

MAOT Board Minutes

January 12, 2023 6:30-8:00

Present: Michelle Savrann, Casey Morle, Melissa Tapp, Brittany Adams, Karen Hefler, Allison Turner, Sarah McKinnon, Allison Turner, Minna Levin, Brittany Adams, Casey Morle

MAOT Administrator: Lisa Salemi

Absent: Brij

Guests: Maeve Haseltine, Jan Hollenbeck, Lisa Boyajian, Mary Malone, Corrie Trattner, Susan Krikorian, Emily Walker, Wendy Schmidt, Rachael McCracken, Daisy Reed, Alissa Conant

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up Plan
Minutes: Accepted (From November minutes)	Accepted by board	N/A
Bylaws Vote	Board: 9 members in favor Final steps: Send to MAOT members, where we will need 2/3 votes (400) for final acceptance of new bylaws. Keep voting open for 2 weeks with a weekly blast. We still need 268 votes. Text campaign. Do we have all member phone #? If so, we can do text blasts for \$14.99 month. Sarah McKinnon willing to loan her account. Bullet points about changes and the need to vote.	
Business Entity	MAOT Corporation information updated to reflect current board, principal address, and resident agent. Commonwealth of MA: All of our board members, current executive board, Lisa's home address for tax purposes. P.O. Box for MAOT communication and Lisa is our resident agent. Articles of incorporation (Thank you, Mary Malone)	
Fall Conference	Will be held on November 3, 2023 at Four Points Sheraton.	

	<p>Conference Committee will meet 1x month. This committee may form specific task groups in order for others to be involved.</p> <p>Partner with APTA with vendors- Plan for 2024.</p> <p>Call for Papers out sooner this year.</p>	
SIG Chair Meeting	<p>Held January 10, 2023 and reviewed SIG processes.</p> <p>Chairs feel as though members do not understand processes. This will be looked at and a process implemented and sent to members.</p> <p>Social media graphics also discussed for SIGS (Allison Turner involved).</p>	
Compact Webinar	<p>Date and time being finalized.</p> <p>AOTA and interstate compact members—language to be the same when proposing new bills for legislation. A lot of resources already created.</p> <p>Lisa is gathering relationships in the state house.</p> <p>Education to membership on next steps is essential.</p> <p>AOTA led state affairs webinar on February 7, @ 7:30pm to hopefully spark the fire to contact legislation.</p> <p>18 mo time period with bills.</p> <p>Dates TBD</p> <p>Mental health provider bill will be re-submitted as well. We need more stories about WHY these stories of OT and mental health are important and why people benefit from this.</p>	
Home Care Evals	<p>RN and OT must go out in home care on initial eval for Medicaid to qualify for a PCA. Right now only nursing can go out independently (LPN or RN). Why can't OT go this re-eval? Is it due to staffing? MAOT to discuss.</p> <p>Look at Medicaid requirements/language to see if there is something we can do to make change?</p>	
Reminder	<p>Use Occupational Therapy Practitioner in all MAOT communication to reflect inclusivity of "OT</p>	

	<p>Practitioners” (Terminology and not credentials for both OT/OTA).</p> <p>Check your own state licensure requirements for how to place proper credentials.</p>	
Website Changes	<p>Allison took on the website project and made huge changes. We have our own personal designer!</p> <p>Updating the site to make it more appealing and organized. Explore the site! User friendly!</p>	
Social Media & Credentials Initiative	<p>How do we get people to use their credentials? There has been a social media initiative to do this!</p> <p>1/30/23- Coming soon for the signature campaign. Badges created and Google forms.</p> <p>Can we reach out to major hospitals/schools? Go through sig chairs and beyond. Should be no issue.</p> <p>Membership needs to improve, especially OTA membership. Look at Members Only pages moving forward.</p>	
MAOT Approved Provider Draft	<p>CE Approval Committee.</p> <p>Very timely! More requests from outside vendors on “what to do”</p> <p>Need to be up and running within a month, ideally!</p> <p>CE approval = 12 mo. Fee and procedure approval needed by exec board. (SEE DOCUMENT)</p> <p>CEU Tracker for our site- Allison creating.</p> <p>Many processes and procedures outlined in the document provided.</p> <p>Start with EI conference and move on.</p> <p>May need to invite entire board to next meetings.</p> <p>Fluid document. Can re-address</p>	
Membership Initiative	<p>Did not address during this meeting. On next agenda.</p>	