



The Viewpoint

Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon

Fall 2008

Countdown to Conference

In just about two weeks, the fantastic OTAO Annual Conference will be happening in Salem. The Conference Committee has put together an awesome array of workshops, speakers and activities. **Although the classes are filling up, it's not too late to register!** Go online, at www.otao.com and you can find a link to register right on the home page. Remember to Log In first to get member price!

Membership Renewal w/Conference

If you choose to renew your membership when you register for Conference, please make sure you include the correct amount:

Occupational Therapists	70.00
Occupational Therapy Assistants	50.00
Occupational Therapy Students	30.00

Friday Night Meal Choice

Many people did not realize that they were supposed to indicate their meal choice for the Awards Dinner and Entertainment on Friday night (they thought they only needed to indicate which meal choice if they were registering a Guest). Your choices are:

- Prime Rib
- Grilled Salmon
- Seasonal Veggie Ravioli



It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you email the OTAO office with your preference as soon as possible. Please send your choice to: otao@otao.com (Please make sure you include your name).

Keynote Speaker: Joyce Engel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Joyce M. Engel is a professor at University of Washington in the Occupational Therapy Program of the Rehabilitation Department. She teaches psychosocial content in the program and has a special interest in cognitive behavioral strategies for improving health and pain reduction and single-subject designs in clinical research. Her research emphasis is on pain evaluation on chronic pain management interventions. She is the principal investigator for an NIH project studying the efficacy of relaxation training in children with physical disabilities and related pain. Her keynote address on Saturday, October 25th will be on the evaluation and treatment of chronic pain in persons with disabilities. She will do an additional 3 hour presentation on Sunday, October 26 regarding relaxation techniques for youths with chronic pain.

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Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

The Board will not be formally meeting during the OTAO conference this year but members and the Director will be available **during** the OTAO conference, October 24 and 25, to answer questions and provide information to you.

The next meeting of the Oregon OT Licensing Board will be held in Portland on Friday Nov. 7th. A newsletter will be sent out soon with lots of interesting information about the profession.

Remember to send an e-mail to Felicia Holgate after you have completed the CE Pain requirement giving the name of the class(es) you took and when you completed both that and the one hour online class.

Any questions? Contact:

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Lobbyist's Update
by John McCulley

Health licensing board discussion continues. On September 16, the Interim House Health Care looked at draft legislation that would modify health care licensing board statutes. If the legislation were adopted as drafted (highly unlikely), the OT Licensing Board would see little change, except in one area that I will discuss later.

Under the bill drafts, each board would consist of 50 percent minus one public members. The OT Licensing Board, as I have mentioned previously, already complies with this approach. All board members would serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Board members would be appointed by the Governor, who may choose from a list of three to five nominees submitted by the professional association. The appointment would be subject to Senate confirmation.

The challenge for many boards will be the third legislative draft, one requiring that each board develop an impaired professionals program. The bill establishes uniform standards for monitoring and treatment. At this point the draft includes substance abuse and mental illness. Each board would establish its own criteria for referrals to a monitoring program. The bill further requires the board to impose sanctions on impaired licensees.

A final bill draft would require all boards currently operating as "semi-independent" to return to the status of all other boards. PT's, massage therapists and optometrists are examples of the boards affected by this bill.

All this legislation should make for lively debate in the upcoming session, a session that will be overflowing with lively debate on many fronts.

Legislative Committee Update
by Karen Hass, Julie Sietz & Tiffany Boggis

Hello again from the OTA legislative committee! Senate Bill 329 (Healthy Oregon Act) was passed by the Oregon Legislature in June 2007 and called for the establishment of the Oregon Health Fund Board. The goal of this board, as mandated by the Act, is to develop a plan that would guarantee health care for all Oregonians, influence health care costs, and deal with concerns related to the quality of health care provided in Oregon. The bill calls for pooling of the health dollars from numerous sources to influence superior rates from insurers. The basic idea is that as an Oregon health card holder, health care services will be available at reasonable rates. The board is currently discussing the details of this action plan and would like to hear from you before they present the finalized plan in 2009. If you or any of your fellow occupational therapists would like to attend a community meeting sponsored by the Oregon Health Fund Board go to this link for dates and times of community meetings near you http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HFB/Fall_Community_Meetings.shtml. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard and influence health care delivery in Oregon! For more information about the Oregon Health Fund Boards draft action plan go to <http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HFB/index.shtml>.

