

**APRIL 25, 2015  
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## Special points of interest:

- **MSOTA Officer positions available**
- **MSOTA continues work to strengthen website**
- **MSOTA Bylaws under review**
- **MSOTA is planning Spring Conference 2015**
- **MSOTA is planning the second annual 5K for 2015**

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## MSOTA BOARD TAKES ACTION

The MSOTA board had its fall meeting on Saturday September 13 at UMMC. There was a full agenda with lots of active discussion. Several task force groups were formed or re-charged with work to continue propelling occupational therapy issues within the state forward.

These task force groups include the following:

- **Pediatric Task Force** with representation from north to south Mississippi for ongoing and emerging issues.
- **OT/OTA Supervision Task Force** to explore positives, concerns, and potential



solutions with current state regulations.

- **Bylaws Task Force** to update MSOTA bylaws for more current and relevant working procedures.
- **Website Task Force** to meet with a new web design company for a more professional, dynamic, useful website to the membership as well as consumers.

## Message from the President Elect – GLENDA HUX



I'm thrilled to be your incoming president! I've volunteered as your Legislative Co-Chair on the MSOTA board since 2010.

Why? Because I'm passionate about protecting our profession and the distinct value it brings to our client's lives.

Think about your practice setting...

How many times have you wondered if that adult in the nursing home, that athlete in your clinic, that child in the school would be able to safely and optimally perform his/her daily activities without your intervention? E-V-E-R-Y-D-A-Y

In my Legislative Co-Chair role, my goal has been to articulate that value to clients, legislators, employers, payers and other health care professionals, but as incoming President my goal is to articulate that value to YOU.

Did you know not even 15% of OT/OTAs in our state belong to our professional association?

Occupational Therapy must remain a relevant profession in a rapidly changing environment.

If you are an OT practitioner, I know you believe in our value. Tell everyone you know about how important it is to be a MSOTA member. Our profession is only as strong as its membership. We are one voice.

In this newsletter you'll find tangible evidence MSOTA is working hard to further our profession. My promise to you: MSOTA will listen to your issues and actively advocate for you.

**WE ARE MSOTA!**

See you at Legislative Appreciation Day! **January 14, 2015**

#MSOTALD2015 #onevoice

Glenda Hux, OTR/L



*“MSOTA has only  
208 OT/OTA  
members out of  
nearly 1500  
licensed OT  
practitioners in the  
state of Mississippi.”*



## CLARIFYING THE RECENT STATE REGULATION CHANGES

You might have received a call from a colleague or received the postcard from the MS State Department of Health informing you of changes in the Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Let's try and break down the changes:

**#1: RULE 8.5.2** Production and Display of License. We are all aware that we are required to have

our “Certificate of License” posted in our workplace. The “regs” previously stated that the licensee shall also be issued a “License Identification Card” which must be produced upon request when providing services. MSD stopped issuing those ID cards in lieu of “license identification letters.”

The change in wording reflects the change in procedure and removes the requirement of showing said card upon request.

**#2: RULE 8.7.4**—This change increased the number of CEU

hours awarded to OT/OTA's who supervise Level I and Level II FW students to 12 hours per licensure period. It does not place a 12 hour limit on supervision, only on the number of hours that can be claimed towards CEU's. MSOTA is requesting wording clarification on this rule.

**#3: RULE 8.10.2**—Corrected the Rule number in parentheses

**#4: RULE 8.12.2**—This change simply removed the listed fee for “ID card replacement” to reflect the change in procedure of no longer issuing ID cards.

## MSOTA PLANNING NEXT 5K

The first MSOTA 5K held in April was embraced by OTs, OTAs, students and sponsors. For the next MSOTA 5K, Kelly Crawford and Jennifer Donahue have agreed to take on the leadership role to organize it. The 5K requires a lot of planning and participation. If you are interested in helping Jennifer or Kelly—your help is welcome. The exact venue, date, and theme has not yet been decided. Please watch for upcoming MSOTA announcements as more details about the event are set for 2015!

