

MAOT Minutes

July 14, 2020

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Present: Donna, Karen, Lisa, Susan, Daria, Alissa, Sarah, Brittany, Melanie, Jan
2. Absent: Casey, Michelle, Eleanor, Tina
3. Quorum established and meeting called to order – 6:pm

II. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

1. May 2020 minutes
 - Minor changes recommended by Karen, **Brittany** to make updates
2. Melanie makes **motion** to approve, Michelle **seconds, unanimously approved**

III. New business

1. Election results
 - Tina Champagne – Vice President
 - Casey Morle - Treasurer
2. Appointments-Government Relations/SIG/Volunteer Representative
 - Sarah McKinnon – remains as Gov Relations
 - **Unanimously approved**
 - Susan Krikorian - remains on as SIG Rep
 - **Unanimously approved**
 - Daria Rabkin - remains on as Volunteer Rep
 - **Unanimously approved**
3. Certificate of appreciation to Ellie (12 years) and Diane
 - **Donna** to send, waiting to find out how long Diane served for (**Karen** to ask Diane)
4. Job descriptions
 - **Karen** to send out to board for final board approval
5. Town Halls
 - Topics
 - OT/OTA interviewing techniques – could draw new grads
 - Reopening in Massachusetts
 - Future of Telehealth in Massachusetts
 - OT Policy with Lisa Simonetti and Sarah McKinnon
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Melissa Tilton)
 - Supervision How To's
 - School-opening Session
 - Emerging practice areas
 - Use zoom for town halls, 1-hour sessions, interactive sessions where members and paying non-members can share/network/discuss important topics
 - Discussion about offering contact unit for Town Hall meetings by including simple objectives
 - Non-members – charge \$20 with contact hour for each town hall
 - **Lisa** makes motion, **Melanie** seconds, **unanimously approved**

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- **Karen** to send topic list out that board can add to – would like to get 4 or 5 done by September
- 6. Linda Duncombe scholarship donation/administration
 - Setting up scholarship in her name – targeted toward increasing student involvement in MAOT – discussion of whether MAOT wants to be in the business of administering scholarships, especially if this is only for a BU student
 - MAOT sending \$100 for BU scholarship
 - Michelle presented idea of MAOT beginning new Linda Duncombe award in Mental Health
 - **Lisa and Michelle** to create criteria for this award so that it can be awarded at conference in October
- 7. Therapists Without Borders request
 - Request to share info about TWB 5K fundraiser via email blast to membership
 - **Karen and Donna** to send email to membership
- 8. Logo
 - Logo contest open to ALL
 - Submit by October 1st, board narrows down options, membership will vote on a winner
 - Can win one year free membership or full conference registration
 - “When you submit your logo, must submit meaning behind your logo, how it embodies OT, and ties into MAOT Mission”
 - MAOT mission NOT currently on website, **Donna and Karen** to locate and update website
 - Membership will vote for winner
 - Logo will be revealed at conference!
- 9. Bylaws and Strategic Plan
 - Needs to be revisited, deferred until next meeting

IV. Updates

1. Need Reimbursement/Public Relations Representatives
 - Lauren Reed (BPS) emailed with interest in volunteer rep – **Karen** to send Lauren’s email to membership for review and consideration, **Karen** will also reach out to see if she might be interested in PR Rep instead
 - Need reimbursement rep – no interest, but a lot of emails coming in related to this – Karen to reach out to Diane to see if she can assist until we fill the position
 - Discussed updating role of Reimbursement Rep who could seek out a specific contact person with most common reimbursement companies in order to get easy and accurate answers to questions
2. Membership-
 - 348 members
 - 450 would be 5% of licensed practitioners

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- **Karen** to reach out to Frank, Chuck, or Deb Slater to see if we can get AOTA MA Member list to improve marketing
 - State licensure list is just home addresses and phone numbers, but not emails
 - 27 new “free” memberships
 - This ends Sept 15th
 - MAOT to send reminder email on Sept 1st to remind these members to continue their memberships
 - Daria recommends reaching out to new “free” members to seek information about what their motivation was to join – **Donna** to send list to **Daria**
3. Conference update
- Plan for virtual
 - **Karen** working on setting up zoom account
 - Committee meeting July 15th
 - Hotel wants to know if we want to hold date for 2021 – can hold the date without any deposit needed
 - **Donna** to hold date – Oct 29, 2021
 - Released from commitment at hotel for Oct 2020 without any financial repercussions
 - PT interested in collaborating for next year’s conference because MAOT is Friday and they are Saturday
4. SIG update
- Proposals being submitted to hold SIG meetings at conference
 - Heard from Mary Jo Wagner – has a powerpoint set up, not sure if she should be doing something during conference or wait until later – attendance wasn’t good in the past but SIG attendance has been better since going virtual
5. Government Relations update
- Brittany and Sarah put out telehealth survey – 177 respondents
 - Using information to draft letters with specific data
 - **Karen** to send out data to board via email
 - Telehealth legislation passed senate unanimously – no bill specifically for House at this time, encouraged to reach out to reps to push anything related to telehealth
 - OT Compact – no updates currently
 - Lisa Simonetti – found loophole in some regs that will help us with mental health coverage – OT is listed as a provider that needs to be on the team and should be reimbursed
 - Licensure regs passed, but has not been published online yet – once published, **MAOT** will do a blast to members
 - PT and OT have been writing letters about change in AT Regs – clients to patients, expanding scope from temp splinting to splinting and bracing – AT regs did not pass, PT and OT did
6. Budget
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- No update – Casey unable to make meeting
- 7. Public relations
 - Infographic - do email blast - what has MAOT done during this pandemic
 - town halls
 - offered free memberships
 - SIG groups move virtual

V. Next Meetings

1. August
2. October before conference
3. December to wrap-up conference

VI. Adjournment

1. **Michelle makes motion to adjourn, seconded by Jan, unanimously approved.**