in Lansing, with ideas to make it bigger and better than ever. It has been a tremendous year of growth for our organization, but there is more to be done.

Growing an organization is hard in a calm atmosphere... but the political and reimbursement atmosphere we are currently navigating is in many ways uncharted territory – and therefore as turbulent and changing as the winds over the great lakes in the winter. Although I know we have all taken a few more “hard knocks” than we would like in these uncharted territories, we have been fortunate to all continue to grow and develop from all experiences. I am eternally happy to see that MiOTA does continue to demonstrate revival and increasing strength in numbers and self-betterment as an organization. And with increased strength, our dreams of what we envision for MiOTA continue to grow stronger & more real.

As we enter the 2014 planning year, we hope to see the new website – with a member's only section and the ability to renew and register for conferences online. A website that helps members to understand MiOTA and get involved and allows for improved view ability of the issues that MiOTA is advocating for. We hope to build a larger newsletter editorial team in hopes of building articles of interest to enrich members. We hope to see Pre-Conference institutes prior to Fall Conference to give attendees opportunities to expand their knowledge with more intensive learning opportunities. We are striving to rebuild and re-energize SIS and Chapter groups. We continue to work to build membership numbers and involvement in MiOTA. We continue to be working on reimbursement issues and scope of practice issues impacting our ability to serve our consumers.

As we begin 2014, we have some tough battles ahead – all while the turmoil of health care exchanges and reimbursement policy continue to unravel. We appreciate you continuing to support us on this journey - thank you for being a part of MiOTA!

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*See you at
the MiOTA
Fall
Conference
At the
Lansing
Convention
Center on
October
11-12, 2014*

MiOTA Volunteer Opportunities!

Newsletter Editor

- MiOTA is seeking individuals in various practice areas to solicit and review articles for Newsletters; if interested, provide name and areas of practice interested in serving as editor for (i.e., hands, pediatrics, etc)

Nominating Committee Members

- MiOTA is seeking individuals to review officer nominations received and facilitate election process for 2014 election

Awards Committee Members

- MiOTA is seeking individuals to review and facilitate award nominations for the 2014 year

Please submit your interest to the MiOTA office manager, Holly Mauk, if interested: 517.484.8800 or hmauk@mhsa.com

Finance Report By Denise Justice

MiOTA continues to function on a tight budget, much like the rest of the world. This is the second year we have realized a loss at the end of fiscal year. We are fortunate to have a savings to allow for our continued existence. Although we realized a profit with conference an obtained more membership this year along with the membership rate increases this year; other expenses increased such as the cost for conference, postage, etc. One area that we fell short of our projects for income was that of advertisement. Therefore our goal for next year continues to be focused on the website and our ability to draw in advertisement income. Secondly we may have to consider a slight increase in the conference registration fees especially relative to the food/beverage increases that have occurred in recent year(s). Below is a summary of the finances for the year.

Income for year

\$88,381.98 (last month **\$84,271.37**)
(Projected for year **\$83,920.00**)

Expenses for year

\$93,344.71 (last month **\$61,361.72**)
(Projected for year **\$83,900.00**)

Income versus Expense for THIS year

\$4,962.73
(Income Loss)

Current

Checking Account Balance: \$6,459.07
Money Market (Savings) Balance: \$15,503.32
Scholarship Fund: \$25,020.87

Here is the updated information on conference finances.

Conference Location	Year	Profit	Attendance
Saginaw Valley	2005	\$15,88.62	123
Macomb Community College	2006	\$11,322.25	185
Macomb Community College	2007	\$22,563.94	185
Mackinaw Island	2008	\$24,897.02	142
Kalamazoo	2009	\$18,613.34	156
Somerset Inn-Troy	2010	\$12,432.26	108
Mackinaw Island	2011	\$19,214.42	107
Kalamazoo	2012	\$12,954.05	177
Somerset Inn-Troy	2013	\$18,392.21	147

2014 Call for Nominations for MiOTA Office: Description of Positions

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please submit your contact information, autobiography (brief and suitable for publication) and position statement to Holly Mauk, Office Manager for the MiOTA office via Phone: 517.484.8800 or email: hmauk@mhsa.com prior to June 1st, 2014.

Elections will be conducted by mail and ballots must be returned via fax or mail no later than August 22nd, 2014.

Nominees must agree to serve the position if elected. All positions are 2-year terms. Candidates must be members of AOTA, licensed in the state of Michigan and voting members of MiOTA. We ask that if elected, new officers attend the Annual Fall Conference to allow for orientation to their position.

