**GOTA Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**Monday, March 21, 2022**

**7:30 - 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 | Stephanie Johnson | X |  |
| Vice President | Patty Watford | X |  |
| Secretary | Jade Gross | X |  |
| Treasurer | Melissa Toporek | X |  |
| Atlanta Region Chair | Kyle Oatis | X |  |
| Middle GA Region Chair | Betsy McDaniel | X |  |
| East Region Chair | Pam Hartle | X |  |
| South Region Chair | Katie Dixon |  | X |
| North Region Chair | Ben Keeling | X |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Research Committee Chair | Laura Carpenter |  | X |
| Research Committee Member | Elizabeth Burch |  | X |
| OTA Liaison | LaDonna Nash |  | X |
| Membership Committee Chair | Kelsey Taylor |  | X |
| Membership Committee Members | Laura Barone  Alexis Mallis (Instagram Chair)  Adrianne Smiley  Jennifer Allison(Facebook Chair) | X  X  x | X |
| Communication Committee Chair | Marissa Mirecki | X |  |
| CEU Approval Chair | Tamara Mills | X |  |
| Conference Co-Chairs | Jennifer Boyette    Ruth Bourque | X | X |
| Legislative Chair | Aileen Deogracias | X |  |
| TriAlliance Representative | Nicole Walker Geringer |  | X |
| **Special Liaison: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Ethics | Sarah Shirley |  | X |
| Education Liaison | Ryan Carrick | X |  |
| Liaison to the GA Licensure Board | M. Irma Alvarado |  | X |
| Nominations & Recognitions | Suzanne Masino | x |  |
| OCCUITY co-chairs | Rebekah Buehler  Frederica Kennedy |  | X |
| OCCUITY members | Irma Alvarado  Jennifer Allison  Adrianne Smiley  Barb Schell  Sarah Shirley  Kyle Otis  Bryan Clever | X  x |  |
| Student Liaison |  |  |  |
| AOTA RA Representative | Helene Smith-Gabai | x |  |
| **Student Representatives** | | | |
| Albany State University | Daniel Walton |  | X |
| Augusta University | Carol Kadamani |  | X |
| Augusta Tech College | Jenny Newton | X |  |
| Brenau University | Ashley Wright: Gainesville Day MSOT Program Track  Dhara Patel: ELOTD Program Track  Virginia (Taylor) McInnis: Norcross Weekend MSOT Program Track |  | X |
| Chattahoochee Tech College | Amy Shaffer |  | X |
| Georgia State University | Mirage Sanders | X |  |
| Middle Georgia State University | Betsy McDaniel | X |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | | | |
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| Silent Auction | Margaret Corcoran |  | X |
| Workshop Committee |  |  |  |
| **Additional** | | | |
| Lobbyist | Tom Bauer | X |  |
| Management Office |  |  |  |
| Was a quorum attained (must have 51% of the voting members present to vote) | |  |  |
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**Secretary: 1st order of business: Motion to approve Executive Board meeting minutes (date of previous meeting) : \_12.13.21\_- minutes approved electronically\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_moved to approve the minutes, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded it. Motion \_\_\_\_\_\_. Minutes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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| **President’s Report** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| Stephanie Johnson  President  sjohnson8@augusta.edu | Dry Needling discussion   * Committee? * Poll to members for interest * Reimbursement: How and if reimbursed; if in practice act of other states and how reimbursed by other states; Insurance coverage, existing contracts for payer sources and payment * What other states have in practice act? * Education training? * OT/OTA Education: in schools? * ACOTE? * Service Deliverance and competency?   IPC committee/joint collaborations with APTA Ga   * Pediatric Focus for October * Ruth, Aileen interested in….   International Initiative: Partnership with Ukraine Ergotherapy Society   * <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gaotaukrainefundraising> * International membership; access to conference, resources, non-voting members * Haiti expansion   State Reciprocity for CEs with neighboring states   * Alabama * FL, SC, TN? * Discount Codes * At least 2 courses per year?   Workshop status: OTA and post poned  Mailing Address Change: PO Box 495 now….  APTA of Ga Collaboration: Pediatric IPC for conference, others possibilities  Website- Updating: Meeting Minutes  CE section: Documentation Workshop  Job postings,etc. | Email for evidence for DN; Ben: motion for Committee and polling; Pam 2nd;  Volunteers: Kyle  Committee: Open to all, starting with Ukraine and Haiti; Follow WFOT fee schedule  Melissa agreeable to assist with her international contacts  Non-voting Membership  Patty motioned; Jade seconded to develop an international committee  Jennifer motioned to approve sales of the t-shirt to raise money for Ukraine; Yea’s acknowledge; no Na’s  Continue discussion for state reciprocity  Susan Lee: Communications Team/Membership |
| **Vice President** |  |  |
| Patty Watford | Working on updating Bylaws with Jennifer Allison |  |
| **Treasurer** | | |
| Melissa T | Transitioning to Melissa and getting set up for treasurer duties |  |
| Secretary | | |
| Jade Gross | Requesting all members review the following document to ensure updated and accurate information: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing>   * [GOTA Board Members Roster](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing) |  |
| **Region reports** | **Discussion**  **ALL REGION CHAIRS-PLEASE ADD YOUR REGION REPORT & UPCOMING MEETINGS** | **Action/ Due Date** |
| **Atlanta**  Kyle Oatis | Working Towards securing speakers |  |
| **East**  Pam Hartle | Poster Presentation with OTA students in April; welcomed  Augusta Tech Moving |  |
| **Middle**  Betsy McDaniel | Nothing currently to report about region; Middle Ga Bridge Program, ACOTE Review |  |
