

## **TNOTA Board Meeting Aug. 8, 2024**

**In attendance:** Stephanie Lancaster, Valery Hanks, Brandy McCarter, Kelsey Vaughn, Susan McDonald, Gwen Fox, Morgan Webb, Katy Schmidt, Logan Herndon, Blaine Coffey, Ashley Robertson, Missy Bryan, Amanda Newbern, Robert Mullaney, Gigi Jordan, Alyssa Campbell, David Eades, Kimberly Jesse, Bhumika Patel, Claire Herring, Deana Kendall, Hannah Wiggs, Jenni Schwartz, Maggie Pierce, Brittany Ford, Akosua Odei

**Staff in attendance:** Zach McElgunn

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**MSC** *July Board Meeting minutes were approved*

### **Please share this information with your personal network(s)**

- **September 7 – Moving Day Memphis** – TNOTA's philanthropy partner, the Parkinson's Foundation, is [looking for volunteers](#) to join them at the Lichterman Nature Center
- **September 28 – Moving Day Nashville** – TNOTA's philanthropy partner, the Parkinson's Foundation, is [looking for volunteers](#) to joining them at Ensworth Frist Campus-High School
- TNOTA is looking for **sponsors or donations for swag bags**
- TNOTA is looking for **volunteers for registration table**
- TNOTA Annual conference will have a **student lounge**, which will present a great opportunity to further engage TNOTA's student members, and/or meet some future OTs

### **Action Items**

- Please submit any district, committee, or CEU events ASAP for 2024 using the [Executive Board webpage](#)
- September Newsletter submissions are due **August 20th**. You can submit on the [Executive Board webpage](#)
- Please reach out to any potential sponsors and/or swag bag contributors copying the [conferencecommittee@tnota.org](mailto:conferencecommittee@tnota.org) email, OR forward your sponsor suggestions to the conference committee email
- Committee/District chairs and CoP leaders – please develop an outline of accomplishments from Oct. 2023 to present, and anything currently being planned for TNOTA **by September 9**. These will be added to the slide deck for the Annual Business Meeting at conference
- Please continue to engage with TNOTA social media posts

### **Upcoming Events**

- **August 18** – *Safe Positioning for Children During Transportation* – CE event at 6:30 pm CDT (virtual)

- **August 22** – *Human Trafficking, Immigration, and the Emerging Role of Occupational Therapy Practitioners* – CE event at 5:30 pm CDT (virtual)
- **August 22** – *TN Board of OT Meeting* – Mentorship committee will be attending to advocate for CEU credit for mentees, and to clarify what CEU credit might be available for mentorship
- **August 27** – *Hand Therapy Community of Practice Quarterly Meeting* – CoP meeting at 6:30 PM CDT (virtual) **email Peggy Haase for more information** ([peggy.haase@vumc.org](mailto:peggy.haase@vumc.org))
- **September 7** – *Moving Day Memphis* – TNOTA's philanthropy partner, the Parkinson's Foundation, is [looking for volunteers](#) to join them at the Lichterman Nature Center
- **September 11** – *Turning Your Everyday Practice into an OT Practice Article* – CE event at 7:00 pm CDT (virtual)
- **September 13** – *QPR Training* – in-person training at pre-conference
- **September 14** – Networking event for Mentorship Committee at 4:00 pm CDT (in-person)
- **September 14** – Networking event for Pediatric Community of Practice at 4:00 pm CDT (in-person)
- **September 14** – Networking event for Mental Health Community of Practice at 4:00 pm CDT (in-person)
- **September 14** – Networking event for Eastern District at 5:15 pm CDT (in-person)
- **September 28** – *Moving Day Nashville* – TNOTA's philanthropy partner, the Parkinson's Foundation, is [looking for volunteers](#) to joining them at Ensworth Frist Campus-High School
- **October 22** – *State and Federal Advocacy Update 2024* – Free advocacy CE event to members and non-members at 7:00 pm CDT (virtual)
- **October 30** – *QPR Training* – Virtual training
- **Date TBD** – DEI Committee working on getting a firm date in place for the speaker from NBCOT

