WVOTA Meeting

2-17-2022

7PM

Online Zoom

Attendees:

1. Jackie Hurt- President
2. Jacob Greenfield- Secretary
3. Casey Ballato- Treasurer
4. Mary Hager- Legislative co-chair, Election Nomination chair and Award (Recognition Chair)
5. Hannah Green- Student Member
6. Taylor Grout- Student Member
7. Maggie Bird- Student Member
8. Gracie James- Student Member
9. Diana Davis- WV RA
10. Heather Livengood- Member
11. President’s Report
    1. Vice President- Amy Wix has resigned as VP and conference chair. Jacob Greenfield has been appointed to position as of 2/17/22. He will also take over as conference chair. Secretary will be appointed before next meeting. Asked for volunteers, none voiced.
    2. Per bylaws, required to have 4 meetings per year. Posed question to see if we need to have 4 meetings per year, or could we decrease to 3 per year.
       1. Mary voiced she would like to keep 4 meetings, Casey agreed for conference planning. Will keep 4 for now.
    3. Public comments through DHHR- they are looking for a way to increase availability for individuals to receive services. Children with serious social disorders.
       1. **Mary Motioned to have Jackie send letter DHHR. Jacob seconded. All in favor.**
    4. Adding a committee/position to be the website manager.
       1. Mary reported that bylaws state that committees can be added without changing the bylaws.
       2. This person will need to manage the Memberclick website and train. Chair would run the website and committee will assist.
          1. **Mary mentioned to establish a committee. Diana seconded. All in favor.**
12. Treasurer Report
    1. As of Jan 12, 2021- $24,522.88, $97.60 withdrawn, $135.00 deposited
    2. Issues with access to the accounts, asking for SSN or Tax ID. Has tried Tax ID and still unable to access accounts.
    3. May need a conference call with the bank for access to account.
    4. Address linked to the account is a personal address and unsure who the address is linked to. Asking for 3rd party P.O. Box to use for association. Price range for year from 180-250 depending on the size. Approved to move forward.
13. Committee Chairs
    1. Legislative – Mary Hager / Sarah Black
       1. State Hill Day February 15 was a big success. OTA students and other WVOTA members, staffed tables, visited legislators, passed out pens, were introduced in the House and Senate Galleries and testified in the House Health and Human Resource Committee Hearing.
       2. Members of WVOTA have been working on:
          1. SB 221 Establish Occupational Therapy Compact. is on second reading in the Senate.
          2. HB 4731 Establish Occupational Therapy Compact. is in the Government Organization Committee in the House.
          3. HB 4621 Scope of Practice is in Government Organization Committee in the House. We are actively working to defeat this bill.
    2. Membership
       1. Vacant committee chair
       2. WVOTA Student reps- will check to see if they can be a chair.
       3. 96 active members, 36 are students, 15 OTA, 26 OTR
    3. Conference – Jacob Greenfield
       1. Hosting at UC for free- Jackie will check with UC and report
       2. Would like for conference to be in person
       3. October as tentative date
          1. Avoid Oct 29th
          2. Looking at 1, 8, 22th of October
    4. Nominations
       1. Nominationsare now open for the office of WVOTA President and Treasurer.
       2. Both offices are a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and running until June 30, 2024.
       3. If you are interested in running for either office, please email Mart Hager, Nominations chair at [diamond004@aol.com](mailto:diamond004@aol.com). by March 10, 2022, with your information. Include a short biography along with the office you are interested in.
       4. Description of duties and qualifications can be found in the WVOTA bylaws located on the website.
    5. Recognition
       1. Mary Hager chair
       2. WVOTA Award nominations will be open June 1, 2022. Information will be available on the WVOTA website.
    6. Public Relations
       1. Vacancy
    7. Finance – Casey Ballato
       1. Nothing to add outside of the treasurer’s report
    8. Student Representatives – Taylor Grout- WVU, Gracie James- WVU, Hannah Greene- UC, Maggie Bird- UC
       1. Promote WVOTA through social media (Twitter and Instagram)
       2. Advertising and advocacy for profession and the state
       3. Clinician spotlight spotlights of members of WVOTA who practice in the state
       4. Contest: WVU vs UC students to recruit members to join WVOTA. Whatever school gets the most will receive $500 check to use in their programs.
    9. RA Report
       1. Diana Davis
       2. Will meet in person in San Antonia at AOTA conference in April
       3. Members can request for action form, sends to RA members, and then RA determines how to act.
       4. Issues include: policy affirming that we are sensitive and appropriate when addressing sexual orientation, climate change and sustainability
       5. Surveys will be sent to AOTA members to mid March
       6. RA will be restructured. Will no longer be representative. Body will be smaller and not every voting area will not have a member. People will be appointed to policy making body with AOTA.
       7. Reach out to Diana with questions

**Mary motioned to approve minutes from last meeting. Jackie seconded. Open for discussion. All in favor, minutes passed.**

Old Business:

1. Follow up on the Kay Blose Scholarship / Project Grant for OT Practitioners for development in Mental Health in WV
   1. Update on AOTF information
2. Medicaid Waiver Bill – update
3. Compact Licensure Bill – update

New Business:

1. Propose adding a new executive member – Website Manager
2. Conference – In Person / Virtual
   1. CEU’s / Speakers
      1. WV Able
      2. Elks Club Camp in Mercer County - Concord
      3. Special Olympics

Motion to adjourned- Mary, Jackie seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm