



*Newfoundland and Labrador
Association of
Occupational Therapists*

*Annual General Meeting
June 1/2022*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I have a couple brief updates to share since our general meeting in April 2022.

1. The Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training by First Light will be offered from 8:30am-12:30pm on June 6 & 7/2022. This training is offered at no cost to NLAOT members. Registration for this training closed May 27, 2022.
2. The NLAOT executive plans to meet with past members of the NLAOT executive to discuss changes to mandatory association membership. The NLAOT will provide updates to its members regarding same.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meghan Mahoney

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Fall grant draw was completed in October 2021 for \$500. Our successful applicant was Samantha Ash. Our Winter grant was drawn in February, 2022 for \$500 and the winner was Susan Morgan. The CAOT grant was split this year to allow 4 people to attend the conference virtually. The winners of these grants were Melissa Greene, Meghan Mahoney, Jerilyn Burton and Donna Randell.

Congratulations to all grant winners. As previously announced, we are still planning on having Heidi Cramm come for the 2-day Trauma workshop. This has been postponed several times due to the pandemic and planning will depend on the ability to start offering in-person workshops again.

Eastern Health is hosting a webinar by Dr. Karen Whalley Hammel on Justice, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Occupational Therapy Practice on April 5, 2022 from 3:00-4:00. This education opportunity was also offered to all NLAOT members.

If anyone has any ideas for the education committee or would like to join our committee and help with planning, please reach out to me at education@nlaot.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Cooper

Total: \$ 1456.23

TREASURER REPORT

Current account balance (May 27, 2022): \$59,966.81
GIC total: \$52,069.23

All 2021-22 financial information was sent to Noseworthy Chapman Chartered Professional Accountants. Noseworthy Chapman informed NLAOT that they are behind in getting back to us due to 40% of their staff testing positive for COVID in April. The financial statements will be shared with the membership when available.

Expenses (from April 1, 2022):

Bank charges \$18.75
Donations \$0
Education \$1145.40
Fees and dues \$0
Gifts \$0
Insurance \$0
PR \$22.98
OT Month \$0
Accounting \$0
Google Suite Services \$269.10
Website Development/maintenance \$0
Investments \$0
Zoom account \$0

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Fahey

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Jill Burton {Chair}, Sarah Hodder (Lynch), Kerri Wells, Susan Morgan

OT Month:

We continued our OT month trivia this year with trivia night. 4 teams represented two of our regional health authorities- Western Health and Eastern Health.

T-shirts were designed by Kaila Erb and sold for \$20, OTs who purchased t-shirts were asked to bring forward an organization they would like to see the additional funds for t-shirts donated towards. 57 t-shirts were sold and \$396 was raised in addition, this money was donated as such:

- \$100 to Islaview Foundation.
- \$100 to Alzheimers Society
- \$100 to Red Cross
- \$100 to CMHA



OT month social media campaign this year focused on OT spotlights in non-traditional OT roles, organized by Sarah Lynch.

OZFM played NLAOT ads for the month of October.

Future Plans:

Updating promotional materials

Fundraising initiatives

Planning for 2022 projects and OT month projects

Recruitment: Always looking for new members to join the committee.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome at publicrelations@nlaot.ca

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Burton

DIGITAL MEDIA REPORT

Digital media continues to strive toward promotion of the profession via our online platforms. During OT month 2021 we highlighted OT areas of practice with “Where in the world do Occupational Therapists work?” posts on our Facebook page. We also loved posting photos of our members

across Newfoundland and Labrador celebrating OT month!

Thank you to all our members for your online engagement and continued support! If there is something you would like to see posted or shared, please reach out at any time to digitalmedia@nlaot.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Lynch

CAOT BOARD DIRECTOR (NL) REPORT

CAOT recently hosted the national conference in Whistler from May 4-7th. Although this was the first in-person conference since the pandemic, it was a successful hybrid event with an option for members to attend virtually as well. One highlight of the conference was the launch of Promoting Occupational Participation: Collaborative Relationship-Focused Occupational Therapy, the most recent book published by CAOT in the Enabling Occupation series. The link with more information on this book can be found [here](#).

The CAOT Board of Directors met in-person during the CAOT Conference in Whistler, from May 2-3rd. The next



meeting of the Board of Directors will be virtual in September 2022.

This will be my last update to NLAOT as Board Director of NL. I have learned so much from this opportunity and look forward to other opportunities to volunteer with NLAOT in the future. I want to wish a warm welcome to Danielle Hogan, who will commence as the Board Director for NL in October 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to CAOT, or if there is any feedback you have for our national association.

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists provides services, products, events and networking opportunities to assist occupational therapists achieve excellence in their professional practice. In addition, CAOT provides national leadership to actively develop and promote the client-centered profession of occupational therapy in Canada and internationally. NLAOT members are encouraged to visit www.caot.ca or to join CAOT on Facebook or Twitter for news, volunteer opportunities, training and professional practice resources, and

additional information about the work of our national association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Burt