

# MAOT Minutes

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October 9, 2019

## I. Call to Order and Welcome

- A. Present: Donna Caira, Brittany Adams, Lisa Boyajian, Susan Krikorian, Melanie Glynn, Michelle, Karen Hefler, Diane Maxson, Sarah McKinnon
- B. Absent: Alissa, Daria Rabkin, Tina Champagne
- C. Quorum established and meeting called to order – 6:30pm

## II. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- A. May 2019 Minutes
  - Donna to email minutes to board members to review, final vote next meeting

## III. Updates

- A. Board members – Karen
  - New board members – Karen will send updated board terms
- B. Fall Conference - Karen/Elizabeth/Donna
  - Attendance – 109
    - 30% students, 30% presenters, 40% practitioners
    - Would like to see more practitioners
  - Sports memorabilia silent auction table
  - 17 paying vendors – lower than last year by a few
  - Karen speaking with president of PT association – their conference is the next day – do vendors want to go to both conferences?
  - 4 free vendors who have disabilities and are selling products
  - Raffle donations
    - Betsy Craig in charge of this table
    - Any other donations, let Betsy know
  - 2 Keynote speakers – one with half hour, one with 45/60 minutes
  - PDPM at conference?
    - Needs to be priority
    - AOTPAC/legislation update - Begin with PDPM (Diane), then flow into legislative update
- C. Award nominations - Alissa/Donna
  - Herbert Hall – 3 nominees
  - Catherine Trombly – 1 nominee
  - Board members to vote for winners and send ballot to Donna
  - Mary Malone typically hands out the awards at conference – Donna to reach out to her
- D. SIGs – Susan
  - Updates
    - MaryJo Wagner – has not run meetings due to lack of response – looking for alternatives to increase participation
    - Laurie Cecchi – no response, however she is active
    - Michelle Brown – no response, inactive, will be removed from website
    - Colleen Kraven – acute care – active as of last Spring

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- Susan to forward info to Melanie for social media
- Melanie requesting info re: SIGs ASAP so that it can be sent out earlier to encourage more participation
- Proposal for new SIG
  - Susan Krikorian and Tee Stock – Pediatric Practice and Transition Planning
  - Payment to participate in online conference calls could be done through MAOT website
  - Also discussed idea of doing a seasonal payment rather than payments every meeting/call
    - i. Currently \$10 per meeting for non-members
  - Melanie made **motion** made to pass Pediatric Practice and Transition Planning SIG, **seconded** by Lisa – **unanimously passes**
  - Melanie made **motion** made to operationalize fees, **seconded** by Michelle: pay for 3, get 4 meetings - must know dates beforehand to avoid refunds – **unanimously passes**
  - at the first meeting, Sue will mention having a week from first meeting to pay the difference for MAOT membership – if desired, they need to contact Donna so she can refund the difference

## E. Membership – Donna

- 318 active members
  - 62 students, 7 retired, 27 OTAs, 222 OTRs
- 134 Renewals overdue
  - Goes back 1 year
- Donna and Karen to send Halloween “Don’t Ghost Us!” email to encourage renewal of members

## F. Legislation – Sarah

- Adding OT/OTA to definition of mental health provider to increase scope of OT in terms of access to people receiving mental health services
  - Had 12 representatives to speak to this bill
  - Currently sitting in committee – has until February 2020 to decide what will move forward
- Encroachment
  - Athletic trainers putting forth bill to expand scope to splinting/bracing – keeping an eye on this
- Telemedicine bill with OT inclusion
  - Currently sitting in committee
  - Had a hearing last week, written testimony submitted
- Lisa Simonetti wants to better understand mental health services and OT – suggested putting together meeting with MH SIG – early December – plan to bring this forward at conference

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- MA Hill Day
    - Working with Lisa and exploring options for planning
    - Looking at April 2021
  - AOTA Boston – OT Month
    - Karen and Sarah to talk to Lisa about getting a proclamation from the Governor’s office
- G. Licensure regulations – Karen
- No updates
  - 2 vacancies for OT practitioners on the Board of Allied Health Professions – Sue Higgins moving to CT
  - Karen and Donna to send email seeking interested volunteers
- H. Reimbursement – Diane
- PDPM
    - Diane to put together strategies to provide guidance to people who contact MAOT related to changes within facilities that appear to be happening as a result of PDPM – plan to reach out to Deb Slater and NEOTEC as this is impacting fieldwork placements as well
    - Encourage OTP’s working in SNF’s to reach out to Diane to get a better understanding of what is happening in MA facilities
- I. Treasurer – Casey
- Casey to send out updated budget as she could not be on the call tonight
- J. Social Media/Public Relations - Melanie/Ellie
- No updates
- K. RA Rep
- New RA Rep -
  - Karen reached out for bio and will reach out again to encourage him to come to conference
  - Doctoral single-point of entry has been reintroduced as motion in RA
- IV. Other business**
- A. MA Health reg changes in Public Schools – Karen
- Jan Hollenbeck pulled together grassroots group of OT, PT, SLP, nursing, psych – meeting virtually/in-person – drafted 3 documents – FAQ for school-based practitioners, document with all questions to go to Mass Health, document to DESI looking for clarification – goal for MAOT, MPTA, and MASHA to send docs
- V. Next Meeting**
- A. TBD
- VI. Adjournment**
- A. Melanie made **motion** to close, **seconded** by Michelle, **unanimously approved**. Adjourned at 7:57pm.