

RIOTA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2009

Present: Karen Morgenstein, Natalie Leland-Wiatrowski, Sue Kobus, Wendy Anderson, Keri Kinniburg, Lisa Edwards, Erin Sullivan, Beth Horne, Rachel Vitello

I. Treasurer Report

- a. Sue has 2 accountant contacts; 2 bids (\$500 & \$200)
- b. Becky might be able to have our taxes completed free of charge\

II. Public Relations (Beth Horne)

- a. Channel 10 Coffee Cup Salute
 - i. “April is OT Month & RIOTA is having it’s 1st ever conference @ NEIT on May 2nd,”
 - ii. Beth do send in info ASAP
 - iii. OT Month – buy T-shirt or pens in exchange for raffle tickets

III. Pediatric Special Interest Group (Erin Sullivan)

- a. Next meeting is March 30th at the Warwick Public Library. Topic is Pediatric OT in different settings. Darlene Sarshemia will present
- b. Karen will call the RI Recycling Center to inquire about whether RIOTA Membership card could be used to gain access.
 - i. 4 member cards = \$215
 - ii. 8 member cards - \$365

IV. Representative Assembly (Lisa Edwards)

- a. Due to most of the meetings being online this year, most of the discussion groups will have already taken place prior to Conference beginning April 23rd.
- b. RA Meeting for RIOTA members is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 6th @ 5:30pm prior to guest speaker.
- c. Hot Topics Include
 - i. Changing the COTA/L name to associate practitioner
 - ii. Re-entering the field after LOA
 - iii. OT/OTA role delineation, insurance

V. Newsletter (Rachel Vitello)

- a. April 1st deadline – please e-mail Rachel submissions ASAP!
- b. Presidents meeting will be completed; RA will be finished prior to conference – please submit info to Rachel ASAP!
- c. Open positions include:
 - i. President
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. RA Representative
- d. July 1st begins new terms; recruit possible candidates @ OT Month Party

VI. Psychiatric Special Interest Group

- a. Need events!

VII. OT Month/Adult Physical Disabilities Group (Keri Kinniburg)

- a. OT Month Party is Monday, April 1st
 - i. OTA Lab
 - ii. 5:30pm RA Meeting with Lisa Edwards
 - iii. Raffle prizes & food
 - iv. 6:30pm presentation by Dr. Guilmette, “Returning to Work after Brain Injury”
 - v. Trish will e-mail Sue re: \$100 honorarium for speaker
 - vi. Food sign-up list was passed around; Trish will receive from Natalie
 - vii. Bring your raffle prizes! Current donations include:
 - 1. NEIT
 - 2. SNERC
 - 3. Lisa
 - 4. Jennifer Cosgrove

VIII. Conference

- a. Jeanette will send out e-mail reminder to early bird registration by March 20th
- b. 6-6.5 total CEUs available
- c. RIOTA members - \$20 for lunch, need to submit registration form
- d. Vendors – Beth to contact Jeanette for vendor list; arrival beginning @ 7am day of conference for setup
- e. Tables – vendors, presenters, attendance
- f. Name tags (Trish/Keri)– separate for presenters; stickers for attendees & volunteers
- g. Volunteers – 6 CCRI, 10 NEIT; 13 are full day; 5 are ½ day
- h. RIOTA Conference table (Erin & Lisa) – making handiwriter/stress balls
- i. Registration Packets
 - i. Meet April 14th @ 5:30pm @ NEIT
 - ii. Room location TBA