**GOTA Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

\*Board members, please review prior meeting minutes and add agenda items and your reports for discussion

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| **Attendance** | **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| **Voting Members** | | | |
| President | Jennifer Allison | x |  |
| President elect | Kristen Webber | x |  |
| Vice President | Stephanie Johnson | x |  |
| Secretary | Jade Gross | X |  |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Burch | X |  |
| Atlanta Region Chair | Kyle Oatis | x |  |
| Middle GA Region Chair | Betsy McDaniel | x |  |
| East Region Chair | Pam Hartle |  |  |
| South Region Chair | Katie Dixon |  |  |
| North Region Chair | Ben Keeling | x |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Communication Chair  (Newsletter) | Marissa Mirecki | X |  |
| Communication Committee Member | Margaret Corcoran |  |  |
| Membership Chair  (Memberclicks, Website) | Kelsey Reeves | x |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Lauren N. Gray | x |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Adrianne Smiley |  |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Laura Barone | **x** |  |
| Membership Committee Member/Instagram Chair | Alexis Mallis | **x** |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Sarah Mcclure | **x** |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Jennifer Boyette |  |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Ruth Bourque |  |  |
| Legislative Chair | Aileen Deogracias |  |  |
| TriAlliance Representative | Nicole Walker Geringer |  |  |
| CEU Approval Chair | Tamara Mills |  |  |
| Education Liaison | Patty Watford | X |  |
| Research Committee Chair | Laura Carpenter | x |  |
| Research Committee Member | Elizabeth Burch |  |  |
| OTA Liaison | LaDonna Nash |  |  |
| **Special Liaison: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Ethics | Sarah Shirley |  |  |
| Liaison to the GA Licensure Board | Irma Alvarado |  |  |
| Nominations & Recognitions | Suzanne Masino |  |  |
| OCCUITY co-chairs | Rebekah Buehler, Frederica Kennedy | X |  |
| Student Liaison |  |  |  |
| AOTA RA Representative | Helene Smith-Gabai |  |  |
| **Student Representatives** | | | |
| Albany State University | Daniel Walton |  |  |
| Augusta University | Emily Holton | X |  |
| Augusta Tech College | N/A |  |  |
| Brenau University | Gainesville- Jessica Daniels | X |  |
| Chattahoochee Tech College | N/A |  |  |
| Georgia State University | Amanda Glass | X |  |
| Middle Georgia State University |  |  |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | | | |
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| Silent Auction | Margaret Corcoran |  |  |
| Workshop Committee |  |  |  |
| **Additional** | | | |
| Management Office | Tiffany Wilson |  |  |
| Was a quorum attained (must have 51% of the voting members present to vote) | | X |  |
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**Secretary: 1st order of business: Motion to approve Executive Board meeting min. (last meeting date): January 27, 2021. Ben moved to approve the minutes, and Stephanie seconded it. Motion carried. Minutes approved.**

