

Annual General Meeting

June 17, 2014

PEIOTS saw a change in its executive committee this past year. New executive members include Katie Anderson (PAC Rep), Manon Gallant (Spokesperson), Heather Gauthier (Treasurer), Colleen MacPherson (Secretary/Contact Person), and Marilee Miller (CAOT Board Member). Heather Cutcliffe has provided an extensive amount of support to the executive committee. Twenty-one therapists were registered as members (12 members, 5 executive committee members, 4 life members). The executive committee managed the Society's affairs throughout the year.

Major highlights from the past year:

- The executive held a number of meetings to work on various issues.

COTF

- A committee has been formed to explore disbursement options for our COTF fund. Members include Mari Basiletti, Marj Hackett, and Lynda Lowry-Rayner. They have provided options on which we will vote today. Please see handout with report.

OT Month

- A commemorative pin was created in honour of the 40th anniversary of the PEIOTS. Each occupational therapist registered on PEI received a pin.
- PEIOTS held the OT Month Social at Marc's Studio. Judy Irwin, one of the founding members of the Society and a life member, gave a wonderful history of OT on PEI with a slide show of pictures and newspaper articles. Judy's history is located on the Society website under PEI OT history.
- PEIOTS reimbursed members for OT Month coffee breaks/displays/OT Month promotional materials.
- Newspaper ads promoting occupational therapy were updated and printed in the Guardian newspaper in the month of October. There were 4 articles printed in the Saturday newspapers.

CAOT Citation Award

- Paul Hughes received a citation award from CAOT. A small gathering was held at the QEH in his honour. The Society donated money to have his award framed.

Vendors

- Representatives from the Society met with OTs and medical suppliers to discuss ongoing equipment funding issues. A letter was written to DSP to open the door for discussion. No response was provided. No further discussion has taken place in regards to this issue.

Website

- Website is being updated on a daily basis. An education section has been added to include all upcoming education and a resource section has been added to include websites/books, etc..relevant to OTs who work with adults and children. Please continue to visit website and send Colleen any education or resource material.
- The website has had 900 unique visitors to the website. Our website designer, Rodney Smith, has submitted his resignation, but will continue with us until his contract is complete.
- A memorial for Joy Mill was added to the website.

Donations

- PEIOTS made a memorial donation in Joy Mill's name to the QEH Stroke Services.

Society Award

- The Society award was last given out in 1999 to Mari Basiletti. The executive committee decided to look into giving out the award again. Currently, the committee is working on criteria and nomination process. More information about the award will be emailed to each member in early fall.
- We have also decided to rename the award "The Joy Mill Award for Outstanding Contribution to Occupational Therapy."

Constitution

- Heather Cutcliffe has completed work on rewriting the society constitution. Please see copy of the constitution that has been provided to you. This constitution will need to be voted on today by Society members.

Membership Forms

- Society membership forms have been updated to include a new membership form and a renewal membership form. Please fill out form tonight to join the Society.

Membership Fees

- Executive committee discussed lowering membership fees for Society members. Please see copies of the membership forms for suggested fees.

OT Promotion

- Members participated in career days & job fairs utilizing the pop-up banners and bookmarks.

Newsletter

- A quarterly newsletter will be sent out by the executive to Society members to update them on Society work, news and upcoming events.

Union

- Steps have been taken to explore a transition from IUOE to UPSE. See attached Speaking Notes.

Activities for the next fiscal year:

- 1) Lobby for occupational therapy to be included on insurance plans
- 2) Expand social media opportunities
- 3) Continue our work on the above mentioned projects
- 4) Start preparing for CAOT Conference 2017

Many thanks to my executive committee colleagues as well as committee members for their hard work in the past year.

Submitted by:
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