**2015 SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED!**

Annual MSOTA 5K—April 2014—Starting Line



## DISTRICT NEWS

The **Northern District** held a mini conference on September 27, 2014. The topic was low vision for 4 free CEU credits for current members, presented by Cheri Nipp, MS, OTR/L, SCLV. The course identified visual deficits related to neurological injury and impact on occupational performance, as well as, describing the occupational therapy assessment tools for identifying visual deficits. We had 16 members, 2 new members, and with Cheri's 23 years of experience the mini

conference was a great success. I would like to say thank you to Cheri Nipp and to all the members who attended.

Brandi Peters, COTA/L  
MSOTA Northern District Chair

The **Meridian District** held a mini conference on September 20, 2014. The topic was Mindfulness and Other Tools to Manage the Daily Stress of the Healthcare Environment presented by Scott

White, OTR/L, CLT, CHT, CSCS. Participants earned 3 CEU's and focused on identifying stressors and distinguishing between types of stress, learning how their own stress and outside stressors affect the environment, being introduced to Mindfulness, and experiencing several practical methods that can assist in reducing the immediate effects of stress in order to perform their jobs at a high level.

## Fall Board Meeting Summary

Your MSOTA Board would like to begin providing you with a summary of items discussed during our bi-annual board meetings. We welcome any feedback you might have regarding issues pertinent to our profession that need to be addressed. We often find that when there is an issue that's reported by one of our members, that issue is also causing concern for our fellow therapists all across the state. Some brief results of the Fall Board meeting include:

**MSOTA e-based newsletter.** The board hopes that using this new email-based newsletter will be more timely and delivery friendly to you while decreasing associa-

tion expenses and volunteer time requirements.

**Regulation Clarification.** We are seeking clarification of the wording on the updated Regulations Governing Licensure of OT's and OTA's. We are excited about the more generous continuing education allotment for supervising both OT and OTA students; however, the wording could be clarified that OTAs are included.

**OT/OTA Supervision Issues.** The board is approached regularly with questions concerning OTA supervision. A recently formed task force will be reviewing these concerns and the role of regulation

wording in creating the current atmosphere of uncertainty for our supervisory standards. Ultimately, we hope to promote language clarity to protect our consumers as well as supervising OTs and OTAs. The task force examining this issue will include OTs and OTAs in various roles from managers to clinicians.

**Dead or Alive Tour.** Our incoming MSOTA President, Glenda Hux, wants to meet you! She hopes to tour the state to meet as many of you as possible. This will be a great opportunity to discuss issues or needs you have regarding the practice of OT in the state of Mississippi!

## AOTA's Scope of Practice Paper: A Good Resource for Guidance on Day to Day Practice Questions

Did you know that AOTA recently adopted a new **SCOPE OF PRACTICE** document to guide OT practitioners? This document may be a useful resource to you and has the following objectives (summarized):

1. Delineate the domain of OT and services provided by OT practitioners.
2. Delineate evaluation and intervention services to achieve outcomes.
3. Describe education and certification requirements to practice as an OT practitioners.

Recently, Mississippi OTs have been clarifying our role in wound management. This scope of practice document clearly includes and supports wound management as an OT preparatory method for ADL and IADL.

For a copy of this document, visit [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org) Practice Tab then select Official Documents and/or Scope of Practice Q&As. The Q&A section offers some useful information from AOTA on commonly asked practice concerns.

## 2015 OT LEGISLATIVE DAY

Legislative Appreciation Day is scheduled for January 14, 2015, Sections A & D of 1st floor Rotunda from 7:30 am to 11:45 a.m.

We're once again challenging every OT/OTA to come and support this event. This is a great time to network among col-

leagues, meet your legislators, and express our views as one voice. The MSOTA board is a group of OT/OTAs volunteering their time to advance our profession. We don't have a lobbyist on staff. So, when it comes to affecting policy in a way that allows OTs to be included as healthcare providers and/or experts in a particular area of our scope of practice, YOUR

input is the **ONLY** one that counts. There is power in numbers. Will you please join us? Once again we're counting on every student at PRCC, Holmes CC, Itawamba CC and UMMC to attend. You were awesome last time. Let's do it again!

