

WELCOME Robin to the July 2010 edition of the SAOT e-Bulletin!

Message from the President

Welcome to summer, everyone - a strange summer though it may be. Hopefully this rain will abate, especially for those in Southern Alberta.

Have you noticed our new logo? We were fortunate to have a NAIT student who worked with us on this and some new posters for OT Month. It was a great opportunity for us to capitalize on another's talent and benefit them too.

Over the last month or so, I have been working closely with Maggie Fulford, ACOT Registrar, defining our mandates, roles, and responsibilities. Hopefully, this will assist occupational therapists with questions/issues to get to the right organization for assistance. Maggie has also been opening new doors for SAOT by letting us know about every opportunity for SAOT to advocate for and represent occupational therapy professional practice in Alberta. With the separation of AAROT into two bodies, SAOT has gotten left off many invitee lists and it's been difficult to get ourselves back to the table in every case.

At the moment, Maggie and I are working on joint responses to the Alberta Health Act and to the recreation therapists who want to be regulated under the Health Profession Act. This latter has some potential scope issues for occupational therapy which need to be addressed.

Bonnie Klassen will be representing SAOT at a Primary Care discussion Forum on July 6, 2010. Primary care is a huge area of possibility for occupational therapy and now is the time to be pioneering for future positions.

If any of you are interested in specific issues or areas of practice and would like an opportunity to represent SAOT at upcoming forums, meetings, or brainstorming sessions, please email me at president@saot.ca. One of the difficulties with a tiny membership is always finding someone available to attend sessions and your volunteering would be a great asset to the profession.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Heather Chilton
President, SAOT

Congratulations to the Winners! 2010/11 SAOT Membership Referral Contest

iPod Touch

Liability Insurance

Shannon Chubb, Sherwood Park

Sherri Miller, Edmonton

Special thanks to all SAOT members who made referrals and encouraged your associates to join!

Request for Mentors

If you are an occupational therapist who specializes in **chronic pain and/or myofascial release** and are interested in becoming a mentor for another OT, please contact Kristina at admin@saot.ca.



We are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

Student Clinical Placement Award

Clinical preceptors are encouraged to recognize student(s) who have demonstrated exceptional performance in their placement by nominating them for the Student Clinical Placement Award.

Award nomination can be submitted before or by September 15.

Clinical Preceptor Award

Students are encouraged to recognize clinical preceptors who demonstrated outstanding performance during any level of fieldwork placement by nominating them for the Clinical Preceptor Award.

Award nomination can be submitted before or by September 15.

For nomination forms, please click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

2010 SAOT Symposium & AGM

**October 23, 2010
Edmonton**

Details to follow.

Questions about Liability Insurance?

Members are welcome to contact our partner, HDF Insurance, to ask questions about professional liability and discuss your individual needs:

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