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| **President’s Report** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| Jennifer Allison  President  Kristen Webber  President elect | Old Business  Waiting on update on compact from Tom and Aileen  New Business | Kristen-  Subcommittee for update for by laws  Update to SOP  Motion to approve a subcommittee for Bylaws, Stephanie seconded the motion. Motion carried.  Motion to update SOP, Ben seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
| **Vice President** |  |  |
| Stephanie Johnson | Old Business  n/a  New Business : Working towards a plan for consolidating GOTA information into one location |  |
| **Treasurer** | | |
| Elizabeth Burch | Old Business  n/a  New Business  No major changes to budget since last meeting |  |
| Secretary | | |
| Jade Gross | n/a |  |
| **Region reports** | **Discussion**  **ALL REGION CHAIRS-PLEASE ADD YOUR REGION REPORT & UPCOMING MEETINGS** | **Action/ Due Date** |
| **Atlanta**  Kyle Oatis | Hosted meetings in January and March with the topics of OTD capstone information and OT in the US Army. April meeting TBD |  |
| **East**  Pam Hartle | No update |  |
| **Middle**  Betsy McDaniel | Hosted Live Zoom meeting in February “Successful Fieldwork Supervision during a Pandemic” for 1 hr. continuing education with 18 participants; OTA students from MGA are planning to assist with COTA Initiative to address Medicaid reimbursement for COTA’s in Georgia |  |
| **South**  Katie Dixon | No update |  |
| **North**  Ben Keeling |  |  |
| **All Region Chairs** | ***Please submit any upcoming meetings/events with dates, locations, and how/who to contact to rsvp for event/meeting- submit to*** [***info@gaota.com***](mailto:info@gaota.com) |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-voting** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Membership Chair**  Kelsey Reeves  **Alexis Mallis** | GOTA meeting open to GA OT students to increase membership and committee participation.  Membership drive updates - membership drive giveaway (completed), t-shirt contest (in process), free course for tri-state conference (upcoming)  Idea to reach out to students to join committee meetings to increase student involvement | Recruiting for submission for online OT month |
| **Communication Chair**  Marissa Mirecki | Working on quarterly newsletter to go out soon  Working to ensure that social media/outreach information is accessible - use of style guide |  |
| **CEU Approval Chair**  Tamara Mills | No update |  |
| **Conference Co-Chairs**  Jennifer Boyette  Ruth Bourque | Jennifer Boyette here-  I can’t be on the call tonight but will check the minutes again afterward. Everything is moving well with the conference planning. The proposal review team will begin reviewing proposals next week and expect to have the logo and design in place by the end of April. Keynote speakers are in communication with Kristen. We are in need of vendors and the vendor committee is being pulled together. Our next planning mtg is 4.28.21. I’m at [jboyette@brenau.edu](mailto:jboyette@brenau.edu) if anyone needs to reach out. Ruth’s email: ruthesther3@gmail.com | April 20th- begin reviewing proposals  April 28th- logo, design, keynote commitment due to committee  Plans to extend conference deadline to May - update to be sent out to members soon |
| **Legislative Chair**  Aileen Deogracias | **HB 268- OT Compact update**  OT Compact Timeline  2021-04-05 House Sent to Governor  2021-03-25 Senate Passed/Adopted  2021-03-10 Senate Committee Favorably Reported  2021-02-23 Senate Read and Referred to GORRC  2021-02-22 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute  2021-02-17 House House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute  2021-02-04 House House First Readers  2021-02-03 House House Hopper  Legislative Committee   * Thanks Kristen for recommending members   Responsibilities````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````````12   * Organizing Legislative Day (Virtual, this year)   + Coordinating with members and OT/OTA schools re: date.   + Sending out announcements   + Arranging for Zoom   + Agenda with Tom Bauer * Reviewing current and upcoming bills and providing opinion on how it affects scope and ability to practice. * Coordinating with Task Forces. * Other matters. | Will depend on if and when Gov. Kemp signs bill (would need to veto for bill not to pass)   * If not, writing campaign to ask him to sign. * If signed, writing campaign to thank legislators.   Marissa.mirecki@gmail.com |
| **TriAlliance Representative**  Nicole Walker Geringer | Trialliance is meeting with the following :  PEACHSTATE   * Resolving issue with system error denials * Provider loading issues * Wellcare-Peachstate transition   CARESOURCE   * New Prior authorization policy/ 8 unit is going away and there was an issue with communicating this to providers. * Caresource will put this on hold and claims will not deny.   AMERIGROUP  DCH   * WIll be meeting on 4/19 to discuss current issues with Fee for service and CMOs. |  |
| **Education Liaison**  Patty Watford | Contacting program chairs/directors to select a faculty representative to GOTA and name of current student representative. |  |
| **Research Committee Chair**  Laura Carpenter | No update |  |
| **OTA Liaison**  LaDonna Nash | Helping OTA student mentees on passing the board. | [reeves.kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:reeves.kelsey@gmail.com)  Will provide information on these resources. Also will provide updated email. |
| **Special Liaison** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **GA Rep to the AOTA RA**  Helene Smith-Gabai | Not present - RA is meeting tonight.  Email sent to GOTA members from RA rep in March.  The AOTA is considering the following motions:   1. To establish a uniform standard of care across the county, through a position paper outlining the unique contribution and role of occupational therapy practitioners (OTs) in critical care settings. 2. A position paper made available to AOTA members and the general healthcare community, that supports Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM) programs and the role SPHM plays in promoting a safer working environment for OTs and healthcare workers, improved safety and outcomes for patients. 3. A survey that identifies which practice setting provides OT services to children birth-3-years-olds in their home environment: early intervention or home health 4. Request that the Representative Assembly Coordinating Committee (RACC) consider the development of a new or expansion of an existing official document to address interprofessional collaborative practice (ICP) across populations and settings.     Log into your AOTA account and then click [here](http://gocta.memberclicks.net/message2/link/680f1eb2-ec69-4858-91a7-b09508125217/2) to view the discussion going on in the RA group. Non-RA members can't comment directly in the forum, but you can [email our rep](http://gocta.memberclicks.net/message2/link/680f1eb2-ec69-4858-91a7-b09508125217/3), Helene, and she can make your voice heard.  The task groups will also be meeting online on March 23rd, to review the information gathered as well as feedback from AOTA members. At the RA spring meeting on May 10th, the RA will vote whether to move these Requests for Action forward, and review any newly submitted Requests for Action. | Jennifer will provide update |
| **Recognitions & Nominations**  Suzanne Masino | Same five awards will be given at the conference. Cutoff is generally one month prior to conference. | [reeves.kelsey@gmai.com](mailto:reeves.kelsey@gmai.com) to connect for promotional options- website, IG, facebook, etc. |
| **Ethics**  Sarah Shirley | Coordinated with OCCUITY committee and other committees |  |
| **Student Liaison** | No update |  |
| **Licensure Board Liaison**  Irma Alvarado | Still unable to access public meetings  Board is still gathering data to make it more clear on how much remediation an OT or OTA can have following repeated failures on NBCOT. |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **GOTA Advisory Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Occupational Therapy** | New Co-Chairs: Rebekah Buehler & Fredrica Kennedy  Establish Committee SOP and Plan including Purpose, Mission, Vision, and Commitment statements.  Established Goals  Looking to partner with other committees such as Ethics, Communication, etc.  Plan to update at large DEI committee members and submit conference proposal. | Will share SOP and plan to vote on for next meeting (link below)  <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h8GZBEiRaCtzQgFvAficGVn27OcGz3WxVirN2om4EoU/edit?usp=sharing> |
| **Silent Auction**  Margaret Corcoran | No update |  |
| **Workshop Committee** | Two upcoming workshops with info on the website |  |
| **OTA Initiative**  Irma Alvarado | Link to Initiation of Committee and Committee Notes  Call for Commitee members  <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11DTLPc1XXQn3bTMenFhggvuByzESI9fwyoc3lgUsHkI/edit> |  |
| **Student Representatives** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| \*Albany State University  \*Augusta University  \*Augusta Tech College  \*Brenau University  \*Chattahoochee Tech College  \*Georgia State University  \*Middle Georgia State University | Brenau University: Student BOTSA is participating in a student panel with Johnson and Wales University and Bay Path University to meet with different OT specialists (Private practice (pelvic floor), hand therapy, home care, and someone with experience with amputations, and ALS) this Thursday April 15th |  |
| **New Business** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
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Elizabeth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.