

Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association

Phone Conference Call 11-15-11

Present: Jeanne Sowers, Tim Sullivan, Jeremy Keough, Mary Manis, Lawrence Faulkner, John Williams, Kristin Hoover, Danielle Morgan, & LaRae Murray

Absent: Margaret Beasley (minor car accident), Larry Snyder, Rosemary Batorski, Donna Whitehouse, Sandy Fletchall, Rachel Halter, Karen Meiring,

Old Business:

- Feedback from Fall 2011 Conference
 - Congratulations to Joyce and Tim for a job well done.
 - Recommendations for the future:
 - Saturday schedule adjustment to assist in the travel with practitioners from East and West TN.
 - Starting to outgrow the space: Vendor space and classroom sizes
 - Will plan to monitor class size closely
 - Call for paper to go out in April and be completed in an electronic format
 - Consider a “College Bowl” or some organized event during the evening networking event. Possibly the posters could be moved to this time.
 - Consider additional incentives to raise money for the TNOTA student scholarships
- Membership Awards: The following awards were presented during the 2011 TNOTA Conference
 - Student Scholarships
 - Cecely Danielle Morgan, OTAS, Roane State Community College (\$250)
 - Kristen Hoover, OTS, UTHSC (\$250)
 - Julie Walters, OTS, Belmont University (\$250)
 - Elizabeth Moore, OTS, UTHSC (\$250)
 - Service Award
 - Rosemary Batorski
 - Fieldwork Educator of the Year Award
 - Carrie Rollie
 - Feedback regarding new awards:
 - Thank you to Lawrence Faulkner for his hard work in bringing about the changes seen in these awards.
 - Recommend that Practitioner Membership Awards are posted prior to the conference and that time be designated during the conference for presentations by the award recipients.
- Ethics and Jurisprudence

- Online Ethics and Jurisprudence courses are available online. To date, less than 20 practitioners have participated. Everyone is encouraged to get the word out about the availability of these courses.
 - Additional in-person courses need to be scheduled at least 2x a year in each district. Please contact Rosemary to set up courses.
- Meeting with the Middle Tennessee Autism Society (11-16-11)
 - John Williams, Jeanne Sowers, Tim Sullivan, Lorry Kleinfeld, and Nancy Darr (PT) will meet with the Autism Society to discuss the flag rating system used in a power point presentation targeted at families with children diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. This power point is shown throughout the State of TN. Currently the power point places OT and PT and “yellow” (caution) flag.
- Gathering information regarding denial of OT services for clients that receive BCBS (TRH policy). If anyone has information regarding this policy please contact a board member.
- Bylaws Committee Formation
 - Jeanne, Jeremy, Lawrence
- Budget Report
 - Jeremy reported on the budget and predicted deficit for the 2011 calendar year.
 - Jeremy made the motion to place a cost of \$5 per ethics and \$5 jurisprudence for members to address the predicted deficit. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion was opposed.
 - Issue to be reviewed in April
 - Jeremy made a motion to increase student membership in TNOTA. Students attending OT / OTA programs in TN can attend the annual conference for free if 100% of the program that they attend are members of TNOTA. Lawrence Faulkner recommended a friendly amendment: 2 tier level program similar to AOTA be established 75% of the students become members then 10% can attend conference for free; 100% of the students become members then 20% can attend conference for free.
 - Issue was moved to committee (Jeremy Keough, Kristen Hoover, Danielle Morgan, & LaRae Murray)
- East District Report
 - Mary Manis: Reported a good turn out for their last meeting, Sept 15, 2011 on Agriculture and Disabilities. Their next meeting is scheduled for Nov 17, 2011 and Lynne Atteway will present.
- West District Report
 - Lawrence Faulkner: Reported that he was working with Joyce and Tracy on obtaining the names of West District TNOTA members. He plan to re-establish this district in the new year.
- Student Representative Report
 - Belmont: Students are completing numerous service activities with community organizations including Able Youth, Empower Me Day Camp; Assisted with conferences

held in Nashville (TOTA & ASHA); Car Fit event with FiftyForward; and Belmont Health Fair.

- UTHSC: Students participated in the Jingle bell 5K walk / run benefiting the Alzheimer's Foundation and they have been involved with new OT student orientation
- Roane State: Students are currently involved in a food drive.

Meeting was Adjourned 6:30 pm CST. Minutes submitted Jeanne Sowers, President TOTA.