### **Announcements**

- Student Scholarships received 17 total applicants, and the OT2 scholarship received 7 applicants
- Website, social media, and newsletters duties will be transitioned to staff as of September 1 newsletter.
- Elise Foust will be stepping down as Advocacy Co-Chair as of October 1, Rosemary will continue in the role as chair.
- Wrapping up the 5th cycle of mentorship on Sept. 30th and hoping to gain insight into allowing non-TNOTA members to join this mentorship cycle
- Keep an eye out for more information from the Eastern District regarding a CE event for some time in November
- There will be two new West District co-chairs in the next 1-2 months
- Jackson State will be sending a new representative soon as Deanna has graduated

- Lincoln Memorial 1st & 2nd year students just finished finals, and 3rd years are finishing up finals week
- Milligan University students are heading back to school on August 26
- Milligan University SOTA has their first service event planned already and second years are finishing their first level 2 the week of 8/5
- Tennessee State University is on summer break, getting a new cohort of students the week of 8/12
- Tennessee Wesleyan University is currently on break, with current 2nd years graduating, and a new cohort matriculating in the next few weeks
- UT-Chattanooga starting back on August 19 with a social/picnic planned to take place prior to the first day in programs
- UTHSC 2nd years are a few weeks from getting white coats, years are transitioning, and the upcoming class will be coming to conference
- Walters State Community College is transitioning classes, with freshmen beginning their first year soon. There will be a question panel coming up for the incoming class to speak directly with current students about the program
- OTA Connect will be collaborating with the Student Involvement committee to put together a CE event for some time in September
- TNOTA Annual Conference Updates
  - 114 individuals registered
  - \$3,750 in sponsorships so far
  - Preconference starts on Friday 9/13, Conference - 9/14 and 9/15.
  - Location: Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, **parking there is limited so if you plan to attend consider carpooling or walking from your hotel.**
  - Board members should contact Stephanie Lancaster for the registration discount code (only for individuals who are currently serving on the TNOTA Board and those who have served on the Board since May 1, 2024)
  - **Saturday, September 14** there will be a board dinner for those attending the conference following the Annual Business Meeting
- Membership updates
  - 1st year OT: 26 (no change)
  - 1st year OTA: 4 (-1)
  - OT: 364 (-1)
  - OTA: 78 (+5)
  - Retired: 2 (no change)
  - Student: 311 (+10)
  - 38 people renewed their membership and 28 joined in July.
  - 36 people let their membership lapse and 8 rejoined.
  - At this time last year, we had 896 (2099 including prospects) active members compared to 800 (3021 including prospects) active members as of 7/31/2024. This represents a 10.71% reduction in overall membership numbers from last year (43.93% increase in audience, however). This reduction of members is concentrated in the loss of Student members
- Legislative updates

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the CY 2025 Home Health PPS proposed rule in the Federal Register on July 3, 2024. The proposal will affect OT practitioners who work for home health agencies, as it includes payment updates, changes to quality measures in Home Health (HH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) and HH Value- Based Purchasing, Program (HHVBP), and changes to the Conditions of Participation (COPs). The COPs are the minimum health and safety standards that home health agencies must comply with to qualify for reimbursement under the Medicare program.
- You can read more about this rule change here:  
[https://www.aota.org/advocacy/advocacy-news/2024/key\\_issues\\_from\\_the\\_cy2025\\_hh\\_pps\\_proposed\\_rule](https://www.aota.org/advocacy/advocacy-news/2024/key_issues_from_the_cy2025_hh_pps_proposed_rule)
- We will be reaching out to AOTA regarding the possibility of a session to explain/clarify these legislative changes

**MSC Meeting was adjourned**

**Next meeting is taking place at the TNOTA Annual Conference Sept. 13-15**

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Continue to engage with TNOTA social media posts	Rolling	Board
Reach out to AOTA for legislative guidance and support related to CMS proposed rule changes	September 15	advocacy chair & staff support