

RIOTA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 12th, 2008

Present: Karen Morgenstein, Meghan Franklin, Natalie Leland-Wiatrowski, Sue Higgins, Trish McGee, Bob Pezzullo, Beth Horne

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Karen Morgenstein, President of RIOTA, following the distribution of agendas.

- I. Rebuilding Together Experience
 - a. Natalie spoke about the recent “Rebuilding Together” experience
 - i. Overall, the experience made a positive impact for RIOTA despite hardships Natalie faced communicating with the “Rebuilding Together” representatives in regards to the overall organization of the event
 - ii. Natalie will create a “Rebuilding Together” manual which will include clear guidelines regarding what volunteering for the event will entail. The manual will also include any necessary paperwork for members to complete, such as a contract and/or waiver. This info can also be accessed on the RIOTA website.
- II. Education Programs
 - a. Pediatrics Special Interest Group
 - i. Ann Harwood and Erin Sullivan will replace Beth Smith as Pediatrics Special Interest Group Chair
 - ii. RIOTA wishes Beth best of luck! Thank you for a job well done!
 - b. Adult Special Interest Group
 - i. Keri Kinninburg will be the Adult Special Interest Group Chair
 - ii. Karen indicated that Nancy Dooley could potentially present a workshop on research regarding NDT s/p CVA vs. biomechanical approach. Karen also stated that this could also be a perfect opportunity to contact vendors such as “Bioness” to also present and sponsor the workshop
 - c. Mental Health Special Interest Group
 - i. Meghan Franklin indicated that she is hoping for a September meeting
 - ii. Meghan would like to develop a mental health resource panel to assist clients and practitioners in a variety of settings. This will also increase awareness of OT and it’s connection with the mental health population

- III. Officers/Nominations/Vacant Chairs
 - a. Open Chairs
 - i. Reimbursement Chair
 - 1. (?) best for business owner familiar with insurance guidelines
 - ii. Nominations Chair
 - iii. Legislative Chair
 - b. Nominations
 - i. Legislative Chair – Sue Higgins
 - c. Repeating Terms
 - i. Vice President – Natalie Leland-Wiatrowski
 - ii. Secretary – Trish McGee

- IV. National Conference
 - a. RA Summary
 - i. Please see attached document “2008 Representative Assembly Meeting Highlights” generated by Lisa Edwards, RA Rep
 - b. Car Fit Program
 - i. Karen has been trained to be a “Car Fit Event Coordinator”!
 - ii. She is hoping to involve RIOTA with AAA and AARP and plan a local event

 - c. Leadership Training
 - i. Karen received information at Conference about leadership and the board will participate in various leadership activities during the retreat

- V. RIOTA Annual Retreat
 - a. Tentative Date & Location
 - i. Saturday, August 2nd, 2008 @ 9 am
 - ii. Fairhaven, MA – Sue Higgins mom’s house

 - b. Retreat Topics
 - i. RIOTA Conference
 - 1. Tentative date & location
 - a. May 2009
 - b. CCRI, Newport Campus
 - ii. Car Fit Program
 - iii. Leadership training items
 - iv. Volunteering Programs
 - v. Mentoring Program