WVOTA Meeting

4-8-2021

7PM

Online Zoom

**Attendees:**

1. Jackie Hurt- President
2. Amy Wix- Vice President
3. Jacob Greenfield- Secretary
4. Casey Ballato- Treasurer
5. Mary Hager- Legislative co-chair, Election Nomination chair and Award (Recognition Chair)
6. Sarah Black- Member
7. Traci Turley- Member
8. Nicole LaRue- Member
9. Anne Cronin- Member
10. Diana Davis- Member/ WV RA
11. Coty Dennier- Member
12. Kate Bennett - Member

New Business:

* **Legislative Report**
  + Mary and Sarah Black Co-chairs of legislative committee
    - 1.  Two legislative PowerPoint presentations were given and available to WVOTA members.
    - 2.  Legislative updates were emailed to members of the Legislative

Committee asking them to help monitor bills of interest to WVOTA.

* + - 3.  WVOTA Capitol Hill Day was done virtually and was a big success during the week of February 16, 2021.  Instructors from University of Charleston, members of the
    - Legislative Committee and OTA students contacted many legislators via zoom and had great discussions.  A meeting via zoom was also conducted with Mr Morrisey, the State Attorney General.
    - 4.  HB 2634 Coverage for the treatment of chronic pain Bill went to the Committee on Finance but then stayed there.  Delegate Graves reported that it will be worked on in the interim and should be ready for reintroduction in the 2022 Legislative Session.
    - 5.  HB 2983 OTA Medicaid Waiver Bill was introduced in the House but had to be pulled due to problems with the wording from House Bill Drafting. Delegate Kessinger indicated that this bill could be worked on during the interim.
    - 6.  SB 197 Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to telehealth practice; requirements, definitions
    - 7.  WVOTA Capitol Hill Day 2022 will be Tuesday February 15 at the state capital.
  + Licensure Compact
    - 2 states have passed so far
    - Will keep an eye on this for next session
  + Dry needling
    - Information needed, to be addressed at next meeting
  + Blue Cross Blue Shield
    - With AOTA currently for review
* **Election nomination report**
  + Mary
  + Elections for Vice President and Secretary open until April 15, 2021. WVOTA website for information
  + Jacob has sent in information for another term
* **Kay Blose Scholarship**
  + Mary/Jackie
  + Met with AOTF
  + OT practitioners in WV
    - Emphasis in research/scholarship in mental health
  + Family and other practitioners have expressed interest in donations
  + Research and development for OT practitioners in Mental Health in WV
  + Would be handled by AOTF
  + Motion presented by Mary Hager

First motion- I move that WVOTA establish a **scholarship/grant/project**in honor of Kay Blose in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Foundation.

The amount of the scholarship would be determined by available funds raised for this purpose.

The criteria will be determined by a committee of **at least 3 members** of WVOTA and AOTF with emphasis on helping a practitioner interested in Mental Health.

* + - 2nd: Casey Ballato
    - Discussion: name of “scholarship” vs “grant” due to being for practitioners, AOTF does manage grants will need to work with AOTF.
      * Scholarship/grant/gift verbiage
      * Criteria and money will be determined and re-presented at another meeting

Vote to explore funding and criteria: 12 yes, 0 no - Passed

* **Award nominations**
  + Mary
  + WVOTA awards will be accepted June 1, 2021 - August 30, 2021. Information to be found on WVOTA Website
* **WV RA Report**
  + Diana Davis
  + Change process being used, people have a request for action.
  + Looking into the following:
    - Official document in OT role in critical care
    - Official statement for conversion therapy
      * Opposing
    - OT role in safe patient handling in SNF
    - Position paper on dry needling
      * Pain relief but not occ performance in literature
    - IPE
  + Online meeting May 10th
    - AOTA members can attend
    - Survey 2 weeks prior to meeting
    - Monitor email folder for surveys
  + Reach out to Diana with questions/concerns
  + Part of governance review, looking at RA and processes, looking to use regional vs state rep
    - Slim chances of WV OT to rep region due to amount of practitioners in our state vs states we are being lumped with
      * More information to come
  + AOTA online conference going on currently
* **Committees**
  + Membership Committee
    - Needs chair and people to be on it
    - Chair: Taking volunteers prior to appointing by president
* **Membership**
  + 63 active members as of today
    - Majority are students, OTRs, and then COTAs
    - Need to increase
    - Memberships did not transfer over from one website to another website
* **Audits/record keeping**
  + State president orientation
    - Meeting attended by Jackie
    - Records that have been kept over the years, goal is to be condensed to one format to allow for easy record finding
    - Working with Mary and Sarah to locate records and reorganize
  + Bank Account
    - Jackie coming to Morgantown to meet Rondalyn Whitney to have account switched over at BB&T
    - Then to initiate QuickBooks
      * Training for Jackie and Casey to come
* **Website Navigation**
  + Jackie will create how to videos
    - Posting to website
    - Sending emails to members
    - For all offices and committee chairs
* **Mailing List** 
  + Jackie
  + Paying for the list from WVBOT
    - Flyer/postcard to be mailed to all practitioners in the state within the state
    - Jackie will get the labels from WVBOT
    - Coty will look into getting the post cards
* **Conference/CEUs**
  + VP is also chair of conference committee and CEUs
    - Online vs virtual
    - Amy Wix report
      * Virtually
      * Hesitation d/t membership
      * Planning for fall
        + Speakers, offer various methods rather one day or others
        + Looking into speakers
        + Zoom accounts
* **Other topics**
  + No other topics

Meeting adjourned: 7:47 pm

Motioned and seconded