



Winter 2018

Letter from the President - Nicolé Pavenick

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Greetings OTs and Happy Belated New Year! OTAO is currently gearing up for Legislative Day on February 21st. Are you aware that you can get 6 CEs for going to Salem to promote OT to your legislators? This is a great opportunity to connect and explain the value of OT. (Further details and registration available at www.otao.com)

We continue to look for volunteers to help with OTAO tasks. This can be as little as 1-2 hours/month on a task force or taking on a position on the OTAO board.

Elections will be held in May for vacant board positions. OTAO members will have the ability to vote on board positions. If you are looking to fill a board position or know someone who would be a great addition to our team, please e-mail us with their/your information.

Check out our website www.otao.com in early March for available positions.

I encourage you to reach out to me to share your thoughts, concerns, brilliant ideas, etc. In the coming months, I will be looking to visit more venues that staff OTs. If you would like an OTAO board member to come to your workplace, please e-mail us!

I can be contacted at nicolepavenickOTAO@yahoo.com.

I do not work on Mondays, if you would like to schedule a site visit for a short presentation about the benefits of being an OTAO member and to meet with 1-2 board members please contact info@otao.com or call Nicolé at (505)-332-1081.

*Please consider joining
OTAO board of
directors!*

OTAO Conference Update

The profession's commitment to equitable practice is evidenced in its philosophy of client-centred practice, acknowledging that each individual carries a unique combination of personal history, experiences, capacities, abilities, temperament and spirit.

https://www.acotro-core.org/sites/default/files/uploads/joint_position_statement_on_diversity.pdf

Planning for the 2018 OTAO conference is underway! This year's conference will be held on October 5th and 6th at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. The theme this year is **Diversity in Practice** and we invite anyone interested to submit presentation proposals on topics from different settings, clients ranging across the lifespan, and approaches that promote understanding, inclusion and collaboration with the diverse populations whom we serve and work with every day.

Also, are you interested in being a part of the conference planning committee? Please contact us at OTAOconferencecommittee@gmail.com for more details. We are in need of subcommittee leads and volunteers to help with speakers and presenters, vendors and sponsors, and more!

Call for **proposals** for **presentations**, **posters** and **platforms** for the OTAO 2018 Annual Conference.

The committee is looking for presentations that are leading edge practices or current concepts - all specialties are welcome. The more variety the better. As in previous conferences, the conference will feature general sessions, breakout sessions/platforms, structured time for exhibits, posters, round table discussions, networking, and the semi-annual business meeting.

Click on the following link, fill out the form and email it to the OTAO office at info@otao.com. All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 16, 2018.

<https://otao.memberclicks.net/assets/AnnualConference/2018/2018%20Call%20for%20Presenters-1.pdf>

Advocacy Day

Support Occupational Therapy in Oregon

The OTAO Legislative Committee invites you to take part in a unique opportunity to learn more about the legislative process in Oregon. Join the OTAO lobbyist for a day of hands-on education and interaction with your state legislators. 2017 brought exciting progress for OT related legislation in Oregon, including the sponsorship of a bill on OT caseloads in schools. The future of OT in Oregon depends on our collective knowledge and engagement!

WHERE: Oregon State Capitol

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 8AM-5PM

COST: \$60 OTAO members, \$75 non-members

CREDIT: 6 CEU

*Join us in
meeting your
Legislator and
making a
difference for
Occupational
Therapy*



Photo: Visit with Rep. Susan McClain (Hillsboro) and Rep. Margaret Doherty (Tigard/SW Portland) at Pacific University School of OT in January to discuss the challenges surrounding OT caseloads in schools in Oregon. Rep. Margaret Doherty is chair of the House Education Committee and Rep. McClain, a strong supporter of OT in schools, introduced legislation in the 2017 session to address school based OT caseload size. From left to right, the individuals in the photo are Rebecca Beckley (Pacific OT student), Codie Felguth (Pacific OT student), Niki Terzieff (OTAO Lobbyist), Rep. Doherty, Amy Anderson (OT in FG schools), and Rep. McClain.

Upcoming Events

Advocacy Day	Feb 21
Functional Cognition CE	May 3
2018 OTAO Annual Conference	Oct 5-6

Did you Know?



The phoenix, a mythical bird that is reborn from its own ashes, was envisioned as the symbol of occupational therapy. George Edward Barton foresaw this as the symbol of our work and made it the symbol of Consolation House, where he practiced occupational therapy. Under the image of the bird was the tagline “Beauty from Ashes.”

<https://otpotential.com/blog/occupational-therapy-history>