

President ' s Annual Report 2006

Here is a summary of what OOTA and the Executive Board have accomplished during the past year, and what took place during the Annual Business Meeting.

The Executive Board has met seven times since our last annual meeting. We met in person at Annual Conference in 2005, and six times by teleconference from the OU facilities.

1. We have focused on three continuing education events this year.
 - Two were telecast topic meetings that were broadcast to three sites:
 - In March our program was titled AA New Era in Motor Control Therapies: Motor Learning, Imagery, and Constraint Induced Movement Techniques.
 - In June we focused on “Management of Common Upper Extremity Diagnoses in the Client with Orthopedic and Neurological Injuries.”
 - The third was our annual conference, which had a topic of more general appeal - more forward looking B which was AEnvisioning and Enacting the Second Century of Occupational Therapy: Thinking Globally - Acting Locally.@
 - We also concentrated on the promotion of occupational therapy in Oklahoma.
 - The first was in April - OT Month - with involvement with Lowes Home Improvement Stores.
 - The second promotion was September 20, which was Back Pack Awareness Day. Both of these efforts were led by Mary Isaacson and the Community Promotion Committee.
2. We looked at ways to build membership in OOTA, and we presented a plan to reduce dues and bring in more members which was adopted at the annual meeting.
3. We believe that recognizing outstanding service is vital to those who give their time, and we honored several in this year ' s award ceremony.
4. We mailed four newsletters this year, which were considerably smaller than in that past. However, we used our web site for posting longer reports and minutes, so the information is still available - just not as costly to OOTA to get it to you.
5. We are also building an email network to dispense information in a timely manner. We only have about half of the members on the email list, so we can ' t reach all members this way yet. If you have an email address but haven ' t been receiving emails from us, please let Marsha Collier know of your desire to get on the ListServ. Her email address is:
mcollier05@yahoo.com

6. We had an election this spring, so we have several new officers in place.
 - I was reelected President
 - Toby Hamilton was elected Vice President
 - Anne Marie Grassmann was elected Treasurer, and unfortunately, she has been extremely ill since she took office.
 - Stacy Parsons, our COTA Representative moved out of state in May. Debbie Smart was elected at the annual meeting to finish out the term.
 - Rachel Godsey from OU in Tulsa was elected as the Student Representative.
 - Suena Olson and Susan Tucker were reelected as our AOTA Representative and Alternative Representative for another three-year term.
 - Susan Tucker began serving as Newsletter Editor in January.
 - Heather Parmley has served as Finance Committee Chair.
 - John Jennings will be heading up the Nominations/Recognitions Committees.

7. Those who continue to serve are:
 - Meg Smith as Secretary
 - Jennifer Campbell as our Website Manager and ListServ Coordinator
 - Mary Isaacson serves as Chair of the very active Community Promotion Committee.

Membership Dues:

One of the items of New Business at the Annual Business Meeting is the setting of dues for the next fiscal year. There was a discussion concerning OOTA's declining membership numbers, and we compared OOTA's dues with those in the region and nationally. It was noted that OOTA has the fourth highest dues of the 34 AOTA affiliate associations who reported numbers. Two motions were adopted concerning dues.

1. The Executive Board moves that for the remainder of FY 2006-2007, the dues for new members will be Atwo for the price of one.@ For those who have already joined at the full rate, they may either find someone to give half of their membership, or find someone who will reimburse them half of their membership. There will be no refunds. This motion was adopted.
2. The Executive Board moves that for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the dues for membership in OOTA will be the following:

OTR =	\$45.00
COTA=	\$25.00
OTS =	\$15.00
OTAS =	\$15.00

Organizational Membership will remain at \$300.00, and Associate Membership will remain at \$20.00. This motion was adopted.

General Business Meeting:

Since our Bylaws state that we will have three meetings a year in addition to our Annual Business Meeting, and since we reduced the number of continuing education programs to two in addition to the annual conference, we are short one general business meeting for the 2006 year. Instead of going through a Bylaws change at this time, the Executive Board decided to combine

a general business meeting with the next Executive Board meeting, which will be **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006 at 6:00 PM.** We meet at OU Tulsa and OKC via teleconference, and we could hook up to Fort Cobb or Enid if there is interest.

I usually send out a call for agenda items a week ahead of the meeting, but this time I will send it out to all on the ListServ two weeks prior to the meeting.

Please let Marsha Collier know if you plan to attend by one week before the meeting, so that we can reserve a room large enough for all who plan to attend. We usually meet in small conference rooms, but as you know, there are larger rooms available.

Awards Ceremony:

We want to recognize our sponsors and vendors at conference, as they add so much to the professional atmosphere. Vendors this year were: Focus on Function/Functional Rehab; Career Staff Unlimited; RehabSource, LLC; US Medical/HumanCare, LLC

Our Sponsors were: At the Bronze level: Simply Thick and Integris Health; at the Silver level: Bioness, Inc.; and at the Diamond level: Saint Francis Hospital.

We recognized those who have served OOTA in various capacities throughout the past year, esp. those whose terms ended June 30.

- Carrie Ciro was our Past President
- Angie Wilmoth served as Vice President
- Suzette Jones served as Treasurer
- Stacey Parsons was our COTA Representative
- Jami Canada was the Student Representative
- Rhonda Reed was Chair of the Nominations and Recognitions Committees
- Oleeta Noah served as Newsletter editor until December 2005.

The Recognitions Committee of OOTA accepts nominations each year before the Annual Meeting. Any active member of OOTA is eligible to nominate individuals for the awards. This year we had an Ad Hoc committee who dealt with the nominations. All are current members of OOTA, and students in the OT program at the University of Oklahoma. They are Sarah Farrar, Sydney Darrough, and Jenna Howsden.

The following awards were given:

Health Advocate Award:	Lowes Home Improvement Stores
OOTA Service Award:	Rhonda Reed, OTR
COTA of the Year:	Debra Smart, COTA
OTR of the Year:	Carrie Ciro, OTR

We appreciate all who actively volunteered for any task this year, and to all who attended the continuing education events that we sponsor. We look forward to a GREAT 2007, when OOTA will celebrate our 40 years of promotion of occupational therapy. Remember, our OOTA Birthday Cruise sets sail on April 26, 2007!