

CONNECTICUT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association was held at Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford, May 19, 1971, with approximately 55 persons attending. President Jan Small presided over the business meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The President made the following announcements: 1) Requested completion of questionnaires stating areas of interests for committee participation; 2) WFOT membership encouraged--\$3/person; 3) Notice of Friendship Bus Tour for foreign therapist; 4) Seminar fliers available; 5) Committee reports other than those reported on at the annual meeting are encouraged and may be submitted to Jan Small.

The minutes of the last membership meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer, Jan Wattnem, gave the auditor's report: Balance in checking account: \$1,823.68 (Conn. OTA \$363.91, COP \$1459.77); Savings account: \$1029.42 (\$310.00 scholarship fund); Outstanding checks from 4/30/71-5/19/71: \$222.57; Revised checking account balance: \$1601.11

Council on Finance (Jan Wattnem): \$25 was added to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Jane Peatling, a past member of the Executive Board and active member of Conn. OTA. Statement of dues will be sent out mid-July to be paid by September 1, 1971. Categories are: OTR Active--working and non-working OTR's--\$10; COTA Active--same criteria for COTA's--\$4; Associate--those interested in promoting OT but not eligible for active membership--\$3; Sustaining--those eligible to be active or associate members but who wish to make larger contributions. A motion was made and seconded to place \$100 annually in the Scholarship Fund. This was revised by changing "annually" to "this year" and was thus approved by the membership.

Council on Membership (Carolyn Shreve): A Conn OTA membership mailing list has been prepared. It is suggested that a manual be compiled every two years instead of every year. Letters were sent to Rhode Island OTR's and COTA's inviting them to join Conn OTA since they do not have a state association. Members-at-large secured a chairman of the Legislature Committee--Charlotte Bell. Total membership: 77 with 57 active OTR's, 4 life members, 7 associate members and 9 active COTA's. A card index has been established for recording membership. Total expenses for preparing mailing list and card index system--\$9.32

a. Charlotte Bell, new Legislature Chairman, briefly summarized her preliminary efforts. She noted that the Conn. PT Association has a legal advisor and suggested the possibility of our hiring a legal advisor.

b. Lois Koji, Placement Chairman, reported 18 jobs available in the state. She has received 40 phone calls and 20 mail requests for job inquiries.

Council on Public Information (Ruth Jordan): Notice of all regular membership meetings and seminars were sent to 15 major newspapers; 4 Career days were held; recruitment literature was sent to several other professional groups; several special programs, displays and tours were given. Total expenditures \$56.61.

Committee Reports

1. Council on Practice (Helen Pierce) Irene Herden, Chairman, Region I Council on Practice, gave report in Helen's absence.

- a. A joint PT-OT series at U Conn is tentatively planned for January-February '72
- b. Region I workshops April 22,23, 1971. Workshop on "Group Skills" sponsored by Conn. was successful.
- c. Council on Practice sounded out membership re: re-registration and re-certification
- d. COP balance \$1,666.97

2. Long Term Care (Chris Reese) Jan Small announced, in Chris' absence, that the Proceedings will be available and there is no charge to the membership. Donation of 50% is optional; others-\$1

3. By-Laws (Esther Gove) Copies of corrections were distributed. Because they were very minor, no action was necessary. The changes are noted below:

- 1. Article III, Section I (Membership categories) add the underlined words: D. Occupational Therapy Student
- 2. & 3, Remove Article V, Section III (re: Executive Board Meetings) and place this under Article VIII (Meetings) except for Article V, Section III, B (re: Executive Board quorum) which would be placed under Article IX (quorum)
- 4. Remove the quotation marks and comma in Article XIII (Parliamentary Authority)

Jan Small announced that new officers will begin duties July 1 following a meeting of outgoing and incoming officers in June.

4. Nominating Committee (Helen Pierce) Slate of officers for 1971-1973 was presented by Irene Herden. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have the Secretary cast one vote for the proposed slate of officers:

President	Janet Small	Members-at-Large	Charlotte Bell
Vice-President	Ruth Jordan		Carolyn Shreve
Recording Secretary	Barbara Schulz	Publicity and Recruitment	Judith Snyder
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Waple	Delegate	Esther Gove
Treasurer	Virginia Bainbridge	Alternate Delegate	Irene Herden

Council on Education (Nancy Noyes) Five meetings were held during the year, a Long Term Care Workshop and Council on Practice Region I workshop in Auburn, Mass. In addition, a COTA committee has been established and has met 2 times.

Delegate's Report--Ruth Griffin reported action taken on the following resolutions:

1. Relocation of national office--passed (to establish a holding fund only)
2. Active participation of AOTA in promoting standards for the profession--tabled
3. Distribution of minutes of Annual Conferences & Midyear--failed
4. Standards and guidelines of an approved clinical affiliation program--passed. Education reference manual will be available soon.
5. Reduction of AOTA registration-membership fee for Non-practicing therapists--failed
6. Membership representation by proportional vote--failed
7. Continued certification and registration--passed as amended (a person will be hired to investigate the possibility of going into a 3-phase program and is to report to the Delegate Assembly in '72 before any action is taken.
8. Dues assessment--passed (no change)
9. Sponsors of AOTA--passed (\$50 or more above regular dues)
10. Administration of AOTA registration exam by a professional testing service--passed (contract with Professional Educational Services to be reviewed after 3 years). A short discussion followed.
11. Holding accounts for continuing education workshops for position of field consultant--passed
12. Disposition of excess income of fiscal year 1970-71 budget--passed
13. AOTA registration examination fee--passed (student pays only the registration exam fee; registration fee to be paid upon notification of passing)
14. Reinstatement to AOTA after conclusion of amnesty year--failed
15. Reduction of AOTA registration-membership fee for non-practicing OT's--passed (recommended further study)
16. Curriculum innovation--passed
17. Registration examination eligibility for foreign educated therapists, removing requirement of 6 months experience--passed
18. Develop eligibility criteria and procedures whereby COTA's may sit in on registration exam--passed (investigation only)

A short discussion followed regarding how to become involved on the national level--through committees.

President's Report --The President reported on the Affiliate Presidents' Association which hopes to serve as a bridge between the affiliate and national associations. O. T. was included in the Conn. Manual for the first time. Jan Small also expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given her during her term in office. Old committees were officially dissolved and new ones will be appointed in July.

Old Business--none

New Business--Charlotte Bell announced that she has a map of Conn. which is color coded in regard to OT's in the state.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. Following the business meeting Mr. Hank Mandel, Director of Group Work, Drug Dependency Unit, Yale

School of Medicine, spoke on his work with drug addicts. The evening speaker was Mr. Edward Tantorsky, Director, Stroke Coordinator program.

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Recording Secretary

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