Member at Large/Secretary:

The responsibilities of the Member-at-Large/Secretary include:

1. The Member at Large/Secretary is charged with representing the interests of the Members of the Corporation.
2. Record the minutes of all the meetings of the Corporation, including the Executive Committee and the Association Assembly.
3. Maintain the history of the organization
4. Call a Special Meeting of the Corporation
5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Leader of the Executive Committee
6. Act as Leader of the Executive Committee pro tem until a special election is held if the offices of the Leader and all Directors are vacant at the same time.
7. Communicate substantive changes or revisions of the MiOTA Bylaws, as approved by the Executive Committee to the Membership.
8. Orient incoming elected secretary at least two (2) months prior to the first day of the fiscal year before the elected member assumes office.

Procedures –

- a. Record minutes of the business meetings of the Corporation; retain original for Secretary's file, and send copies to the MiOTA office, Executive Committee and Association Assembly members.
- b. Record minutes at all MiOTA Executive Committee, Association Assembly, and general membership meetings.
- c. Maintain a current Association Assembly Mailing list.
- d. Maintain the history of the organization.
- e. Check and ascertain at least annually the location of all equipment and non-expendable materials; provide a dated inventory to all members of the Executive Committee and report missing or lost items to the Executive Committee.
- f. Submit an annual report to the Executive Committee
- g. Sign Expense Vouchers provided by the Financial Director and return to the Financial Director for signature and submission to the Agent of the Corporation for payment.

The Member at Large/Secretary is a voting member of the Executive Committee and a voice only member of the Association Assembly.

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Call for Nominations (continued from page 3)

Membership Director:

The Membership director's responsibilities are to:

6. Appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, and oversee the Coordinators of Recruitment, Retention and Activation
7. Appoint, with approval of the Executive Committee, the members of the Nominating Committee
8. Serve as Leader of the Executive Committee in the absence of the Leader and the Communication Director
9. Orient incoming elected director at least two (2) months prior to the first day of the fiscal year before the elected member assumes office.
10. Perform other such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Procedure

- g. Report all pertinent activities to the Executive Committee and Association Assembly.
- h. Submit motions for Executive Committee and Association Assembly Action.
- i. Oversee the preparation of the budget for recruitment, retention and activation and Nominating Committee and monitor expenditures of these units.
- j. Recommend individuals to the Executive Committee for appointment to and oversee the activities of the following positions: Recruitment Coordinator, Retention Coordinator, Activation Coordinator, Nominating Committee
- k. Assume the Office of Leader of the Executive Committee in the absence of the Leader and the Director of Communications
- l. Prepare an annual report for the MiOTA Executive Committee to include, at a minimum: Activities and accomplishments, short and long term goals related to the Long Range Plan.

The Membership Director is a voting member of both the Executive Committee and Association Assembly.

2013 MiOTA Conference Highlights

Correction:

Some of the continued benefits to conference participants included:

1. For Exhibitors
 - a. Breakfast and lunch both days
2. For Registered Attendees
 - a. Breakfast and lunch both days
3. For Presenters
 - a. Half price registration if attending sessions

Some of the additions to this year's conference included:

1. For Exhibitors
 - a. One free registration to conference

Many thanks to Mary Ellen East and Angie Bayci for all of their hard work prior to the 2012 conference; they established a wonderful template for the new conference planning committee to work from.

We look forward to seeing you next year at the conference which at the Lansing Convention Center October 11th and 12th, 2014. We are working on adding a **pre-conference institute** on October 10th and an **advocacy event** on October 9th, 2014. Please update your calendars.

Hand SIS Newsletter Winter 2014 By: Lydia Christesen OTD, OTR, CHT

Whoosh ... another year has come and gone with changes a plenty in the delivery of health care! And here we are as OT's still trying to figure out how to get paid for fabricated orthotics. This past fall at the state hand conference the hand board provided a questionnaire on orthotic billing/reimbursement. It was a small sample, which has resulted in the formation of a new questionnaire, which is presented in this newsletter. A summary of the results of the first questionnaire indicated (number in parenthesis indicates number of respondents):

- Private clinic (7): If unable to bill insurance the individual pays for supplies only, bill only for time, are not billing, have a DME provider in their office, negotiate a fee with the individual.
- Physician owned (3): Use L-codes, has a DME provider, bill only co-pays, and bills under orthotist.
- Hospital owned (10): Bill all for time and supplies, bill all for time only at uninsured discount rate, bill patient only for supplies, sending all orthotics to DME and not providing, providing but not billing those whose insurance does not cover cost.

As one reads through the replies of the respondents one quickly determines the billing approach for reimbursement is varied. The questionnaire did indicate those insurance companies the organization was not able to receive reimbursement from. Reported results being, Private clinics were unable to receive payment from Blue Cross, HMO, Blue Care Network, Medicare, Priority Health. (Not all the private clinics reported difficulty with Medicare payment.) Physician owned clinics indicated difficulty only with Blue Care Network. All hospital owned facilities had difficulty receiving payment from Blue Cross only.

