

Our Times

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER

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Elizabeth Straughan, OTR/L, Chair
 Penny Fairbanks, OTR/L
 Ronda L. Moore, Public Member
 Kathryn Staley, COTAL, Vice Chair
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In Appreciation

We would like to thank **Betsy Aeillo, Pegi Fegye, Tonda Finley and Ryan Arnold** for their years of commitment to service on the Board of Occupational Therapy. During their terms, they met many challenges resulting in outcomes that will benefit the public, licensees and the occupational therapy profession in the State of Nevada.

Meet Your Board Members

Liz Straughan, OTR/L, was elected Chair of the Board at the Board meeting of January 20, 2007. Liz is a returning Board member. She served on the State Board of Occupational Therapy from January 1994 through December 1999, and continued until new members were appointed.

Liz received her OT degree from the University of Washington, in Seattle and is currently employed in Las Vegas at the Clark County School District and previously with the Carson City School District in Carson City. Her past practice experience includes acute hospital settings for psychiatric OT in both New York and Nevada, private contractor with nursing homes, home health agencies, state agencies, hospital rehab unit and pediatrics.

Penelope (Penny) Fairbanks, OTR/L is currently employed as a per diem OTR by St. Mary's Hospital, in Reno. Penny recently

"retired" as the OT Department Supervisor at St. Mary's Hospital, having held that position for 16 years.

Penny received her OT degree from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Previous experience includes long term care, acute care, hand therapy and she is SI certified.

Penny has been active in addressing OT issues by holding state OT association positions in both Wisconsin and Nevada and has served two terms as Nevada's representative to AOTA. Penny states: "I am happy to now be able to be involved with protecting our clients by serving on our State OT Board."

Ronda L. Moore, Esq. has been appointed as the public member to the Board. Ronda is currently employed as the Deputy Director, Truckee River Flood Project in Reno, Nevada.

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Licensure Statistics

				Total Licensees 3/31/07	636
NORTHERN NEVADA:	OTR:	134	COTA:	20	Total: 154
SOUTHERN NEVADA:	OTR:	275	COTA:	125	Total: 400
OUT OF STATE:	OTR:	<u>75</u>	COTA:	<u>7</u>	Total: <u>82</u>
		484		152	636

SUPERVISION

“If it isn’t documented, it wasn’t done”

This statement applies to the supervision of occupational therapy assistants and occupational therapy provisional licensees. The Nevada Administrative Code for occupational therapists states that the supervising occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant or provisional licensee shall jointly document the supervision provided. Supervisory activities should occur not less than one hour for each 40 hours of work performed by the occupational therapy assistant or provisional licensee with a minimum of one hour per month. Click on “statutes and regulations, Nevada Administrative Code” on the NVOT website and read NAC 641A.250 for full details.

Verification of Employment and Supervision A Dual Responsibility

Reporting supervisory activities to the Board is a dual responsibility of both the Occupational Therapist and the Occupational Therapy Assistant. The Board has changed the Verification of Employment and Supervision form to make it easier to complete and to meet the reporting requirements by the occupational

therapy assistant or provisional licensee as well as the supervising occupational therapist. Remember that if an occupational therapy assistant or provisional licensee has more than one employer, a form must be submitted by each employer.

“NAC 540A.260 Supervision and employment of occupational therapy assistant: Verification; notice of termination.

1. An occupational therapy assistant shall submit verification of his employment and supervision by a licensed occupational therapist to the board within 30 days after a change in his employment or supervision. The verification must be submitted on a form approved by the board.
2. An occupational therapist who is licensed by the board shall notify the board within 30 days after the termination of his supervision of an occupational therapy assistant.”

WEBSITE News

www.nvot.org

The Board Website - www.nvot.org is a great tool by which to access the latest information on the activities of the State Board and the Occupational Therapy profession. Check our website regularly for continuing updates.

RENEW YOUR LICENSE ON-LINE

The State Board will be offering on-line renewal of your occupational therapy license for the 2007-2008 license year. Credit card payments will be accepted and incorporated into the on-line license renewal process.

CLICK TO PAY ON-LINE

A new service has been added to the Board Website – Click to Pay with your credit card. Order licensee listings, change your name or request a duplicate license through our website. On-line payment for new licensees and license renewals is also available. Just click on the Click to Pay link on the main page.

Continuing Education Documentation Requirements

Documentation required to be submitted to the Board for proof of continuing education contact hours is being clarified as follows:

“An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant must complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education within the 12 months immediately preceding the request for renewal of his/her license.

Information required by NAC 640A.100 must be provided with the Application for License Renewal on the form provided by the Board. A copy of sign-in sheets or certificates of completion and/or attendance for each course listed on the Application for License Renewal must be submitted to the Board office no later than June 30th of each year.”

Licensees are required to copy and submit “CERTIFICATES OR SIGN IN SHEETS” to document completion of the courses listed on the application. The continuing education forms contained in the renewal packet must continue to be completed in sufficient detail to document applicability of the course and/or education to the licensee’s practice of occupational therapy.

Important Numbers to Remember

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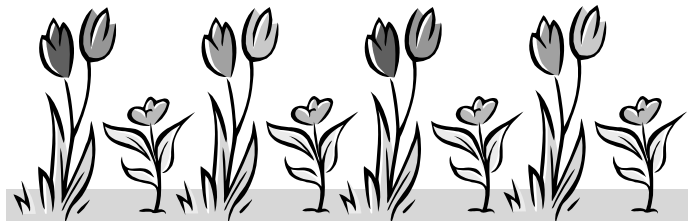
Quiz

Do You Know Your Regulations?

These questions and answers are based solely upon the Nevada Revised Statutes: Chapter 640A - Occupational Therapists.

- The members of the Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy are: (NRS 640A.080)**
 - Picked by a lottery.
 - Appointed by the Governor.
 - Appointed by the Nevada Occupational Therapy Association.
- The duties of the Board are to: (NRS 640A.110)**
 - Evaluate the qualification of an applicant for licensure.
 - Adopt regulations establishing standards of practice for persons who are licensed.
 - Require a licensee to submit evidence that he/she has acquired the skills needed to perform physical therapeutic modalities.
 - All of the above.
 - A and B.
- A licensee is guilty of a misdemeanor if he/she: (NRS 640A.230)**
 - Practices Occupational Therapy without a current license.
 - Does not submit the correct fee with their license application.
 - Does not directly supervise the work of any person who assists them as an aide or technician.
 - All of the above.
 - A and C.

ANSWERS: 1) B 2) D 3) E



Meet Your Board Members

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Ronda is a graduate of J.D. Gonzaga University School of Law, specialty, public government law. Ronda served 10 years as a Nevada Deputy Attorney General and 2.5 years as Deputy Secretary of State. Prior experiences include serving cocktails and bartending in Nevada, California, Hawaii, Alaska and Washington.

Kathryn Staley, COTA/L is a continuing Board member, and the current Vice Chair, appointed to the Board in January 2006. Kathryn is employed at THI Washoe Rehab, Rehab Without Walls in Sparks, Nevada. Kathryn is a 2000 graduate of the COTA program at the Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas.

David Tanabe, OTR/L has been employed since 1997 with University Medical Center in Las Vegas, in the Burn Care Unit. David received his OT degree in 1993 from Colorado State University. His past experience includes acute care and rehab at Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Florida and as a traveling therapist, rehab and SNF.

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