

ALOTA Board Meeting
October 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting

- I. Call to Order: 1508
- II. Establishment of quorum, introduction of guests
 - a. Rachel Ashcraft, Megan Sortino, Rachel Gahan, Marisa Garrett, Kelley Lawson, Emily Crowe, Mia Tigue, Angela Davis, Laura Smith, Kimberly Harn, Dewayne Hamilton, Carl Robinson, Catherine Brock, Candra Taylor, Ashton Mayo, R.J. Higginbothom, Diana Labrador
- III. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Approved
- IV. Old Business/New Business:
 - a. Bylaws Update
 - i. Quorum was met with 90 votes.
 - ii. The motion passes with vote of 89:1 in favor of approving the motion for Article IV Section 6 to approve updated language for the method in which the budget is presented.
 - iii. The motion passes with vote of 87:3 in favor of approving the motion for Article VI Section H Vote to approve addition of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.
 - iv. Welcome Carl as DEI Chairperson
 - b. Fall conference debriefing
 - i. Review of post conference survey. 53 people participations and 2 sponsors who filled out the survey.
 1. Over the course of survey, a trend was made was very positive. A mix open ended feedback and likert scale was overwhelmingly positive. Reach out to secretary@alota.org for more specific information.
 2. Purpose of survey is to help make changes to better fall conference and to fulfill AOTA Approved Provider requirement.
 3. Open to Comments to the Board Feedback:
 - a. Hybrid options can be a challenge for logistics
 - i. Companies may not pay for therapist to attend if there is a virtual option
 - ii. At risk for money lost
 - b. Checkout options for the participations
 - c. Amount of CE credits was “phenomenal” and one of the best conferences ever attended.
 - c. Spring Conference/ALOTA CE Series Discussion

- i. Historically done in February.
- ii. This may be a good year to brainstorm “shake up” spring conference
 - 1. Participation varies year to year
 - 2. We now have the virtual option through AOTA APP
 - 3. The space available to properly follow COVID protocol
 - 4. Survey did highlight members want for virtual CE options
 - 5. Not taking away from participation in fall conference
- iii. Proposing the ALOTA CE Series
 - 1. Having CE opportunities through each district (2 districts team up).
Proposing 3 events a year.
 - 2. Districts plan the event, host in person for people that are local but also have a live virtual option for people all over the state. Or whatever works best for each district
 - 3. Could be held quarterly
- iv. Vote to Change from a Spring Conference to a CE Series
 - 1. Voted Yes to launch the ALOTA CE Series
 - a. 13 yes 1 neutral

V. Officer/Committee Reports:

- a. Government Affairs
 - i. Not the legislative season
 - ii. No update at this time
 - iii. Looking forward to the OT Compact next legislative season
- b. Secretary
 - i. Journal Club Update
 - 1. 1 Journal Club will take place 4 times a year. First one states in November. 1 CE credit for activity. AOTA Approved for CE credit. Free to ALOTA Members and Fee for non-members.
- c. Treasurer
 - i. Financial Report
 - 1. Contact treasurer@alota.org for more information
 - ii. Fall Conference Update
 - 1. Contact treasurer@alota.org for more information
 - 2. Best Year of donations to PAC account
 - a. Exciting to support our legislative goals
- d. Membership
 - i. 409 members (184 student 225 practitioners)
- e. Recognitions
 - i. COTA Student Scholarships given in the Spring
 - ii. Need to creative with recognizing these students across all districts
 - iii. Most students live in North and North Central

1. Could correspond with that CE event for in person event
 2. Will follow up with planning
- f. Social Media
- i. Emailed board of plans for social media to promote membership
 1. What ALOTA is
 2. Why You Should be an ALOTA Member
 3. Get to Know your ALOTA Board
 4. WHY Wednesday
 - a. Why are you an ALOTA member
- g. RA Update
- i. Not present at the meeting
- h. District Chairs
- i. EastCentral
 1. Fundraisings with ASU and Tuskegee for the PAC
 2. Looking at the legality of using district funds to help put on the event.
 3. Mia to email Rachel with details
 - ii. South
 1. To get started with their CE event
 - iii. Wiregrass
 1. To team up with South for the CE event
 2. Wiregrass isn't listed when renewing membership
 3. Going to be fixed asap
- i. Student Reps
- i. Rachel has been meeting Student Reps regularly to keep ALOTA and Students in communication
 - ii. Rachel to Zoom with the students at Tuskegee

VI. Adjourn 16:33