

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Date: June 19, 2013

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Old Triangle, Charlottetown

PEIOTRB Members:

Chair Person: Colleen MacPherson
Treasurer: Joy Mill
Secretary: Katie Anderson
Registrar: Manon Gallant
ACOTRO Rep: Heather Cutcliffe
Lay Person: Janice Morrison

The board met 4 times this past year (November 20, 2012 and March 4, April 9 and May 8, 2013). There were no changes to the board this year.

Discipline Issues:

The board received no complaints during this year.

Website Committee:

The website committee, currently consisting of Heather Cutcliffe and Colleen MacPherson, had one meeting on May 8 with Rodney Smith, owner of Marlborough Media. This meeting consisted of discussing new updates and changes to both the society and registration board websites. It was decided at this meeting to post conferences, workshops, webinars and other information or education sessions on the society website main page for two reasons. The first reason is that every occupational therapist on PEI is aware of education opportunities and the second reason to have more people go to the website. Colleen is to email all occupational therapists on PEI to have them provide her with names of companies, websites, vendors, etc... that offer educational opportunities for occupational therapists across Canada and the United States.

Paid Board Position:

Recently, the registration board has decided to create a paid position on the PEIOTRB. Currently, every province in Canada has a paid position (or multiple paid positions) on their board or college. Our board is researching into how many hours this position would be, the responsibilities or job descriptions of this paid position and how much money we are able to afford as a board. Members of the board have contacted NS, NB and NFLD colleges to obtain more information about their paid positions.

This position does not have a title as of yet, but some of the responsibilities of this paid position would include: Representative of the board to PEI Health Regulatory Network, board member on the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations (ACOTRO), attends meetings and presents reports on organizations such as CIHI, CNNAR, and Labor Mobility, attends CAOT and will be responsible for developing PEI occupational therapy ACT and continuing competency program.

Currently, all of these responsibilities are done on a volunteer basis by Heather Cutcliffe for the board. Heather was asked by the board to gather information on how much time is spent representing PEIOTRB and its members. Heather reported that in 2012 she spent 16 days in face to face meetings and in 2013 has spent 11 days on face to face meetings. This does not include time for teleconferences or travel and preparation time.

Therefore, with Heather's upcoming retirement, this board decided to create a paid position to ensure PEI occupational therapists are represented in all of these committees, organizations and important government meetings as well as in development of PEIOT Act, bylaws and continuing competencies. We feel as a board, these responsibilities are too much for volunteers.

This position will be posted sometime in the fall or winter and will be opened to all registered occupational therapists on PEI to apply.

Respectively Submitted by,

Colleen MacPherson OT Reg. PEI
Chair, Prince Edward Island Occupational Therapy Registration Board