



Occupational Therapy Compact Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Chris Daly, Chair
Olivia Freeman
Kathryn Loukas
Kathy Weed
Lesly James (ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent

Missy Anthony

Legal Counsel Present:

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

CSG Staff Present:

Isabel Eliassen, CSG

Executive Committee Ex-Officio Members Present

Shaun Conway (NBCOT)
Chuck Willmarth (AOTA)

ASMI Representatives Present

Dia Gainor
Amanda Perry

Welcome/Call to Order

- C. Daly called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. ET

Roll Call

- I. Eliassen called the roll. L. James was present only for the public comment portion of the meeting. M. Anthony was absent.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- C. Daly reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- Two individuals from ASMI were on the call and introduced themselves.
- **Motion:** L. Loukas moved that the committee adopt the agenda. K. Weed seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- C. Daly reviewed the minutes from the April 2023 meeting and, hearing no questions, called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** O. Freeman moved that the committee adopt the minutes. K. Weed seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

AOTA Inspire 2024

- C. Willmarth talked to the group about the AOTA Inspire Conference.
- K. Weed suggested making L. James the main speaker for the conference. CSG agreed to reach out to L. James.
- The committee made minor edits and discussed additional sources.
- **Motion:** O. Freeman motioned to approve the proposal as amended at the meeting. K. Loukas seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Potential Speaking Engagements

- S. Conway mentioned the NBCOT leadership forum, which L. James would present at.
- I. Eliassen mentioned that AOTA had a list of state conferences that the committee could refer to.
- C. Willmarth suggested that the commission could present to states who had already joined the compact and that CSG, AOTA, and NBCOT could continue presenting to prospective member states, as such states would likely have more questions on the legislative process. S. Conway agreed.
- N. Kalfas suggested ASMI could begin to assist with this process. A. Perry and D. Gainor agreed.

CSG Exit Objectives

- C. Willmarth asked if recent handout from CSG could be updated and if a template could be given to ASMI for future updates. CSG confirmed this could be requested.
- N. Kalfas reported that met with ASMI last week and that they have a folder prepared to share the paperwork with ASMI.
- C. Willmarth asked if the website handover had been discussed. I. Eliassen stated that it had been.
- C. Daly asked about continuing roles for I. Eliassen and N. Kalfas. N. Kalfas stated that she had been confirmed to the permanent legal counsel role and that I. Eliassen would be handing over her duties to A. Perry.
- I. Eliassen said that CSG would likely lead the next committee meeting but that meetings after would be organized by the new Executive Director.

Questions and Public Comments

- C. Daly called for other questions.

- L. James asked if we had discussed NBCOT's leadership forum and AOTA Inspire 2024.
- C. Willmarth said the committee had discussed it and relayed the committee's request for L. James to serve as the primary speaker. L. James agreed to the role.
- L. James mentioned that other committee chairs could be involved in NBCOT's leadership forum in September, which would be held held virtually. The Commission's presentation would likely be on Sept 20th 2023 between 1 and 5 pm Eastern.
- K. Weed asked if the committee could endorse co-locating with Inspire. N. Kalfas clarified that the committee could endorse but the executive committee would make the final decision. N. Kalfas asked C. Willmarth about who of commissioners would attend, and hybrid setup, and costs of A/V. C. Willmarth provided further information about the costs of co-locating the meeting.
- N. Kalfas recommended that Chuck could share details about the logistics with the executive committee so they could consider the possibility fully.

Meeting Closure

- Hearing no additional questions, C. Daly called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** K. Loukas motioned to adjourn. O. Freeman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. ET.