

**WVOTA MEETING MINUTES
FEB. 21, 2023**

Attendees:

Jacob Greenfield, President	Kayleigh Nolan, Vice-President
Casey Ballato, Treasurer	Traci Turley, Secretary
Carter Stilner, UC Student Rep	Ashley Faruggia, UC Student Rep.
Taylor Grout, WVU Student Rep	Hattie Tucker, WVU Student Rep
Mary Hager, Legislative Committee Chair	Jackie Hurt, Legislative Committee
Coty Dennler Legislative Committee	Nicole LaRue, Continuing Ed Chair
Diana Davis, AOTA RA, Website	Hannah Gushell
Caitlyn Shaffer	Bailey Riggs
Nijul Sharp	Brianna Petrosky

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jacob Greenfield

Membership is currently at 68, with 43 lapsed. I will be sending out an email to the 43 lapsed members this week asking if assistance is needed to renew membership.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kayleigh Nolan

I have been working on WVOTA Conference planning. Committee members are needed. Will be having a meeting in March regarding the Conference. The date of Oct 14th has been set for Conference. A social networking event is being considered for the night before. A call for papers will be announced from March - July, and a call for vendors beginning in March through August

TREASURER'S REPORT: Casey Ballalto

Current balance: \$20,713.95

Review of the 2022 WVOTA conference:

Expenses: \$1,872.83

Silent Auction: \$446

Check sent for \$1,000.00 to AOTF (446 silent auction+554 WVOTA Contribution) for the scholarship fund.

The only other major cost was the Memberclicks dues of \$2,431.01 which I discussed in the annual meeting back in October.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Traci Turley

I will submit the meeting minutes to President Jacob Greenfield and Vice President Kayleigh Nolan and will send them to BOD members upon completion.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

1. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Mary Hager, Chairperson of Legislative State Hill Day, February 14, 2023, was very successful. Approximately 13 students from UC and 31 students from WVU participated. Students were introduced in the Senate and House Galleries. In-person meetings were held and House Bill 3534 (WV fair copy bill was

discussed). This bill is presently in the House Health Committee. WVOTA has been asked to concentrate its efforts to encourage Delegate Summers, chairperson of the House Health Committee to place the bill on the agenda. Pens with West Virginia Occupational Therapy were given to all the Delegates and Senators. Mary would like to thank all the WVOTA members who participated.

2. **MEMBERSHIP/CONTINUING EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Nicole LaRue Planning a Licensure Compact CE which will be free to members, the incentive to non-members with a fee and webinar for the association is 30–45-minute sessions for the member.

3. **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:** Kayleigh Nolan
Nothing more to add, see VP report above.

4. **RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE:** Mary Hager Chairperson
WVOTA Award nominations will be open June 1, 2023, and end July 31, 2023. Information will be available on the WVOTA website.

5. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Casey Ballalto
Nothing to add, see the above Treasurer Report.

6. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:**
Working to increase engagement in the community by using Social Media such as LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram. Proposed a Student Track for Conference.

7. **WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** Diana Davis, Chairperson
The website committee has started to work on the website to make it more engaging, easier to find information, and more appealing to members and non-members alike. We are carefully considering what is behind the member wall and what is in the public domain. Increasing publicly available content that highlights the efforts of WVOTA can help to increase membership. We are looking for interesting things that members are doing that we can highlight. We are also soliciting photos of OT Practitioners in action. A few guidelines for photos:

Make sure you do not show a client's face unless you have a photo release. Pictures that are focused on the action and do not have excessive background features are appreciated. Please provide a suggested caption and names for everyone in the photo. You do not need to confirm that anyone in the photo is a WVOTA member.

Send photos to Diana Davis at otr621@comcast.net (preferred), or dmdavis@hsc.wvu.edu

*Discussion of the use of Wild Apricot sister site to Memberclicks due to website issues and costs ensued.

8. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mary Hager, Chairperson

Elections for WVOTA Vice President and Secretary will be held in Spring 2023. Both terms begin July 1, 2023, and end June 30, 2025, Three people have expressed interest in these positions. An alert has been sent out to all WVOTA members.

9. **REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY:** Diana Davis

The RA is currently meeting online for the week to discuss requests for actions and possible motions for the Spring Hybrid meeting. Current topics under discussion include a recommendation from two task force groups: Climate change and sustainability and Entry Level Competencies, a draft policy on interventions to support occupations, a position paper of Critical and OT practice across the lifespan, and a discussion of 3 requests for action Impact of school choice, appropriate use of credentials, and community mental health. After the week the RA will meet online to vote on what actions to take on these items. Following that meeting members of AOTA will receive a survey asking them to indicate their preferred action on the items ahead of the meeting in April. If you have any questions about the RA and the process, we currently use please feel free to reach out to Diana Davis at dmdavis@hsc.wcu.edu.

The new Representative for WV should be announced at the close of the election period. Elections Close tomorrow at 11:59 A.M. so if you are an AOTA member and have not voted make sure you do it tonight!

NEW BUSINESS:

Jacob Greenfield announced the Goals for WVOTA:

- 1) Increasing Membership through CEU offerings and conferences,
- 2) Increasing offerings to Students such as initiatives and transition webinars, and building a mentorship program with CEU offerings to the mentor. A Student track will be offered at Conference.
- 3) Increase presence in the State through networking events, development of the website to highlight member accomplishments and OT practitioner highlights. Offering Continuing Education and Associational gathering/networking event in April for OT Month presence. Email to be forthcoming with details.

Diana Davis- AOTPAC Ambassador: I would like to announce that I am the ambassador for AOTPAC for WV!!! In my new role, I serve as a liaison between AOTPAC and OT practitioners in WV. AOTPAC is the political Action Committee for AOTA. If you are interested in hearing more about AOTPAC please reach out. I am still learning my position but am anxious to increase awareness of and donations to AOTPAC.

Motion to adjourn by Coty Dennler.

Respectfully Submitted:
Traci Turley, MS, OTR/L