



Montana Occupational Therapy Association 2009 2nd Quarter Newsletter

Hello MOTA members! Well, it seems maybe summer is finally around the corner!

I want to first take the time to thank the Kalispell community and Dolly for a great annual conference this April. It was a great opportunity to network with therapists around the state in such a beautiful place.

MOTA continues to work and update the website to be user friendly and a provide resources for networking, job opportunities, continuing education opportunities, and current events in Occupational therapy. I encourage all of you to frequently check the website and email admin@mtota.org if you have suggestions to improve our site.

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer full of all the beauty Montana offers!

Amy Seaman, President of MOTA

**CHECK OUT these Links for Occupational Therapy
both comical and educational!!**

<http://www.aota.org/News/Media/OT-News.aspx?emc=lm&m=474659&l=44&v=2113593>

http://www.creators.com/comics/agnes/archive.html?DATE_START=2009-04-19

UPDATE FROM AOTA

AOTA Assesses How To Improve Member Participation

<http://www.aota.org/News/AOTANews/Assess.aspx>



VICE PRESIDENTS WORD TO THE ASSOCIATION

Nicole Gross

I continue to follow any bills of interest in the legislature session. SB 287 has been tabled since 3/25/09 so this bill may be dead. On 4/22/09 the massage therapy licensure bill passed it's third reading and is in the final preparation process. If all goes well, it looks like massage therapists will now have a licensure law to practice in the state of Montana!!

The summer deadline for the MOTA scholarship is approaching. Be sure to submit your application to myself by June 30 to be considered for this \$500.00 scholarship to be used for a continuing education course to develop your skills in providing occupational therapy services. You can find the application materials on our website: www.mtota.org.

We're starting to plan for MOTA conference 2010. If anyone has ideas for speakers or what they would like to see, please e-mail myself or anyone on the board with this information."

SECRETARY MINUTES FROM MOTA Board Meeting

Kalispell, MT

April 4th 2009

Called to order: 12:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Amy Seaman, Nicole Gross, Jean Scharchburg, Lisa Lowery, Rebecca Norton and Tamara Kittelson-Aldred

Officer Reports:

RA: Rebecca mentioned that the RA meeting was on-line this year and open to AOTA members. She also stressed the importance of supporting our profession and being a member of AOTA.

Treasurer: Jean's position still needs to be filled, as she has already served the maximum terms. Amy will appoint somebody that is interested in this position.

Jean provided an update of present financial status as of 3/31/09

Balances:

Scholarship: \$6,807.62

Savings: \$9,223.72

CD: \$16,526.78 next maturity 07/05/09

Checking: \$10,815.03

Secretary: Minutes from the last meeting were approved and are available on-line.

Member at large: Tamara had nothing to report.

Vice President: Nicole had nothing to report.

President: Amy had nothing to report.

Old Business:

A. Treasurer Position is still open, we will still seek a person to fill this position, at this point the person can be appointed by the president.

New Business:

A. Lisa spoke about the price reduction of the CEU videos that MOTA has for rent. The SPAM videos have been checked out a lot more since the price reduction.

B. Nicole discussed the MOTA scholarship, we had 2 applicants, one was chosen and the other applicant will be forwarded to the next scholarship deadline.

C. Nicole gave some legislative updates about the Massage Therapy practice act opening, Senate Bill 287 and that the Autism Bill passed.

D. The new website is up and running and able to take credit cards for membership fees. The initial password for members is MTOTA. Jean gave a demonstration of the new website and took suggestions from the members present. For Discussion Forums, a member suggested that Reimbursement be added and that specific resources be added to each forum topic. Some suggestions for added links were WFOT, Pub-Med, Advance & Today in OT magazine, Vendor links, MonTech. It was also suggested that a lending library be looked into.

E. The proposed budget will be e-mailed to members and they can vote to approve or disapprove it then.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Lowery

Member at Large

In regards to filing taxes for non-profit organizations. Per my accountant, "YES" you do have to file taxes if you are a non-profit organization with gross receipts (for the year) less than \$5,000. Filing deadline is May 15, 2009.

So each district (treasurer) can go to: irs.gov form 990N (I believe!) Enter tax id#
If you have problems, call me and I will contact my CPA for any other questions.

Tami Anderegg

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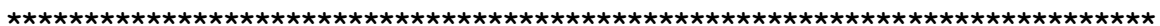
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Please contact Heidi Thomas at hthomas@mosaicrehab.com for more information.



MOTA wants to hear from you for next year's conference!!! Email us with your ideas for speakers, participation to make our 2010 conference a memorable one!

Tentatively we are planning
April 9th and 10, 2010 at Fairmont Hot Springs!!



The budget for 2009 was passed by our members with questions arising regarding amount of budget for president and website. The president's budget includes \$1000 toward ASAP AOTA annual meetings as well as yearly travel expenses. The website amount was the cost of the initial set up of the website and our first years expenses, each following year will be equal to what we were paying the administrative assistant (who we no longer employ) to follow through with the duties the website will encompass.



OTs from Montana in PERU!!!

Our very own Tamara Kittelson-Aldred, is changing the lives of many around the world! Visit her website and blogs from her most recent and upcoming trips!

www.eleanoresproject.org
<http://www.eleanoresproject.org/wordpress/>

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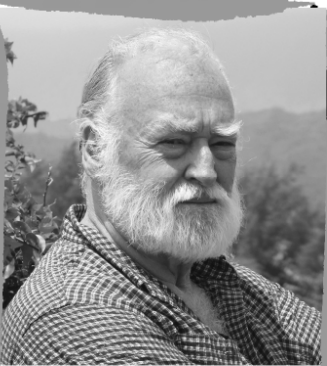
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