

Our Times

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER

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Your Board at Work!

Board Members Attend Trainings

Boards and Commissions – Board members attended training for Boards and Commissions in May 2007 presented by the Nevada Attorney General's office. Board members were provided an overview of The Nevada Boards and Commissions Manual which is a great resource provided by the Attorney General's office for boards and commissions to learn about their roles and responsibilities as board members. Presentations were also provided on Ethics in Government by L Patrick Hearn, Executive Director, Nevada Commission on Ethics, the Nevada Open Meeting Law presented by Senior Deputy Attorney General George Taylor, and Administrative Hearings presented by Senior Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Crandall

Regulation and Rule Making – Board members participated in a training session provided by the Attorney General's Office in September 2007 on Regulation and Rulemaking. The training reviewed the administrative process required when making regulation changes in Nevada. Currently, all state boards are required to review practice regulations every three years and all regulations every ten years. A procedural guide, Administrative Rulemaking, sixth addition, was provided which incorporates updates to the regulation and rule making process enacted by the 2007 legislature.



BOARD SPONSORED CONTINUING COMPETENCY SEMINARS

AOTA "Code of Ethics" and "Standards of Practice"

The Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy will be sponsoring continuing competency seminars in Reno and Las Vegas in March; FREE for all licensed occupational therapists and therapy assistants.

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Licensure Statistics

Licensure Statistics				Total Licensees 6/30/07	649
NORTHERN NEVADA:	OTR:	135	COTA:	21	Total: 156
SOUTHERN NEVADA:	OTR:	280	COTA:	129	Total: 409
OUT OF STATE:	OTR:	<u>75</u>	COTA:	<u>9</u>	Total: <u>84</u>
		490		159	649

UPDATE YOUR BOARD CONTACT LISTINGS

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Contact Us – The **Contact Us** link is a quick and easy way to provide the Board notice of change of address as required by NAC 640A.130. It only takes a minute, doesn't require postage and you can do it from your desk! You may also ask questions, request to be placed on the Board mailing list, or update the Board with contact information such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Notices of Public Workshops, Hearings and Board Meetings are all posted on the Board website. You can keep informed on the activities of the Board and check for dates and locations for all meetings.

Board Sponsored Seminars – Information and on-line registration will be available through our website. Check our website regularly for continuing updates.

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. Place our website in your "Favorites" and keep informed!

On-Line License Renewal Update – The first year for on-line renewal services has proven successful. Almost 25% of all renewal applications received by the board were submitted through the on-line renewal process. Also of significance is that over 44% of all license renewal fees were paid through the on-line credit card payment system. Those that did not choose to renew on-line had the option to pay with a credit card through the Click to Pay link on the website.

Click to Pay – Not only can you pay your licensing fees through the Click to Pay link, you can also order licensee mailing lists, request and pay for a duplicate license and pay miscellaneous other fees as may be necessary. No waiting, no checks to write, it's fast, it's efficient and it's secure.



Your Board At Work

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AOTA has recently revised the "Code of Ethics" and "Standards of Practice" for occupational therapy practitioners. All occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are encouraged to attend the session in your area. Continuing education contact hours will be awarded by the Board. This is your chance to learn what's new or refresh your understanding of the "Code of Ethics" and "Standards of Practice" and earn contact hours toward your continuing competency requirements! Seminar information will be provided to all licensees in January, 2008. Mark your calendars now to save the date!



REGULATION WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The Board is currently working on proposed changes, deletions and additions to the Nevada Administrative Code 640A – Occupational Therapy, the Occupational Therapy regulations. Notice of workshops and copy of the proposed revisions will be mailed to all licensees. Public Workshops will be held on January 25-26, 2008 in Las Vegas and February 24, 2008 in Reno. We encourage all licensees to attend or provide their written comments on the proposed revisions.

The Board welcomes all Nevadan's to attend board meetings, workshops, and hearings.

Important Numbers to Remember: Clip and Save

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Quiz

Do You Know Your Regulations?

These questions and answers are based upon the Nevada Revised Statutes, Nevada Administrative Code: Chapter 640A – Occupational Therapists and the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

1. You must notify the Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy of a change of your residential or business address within? (NAC 640A.130)
 - A. 14 days
 - B. 30 days
 - C. 60 days
2. If an OT or OTA changes his name after his license is issued, he must submit within 30 days after the change: (NAC 640A.120)
 - A. Proof that his name is legally changed
 - B. Copy of marriage certificate
 - C. Copy of court decree
 - D. Any of the above, as applicable
3. Documents submitted to the Board are required to contain: (NAC 640A.150)
 - A. A current street address or E-Mail address
 - B. The date that the document was submitted
 - C. The license number of the licensee
4. How do I know what actions the Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy is considering? (Nevada Open Meeting Law)
 - A. Send the Board a request, in writing, to be placed on the mailing list for the Board Agendas
 - B. Look for the Board Agenda posted in Public and County libraries
 - C. View the Board Agenda posted on the website www.nvot.org
 - D. Any of the above

Answers: 1) B, 2) D, 3) C, 4) D

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