

January NOTA Board Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Call

Board officers present: Paula Cook, Prahba Cox, Lacee Bukoskey, Aesa Jackson, Allen Espelita, Hailee Efferson, Rachel Martin, Nhu Mac

Public Present: Brian Wilks, Angela Terancio (intern), Abi Swindergal, Erika Ellis, Julia Graham, Katibell Dicker, JM Trevino, Rosalee Howell, Unique Bowden, Judy Ishibahi, KI Ana Tseu (Touro OTD Capstone Student), Sachiko Maruyama (intern), Yvonne Randall,
Date: 1/19/22

1. Call to order time: 7:00
2. Approval of minutes: Lacee Moved to approve meeting, Rachel second
3. Welcome/Introductions
4. President Report Paula Cook:
 - a. What to expect from us in 2022
 - i. Year of Occupation Update: Kick Off in March, focus on MOHO, See website for events and information
 - b. OTA Rep Appointment: Nhu Mac
 - c. RA appointment, AOTA is restructuring, looking for people to participate
 - d. AOTA New Member Levels, see website for changes
 - e. QMHP Update - Medicaid wants to know what OT practitioners can do
 - f. Intern Reports
 - i. Welcome Sachiko
 - ii. Program Eval Internship available:
<https://forms.gle/A3FyqEJTKbYrtn3o9>
 - iii. Event updates: <https://nota.wildapricot.org/>
5. VP Report Allen Espelita: getting oriented to position
6. Secretary Report Lacee Bukoskey:
 - a. Reflective Practice Session Update, working with Marisol on this
 - b. Social Media Chair update
7. Membership Report Aesa Jackson: Looking to meet with OT and OTA schools to increase membership and trying to get discounts for NOTA members for conferences, 250 members: 17 OTA, 113 OT, 5 retiree, 92 students, 15 undergrads
 - a. SOTA rep reports UNLV saving money, Brian Wilks family fun night at Mini Grand Prix
8. Treasurer Report Prahba Cox: Amount in bank is \$29,820.20 No deposits are coming in, need to figure out

9. OTA Rep Nhu Mac: Nhu introduction,
10. Legislative Report Rachel Martin: Establish relationships with state legislature, be prepared for hill day, February 23, letter writing session, after motivational interviewing workshop
 - a. Contacting Legislators
 - b. Compact Update-9 approved
 - c. Other news
11. Diversity Report: Jaimee Trevino
 - a. New portfolio in process
 - b. Other updates/events
12. RA Report:
 - a. See below for summary of restructuring of RA, Abi states, that RA needs to vote on changes, Yvonne states it will be up to membership
13. General issues
 - a. Regulatory Board opening now - open positions
 - b. Free AgeTech Founders Bootcamp, details on website
14. Public Comment
 - a. Jaimmee asked how the member spotlight works
 - b. Prahba asked if membership numbers had gone up or down, Paula reports the numbers have pretty much stayed steady. Prahba questioned if our growth correlates with the growth of OT practitioners in Nevada. Aesa states she is working on trying to figure out what practitioners to Nevada want from the board. In the past, NOTA sent out postcards that was costly, but we did see an increase in membership. Our board is pretty much on par for all membership organizations.
 - c. Judy Ishibashi states the state board is to protect members, and we serve OT practitioners, OT as a profession is collaborative.
 - d. Yvonne states some states may have regulations prohibiting state boards from advertising on the state licensing board website
 - e. Paula states Touro students conducted an audit of state boards to determine what other state boards are offering their members
 - f. Judi states she is happy to see how the NOTA board is doing great, and she is happy to see so much involvement
 - g. Paula states that the board needs consistency in order to grow and improve
 - h. Judi asks why we do not have more OTs in private practice, the way you practice has a huge impact on the profession, how you write and how you practice
 - i. Allen states we need to educate physicians on the role of OT
 - j. Discussion of direct access vs requiring a physician order

15. Adjourn Meeting time: Paula thanks everyone for coming, states she is looking forward to the “Year of Occupation.” Reminded everyone about upcoming events

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 by Paula, seconded by Rosalee

Report submitted by Cynthia Lau, NV AOTA RA Rep:

The RA is going to go through substantial changes as with other parts of AOTA. Please refer to the Report of the AOTA Governance Enhancement Task Force:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gpRGK8_j_Ov6D_XcCNy3Xlb7ZZ_c1F27/view?usp=sharing

The reasons why the RA is going to change are summarized here:

- There are some ongoing vacant RA positions.
- The RA, as a body of 50 plus voting members, is not nimble to tackle fast-changing professional issues.
- The RA Survey typically has a meager turnout of constituents' input on motions.
- The RA does not have the ability to work fluidly with the other parts of AOTA.
- There is a need to enhance the diversity and skill set representation in the RA.
- RA members are unsure of their role and become disengaged.

Instead of state representation, the RA will tentatively be the following in 2024:

A leadership team consisting of a:

1. Chairperson -voted in by an open AOTA members. The Chairperson will also be a voting member of the AOTA Board.

2. Vice Chairperson-slated (tentatively appointed); however, if more than one person is endorsed by petition of AOTA members (number TBD), there will be an election.

3. Agenda Chairperson – slated as well.

AND

4. 12 to 25 members of the RA will be appointed by the leadership team and the Volunteer Development Committee in 2024. Priority is to represent diversity, skill set, and geographic location.

There was some "discussion" about increasing the input of State presidents to mitigate the lack of geographic representation during online and in person meetings. Still, I could not find anything in writing yet as everything needs to be approved by the Board.

Major takeaways:

As of 2024, there will NOT be a Nevada Representative for AOTA. The new RA (which will be renamed) is planned to be smaller, appointed, diverse, skilled, and efficient.