At your service,  
Glenda Hux, OT



**HAVE YOU READ AOTA's NEW SCOPE OF PRACTICE PAPER?**

Maybe you should...

[www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)

*"We are excited about the more generous continuing education allotment for supervising both OT and OTA students."*



**OT Legislative Day 2013**



“If your membership is expiring soon, please rejoin either online or by mail.”



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MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

## Together we are stronger

Why should you be a member?

### MSOTA is ...

*The voice for your profession.*

- Advocates for favorable public policy.
- Protects our scope of practice.
- Supports members with specific issues affecting their work setting.

*A network of professionals in your field.*

- Holds conferences and events
- Provides volunteer opportunities
- Coordinates fundraising events
- Sponsors training and continuing education

Our profession is only as strong as its membership.

JOIN | CONNECT | GROW

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[www.mississippiota.org](http://www.mississippiota.org)

MSOTA has been working hard to rebrand our image with fresh new exciting promotional tools. This flyer above is one of the products of those efforts from the MSOTA leadership.

# MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

## Membership Application 2014

Previous MSOTA Member? Yes ☐ No ☐

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL IN ALL AREAS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip County ( ) Phone

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT FOR MSOTA MEMBERSHIP

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Make checks payable to M.S.O.T.A.

Please Charge My:

VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**OT/OTA Annual Membership:**

OT \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
OTA \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Honorary/Retired Free \_\_\_\_\_

**Student/New Grad Membership:**

Student \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(active until graduation)  
School Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Ant. Grad Date (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

New OT Graduate \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(disc price good for 6 mos following grad)

New OTA Graduate \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(disc price good for 6 mos following grad)

**Special Membership Categories:**

Magnolia \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cotton \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Sponsor \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please select a school of your choice  
for the two year student sponsorship.)

\_\_\_\_\_ UMMC \_\_\_\_\_ HCC  
\_\_\_\_\_ ICC \_\_\_\_\_ PRCC

**OT Multi-Year Membership:**

2 years \$136.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 years \$199.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 years \$259.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**OTA Multi-Year Membership:**

2 years \$107.25 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 years \$156.75 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 years \$203.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact MSOTA for  
information regarding additional  
years membership pricing.

**Committee Interests:**

Continuing Education \_\_\_\_\_  
District Level Events \_\_\_\_\_  
Legislation & Licensure \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_  
Reimbursement \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Interest Sections:****Practicing In:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Geriatrics  
\_\_\_\_\_ School Systems  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home Health/Community  
\_\_\_\_\_ Physical Dysfunction  
\_\_\_\_\_ Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health  
\_\_\_\_\_ Administration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Developmental Disability  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sensory Integration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technology  
\_\_\_\_\_ Work Programs

Would you be willing to present at an  
MSOTA continuing education session?

Would you agree to be listed in an  
MSOTA speaker's publication?

If you answered yes to either of these  
questions, an MSOTA representative  
will contact you with more information.





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## **MSOTA WEBSITE**

If you have visited the MSOTA website over the past year, you may not have found a well functioning web space for our association. The website has been an important consideration for the Board for some time now. We have been engaged with two different web companies who have not been productive at meeting our website needs. In spite of the challenges experienced, the MSOTA Board is committed to the goal of an up-to-date well functioning website. We appreciate members who want to utilize the website as an information and communication tool. Therefore, the Board along with the Executive Director are continuing to pursue a website vendor who can effectively meet our needs and budget. Recent meetings with Think Webstore have the leadership hopeful that we have found the right match for our association's web needs. Please continue to be patient with the website progress and stay tuned for more information on a new launch for MSOTA's website.

**Save  
the  
Date**



April 25th 2015

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