Please fill out inserted questionnaire in newsletter and email to either Lydia.Christesen@midmichigan.org or nancykroot@msn.com

New business:

Friday March 28th (1 day only) a conference will be presented on flexor and extensor tendons by Rebecca von der Heyde, PhD, OTR/L, CHT. Dr. von der Heyde is a very gifted lecturer who is currently the director of the OT program at Concordia University in Wisconsin, is a published author in AJOT and JHT and has taught a webinar classes for ASHT.

Please refer to inserted registration and tentative schedule in newsletter.

ORTHOTIC QUESTIONNAIRE

Identify the Setting in Which You Work:

	Hospital	Hospital Satellite	Private Practice	Incident to Physician	Nursing Home	School
Name and Type of Facility						

Do you have a DME number: yes no Unknown

Regarding custom made orthotics, answer the following for each insurance carrier type treated in your setting.

Check what is done in your setting per insurance carrier type: Check all that apply:

	Medicare	Workman's Comp	BCBS	Medicaid	BCN	Priority Health	United Health Care
L Code is billed							
CPT Code 97760 orth fit/train is billed. No supplies billed							
Only costs for supplies billed							
Orthotic fabricated, nothing is billed							
Orthotic fabricated by on-site orthotist							
Orthotic sent out for fabrication							
Insurance not charged, patient billed							
Other:							

Reasons why you would not bill

No DME #	Orthosis aren't covered by insurance plan	Contract with insurance excludes OT; won't permit OT to pass supply cost to patient	Time limits on insurance plan; don't want to use up calendar days during acute healing
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Work facility will allow for various billing charges dependent upon insurance plan? yes no Unknown

Please return email results to either nancykroot@msn.com or lydia.christesen@midmichigan.org

Form can also be faxed to 989-835-3398 (put "attn: Lydia")

MI Chapter of ASHT/MiOTA Hand SIS
Presents
**Flexor and Extensor Tendon Rehabilitation:
Practice based on Evidence**
Rebecca von der Heyde, PhD, OTR/L, CHT

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday March 28

- 7:30 – 8:00 Registration, Coffee for all and hotel has breakfast for guests
- 8:00 -9:30 Applied anatomy and kinesiology of the flexor and extensor systems
- 9:30 – 10:30 Flexor tendon rehabilitation: Biomechanics and foundational science
- 10:30 – 10:45 Vendor break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Flexor tendon rehabilitation: Analysis of therapeutic exercise: The modified pyramid approach
- 11:45 to 1:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Flexor tendon rehabilitation: Evaluation of tendon integrity and outcomes
- 2:00 – 3:00 Extensor tendon rehabilitation: A review of techniques including ICAM
- 3:00 – 4:00 Orthotic fabrication for flexor tendon and extensor tendon injuries:
Pearls for synergistic and ICAM fabrication
- 4:00-4:15 Vendor break
- 4:15 -5:00 Case examples and Questions

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Presents

**Flexor and Extensor Tendon Rehabilitation:
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Rebecca von der Heyde, PhD, OTR/L, CHT**

Date: Friday March 28, 2014
Time: Friday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Best Western Laurel Park Suites
 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia MI, 48154
Cost: MiOTA / MPTA /ASHT Member/ Students: \$175
Nonmembers: \$200
Late Registration (AFTER Feb 28): \$200/225

For any Questions, please call Rasa Poorman, OTR/L, CHT at (248) 5434886
 Make checks payable to Michigan Chapter of ASHT and mail to:
 Rasa Poorman OTR, CHT 25529 Keenan Ct., Novi, MI 48375
 Confirmations will be emailed

For lodging contact: Best Western Laurel Park Suites 734.464.0050.
 A block of rooms is being held at a discounted rate of \$69.99. The room block/ discounted rates expires on
 March 14, 2014. To receive the discounted rate, mention the ASHT Conference.

 Registration Form (please complete ENTIRE form CLEARLY) Confirmations will be emailed

Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Are you and MiOTA / MPTA or ASHT member ? Yes / No Membership # _____

Total amount enclosed: _____



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Events & Important Dates for 2014	
April	1 st – Quarterly Newsletter Submission Deadline
May	1 st – MiOTA Scholarship Application Deadline
June	1 st – Nominations for MiOTA Office Due
July	1 st – Quarterly Newsletter Submission Deadline
August	22 nd – Election Ballots Due
September	7 th – MiOTA Award Nominations Due
October	9 th – 12 th MiOTA Annual Fall Conference and Meeting for MiOTA Membership, Held at the Radisson & Lansing Convention Center in Lansing, Michigan - 9 th – Preconference Advocacy Event - 10 th Preconference Institutes - 11 th & 12 th Fall Conference 15 th – Quarterly Newsletter Submission Deadline
Events & Important Dates for 2015	
October 11 th -12 th 2015; MiOTA Annual Fall Conference and Membership Meeting, Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, Michigan	