We would also like give you an update on the Health Licensing Board Reform Testimony we are supporting. Currently the Oregon Dental Association and the Oregon Nurses association are gearing up to give testimony regarding reform to health licensing boards in Oregon. They will be giving this testimony to the Interim House Health Care Committee on September 16th. After discussion between numerous associations about the reform proposals they agree that licensing boards should maintain the best interest of the people they serve, as well as monitor the profession it represents. They agreed on standardizing board membership practices, where the Governor makes appointments and Senate confirms these appointments. They believe that licensed professionals would be more equipped to handle more difficult issues that come before the board, but feel that public members can offer valuable viewpoints on issues as well. Therefore, they are recommending that boards have at least 2 public members. (The OTLB already has 2 public members). A public member may not be licensed members of the association they represent. Where they had difficulty coming to an agreement was on ways to monitor licensees. For example, some felt that members at risk could be identified by means of random substance testing while others felt that although this might promote public safety it might not fit with different health professions.

Finally, for those of you interested in legislative issues we will be having a lunch workshop at the state capitol as a part of the 2008 OTA annual conference on Friday, Oct 24th, 11-1:00pm! Hope to see you there!

Messages from the Conference Committee

2008 Conference Committee: Sara Pickett, Diane Adams, Kara Ford, Margaret Hotch, Jan Reid, Michelle Swanger, LeAnne Skinner, April Walker, Sue Wimmer, and Kris Wright

Don't "fall behind" Getting To The State Conference

- The OTAO State Conference is coming up in October, in Salem, at our beautiful convention center with all the free parking you could desire. Besides having daily sessions on pain management, there will also be sessions on AOTA Professional Development planning and forums in your speciality area. Besides having two out-of-state guest speakers, Joyce M. Engel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA and Christine Urish, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, FAOTA, we are excited to be starting what we hope will be a tradition in years to come, a "Presenter's or Networking" table. This will be a table, either by registration or with the vendors where people can network or continue discussions that were started during sessions. We have a couple of presenters who have material that they would like others to know about, and this is a format where information could be shared.

We all hope to see you in October! -- Sara Pickett and the Conference Committee

OTAO Scholarship Auction 2008

Greetings fellow therapy professionals! The OTAO conference committee has collected an array of items for this years OTAO auction to raise will be able to bid on are: A night at the is decorated in the style of a famous author, restaurant; 2 lift passes for Mount Hood performance and dinner for 2 at the crafted art and jewelry pieces by local artists baskets from Oregon businesses. Bring your money for scholarships and compete for some wonderful gifts!



scholarship funds. Among the items that you famous Sylvia Beach Hotel, where each room along with a dinner for 2 at the hotel's Meadows; A gift certificate to a concert Chinook Winds Casino; As well as many hand- and variety of other gift certificates and gift checkbook (or your credit card) to help raise

Conference Special Events

Friday Events:

- Walk to Riverfront Park with Sue Wimmer, Director of Rehab, OSH
- Yoga with Maggie, OTR/L 12:00 to 12:30
- Lunch Workshop to State Capital, CEU
- Lunch Workshop to Children's Therapy Center, CEU
- Awards Dinner with Entertainment starts at 5:15

Saturday Events:

- Keynote Speaker Joyce M. Engel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, 11:30 to 1:00
- Christine Urish, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, FAOTA speaks 1:00-5:00
- Live and Silent Auction starts at 5:00

Sunday Events:

Join us for no host, local wine and full menu after the conference at the Grand Vines.

Jobs Announcements

DPT Seminars Presents ...

WOW take a look! If you have not looked at Salem lately, take a look again! If you're looking for professional resources and support that will allow you to apply and enhance your OT expertise, then Salem Hospital's Acute Care team is the place to be. You'll have the chance to see patients in a variety of areas including ICU, Neurology, Cardiac Care, Orthopedics, Oncology, General Surgery, Pediatrics, and Newborn nurseries as well as collaborate with our OT in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. There will be the unique opportunity to participate with ongoing program development for the department as we plan to move into the new patient tower at the hospital.

Plus, you'll love: TOP Education Benefits & Professional Development in Oregon, opinions matter and ideas make a difference, flexible schedules, generous employer matching 401(k), up to \$30,000 education loan repayment program and attractive sign on bonus & relocation package. Not to mention an enticing program that provides monetary awards to staff demonstrating clinical excellence and a commitment to program development. And that's just the beginning!

There's more we can tell you..contact Malora Bell at 503-561-5227, mobell@salemhospital.org or visit www.salemhealth.org

2008 Pain Management Symposium:

Current Concepts in the Treatment of Chronic Pain

6 CE Hours

DATE

November 16, 2008 (Sunday)

TIME

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 pm - 5:15 pm

LOCATION

**Providence Medford Medical Center
Mary Norbert Hall
Medford OR**

GUEST FACULTY

**Mark Greenberg, MD
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Jennifer Fletcher, DC, LAc**

For More Information:

Website:

<http://www.dptseminars.com/401.html>

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New OTAO Board Members

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AOTA Alternate Rep/SIS Chair - Carrie Hathaway

Board Development - Carol Stormer