| **South**  Katie Dixon |  |  |
| **North**  Ben Keeling | Working on speakers; potential meetings at Chattahoochee |  |
| **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) | Stephanie recommended joining regions to host a virtual CE |
| **Standing Committees: Non-voting** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Membership Chair**  Kelsey Taylor | * Sex and Intimacy Workshop (CEU)   + A rescheduling of the valentines day course.   + We are looking for volunteers to assist in the planning of a Sex and Intimacy Workshop. Please email: ([membership.gota@gmail.com](mailto:membership.gota@gmail.com) ) if you are interested in assisting in planning or have speaker/topic recommendations.   + In the past, topic focused workshops like this have been a good revenue builder for GOTA!!   + See link below for current brainstorming ideas and potential speakers.     - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10j8bR2s2kqv2N1RcD71nxfeeQQNUBgMtXPa_cf-DGM8/edit?usp=sharing> |  |
| **Communication Chair**  Marissa Mirecki | * Proposal: Merge Communication and Membership Committees:   + <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fms6BUWYFxvPKJ3wF7gUYjlHboz81UtDELB5ccq9HrU/edit?usp=sharing> | Jade motioned to approve merging the membership and communication committee. Pam seconded.  Marissa/other committee members will update the roster to reflect the new roles.  Drive for new volunteers/committee members: International, Membership Committee; Membership Drive (Email blast to all OTs, OTAs in Georgia; Dry Needling |
| **CEU Approval Chair**  Tamara Mills  **Members**  Yi-An Chen  Mallory Rosche |  | We need updated contact information for new members to this committee to be added to roster:  [mrosche@augusta.edu](mailto:mrosche@augusta.edu)  ychen102@gsu.edu |
| **Conference Co-Chairs**  Jennifer Boyette  Ruth Bourque | Working towards conference planning |  |
| **Legislative Chair**  Aileen Deogracias | Virtual Legislative Day on 3/8/2022  Recognition of Rep. Bill Werkheiser as GOTA Legislator of the Year for sponsoring the OT Compact  OT Compact has been enacted by 12 states. The OT Compact Commission will then convene to establish rules and implement the data system in order to begin issuing compact privileges to practice occupational therapy.  HB 412- ABA Bill  Follow up on alert to email members of the Health and Human Services Senate Committee.  WIll be heard at Committee meeting tomorrow  Request to GOTA Board to publish the Documentation Workshop for PTs and SLPs.  CMO Oversight  The multiple procedure payment reduction (MPPR) means that **if a healthcare provider performs multiple procedures during a single patient encounter, Medicare (and many commercial insurers) typically will pay “full price” for only the highest-valued procedure**.  GOTA Telehealth Survey will be presented to AOTA as part of the short course on Telehealth with Illinois and South Carolina |  |
| **TriAlliance Representative**  Nicole Walker Geringer | Trialliance continue to meet on a regular basis with DCH, Peach State, Amerigroup, Caresource  Recently met with Peach State to address billing and claims issues.  According to Peach State :  ⁃ they put a fix on their system 1/27 and they will do a clean sweep if there are still claims errors and issues. This check run should not have any issues and we shouldn’t expect any more.  ⁃ Providers should be loading timely. Please let us know if you have new providers that have not loaded  ⁃ If there continues to be issues we will give instructions on who to email Clinic TIN so they can look into the issues by entity and will report back to TriAlliance  ⁃ Trialliance will meet with Peachstate monthly to receive updates on reprocessing and stay in front of provider issues  ⁃ The meeting notes will be released to the associations when finalized  Caresource   * No current issues   Amerigroup   * Claims are denying for no authorization |  |
| **Research Committee Chair**  Laura Carpenter | Stephanie proposed idea of housing conference materials (i.e. - abstracts) on the GOTA website |  |
| **Education Liaison**  Ryan Carrick | Has reached out to all OT and OTA schools  Stephanie has proposed idea of membership circle - tabled for discussion at next meeting |  |
| **GOTA Advisory Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Occupational Therapy** | n/a |  |
| **OTA Liaison**  LaDonna Nash | n/a |  |
| **Special Liaison** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **GA Rep to the AOTA RA**  Helene Smith-Gabai | Information sent to GOTA to post to members. Spring RA meeting is next week and there are lots of motions. At next week’s meeting there will also be discussion about AOTA’s proposed changes to the bylaws and governance. Proposed changes to RA include transitioning in one year to 23 appointed representatives of different practice areas, instead of the current structure of representatives from each state.  April newsletter includes information on how to submit a Request for Action.  2 people sent me an email about Requests for Action they want to submit to the RA. |  |
| **Recognitions & Nominations**  Suzanne Masino | n/a |  |
| **Ethics**  Sarah Shirley | n/a |  |
| **Licensure Board Liaison**  M. Irma Alvarado | n/a |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Silent Auction**  Margaret Corcoran | n/a |  |
| **Workshop Committee** |  |  |
| **OTA Initiative**  M. Irma Alvarado | n/a |  |
| **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 | None reported |  |
| **New Business** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
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\_\_\_Pam\_\_\_\_\_made a motion to adjourn the meeting. \_\_\_\_Jade\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at \_8:57\_\_\_PM\_.