

GOTA and AOTA Communication Liaison Update

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AOTA amended several Bylaws this past year. On the GOTA website, there are links that refer to the past and present Bylaws from AOTA.

Just a few of the changes include:

1. the addition of the Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to the Board as a voting member. They previously had no voting rights.
2. Now the President-Elect has a vote. They did not in past years.
3. The deletion of the requirement of a minimal of 5 years of experience as an OT or OTA at the time of nomination for an AOTA office.
4. “The Commission on Education” changed the name to “Education Commission” and moved from being housed under the Representative Assembly to the Standing Advisory Committee of Board. This will expand their access and involvement throughout AOTA.
5. The Ethics Commission was also moved from the Representative Assembly to the Standing Advisory Committee of Board to expand involvement throughout AOTA.

OTs in the state of Georgia are still allowed to provide services via telehealth during the public health emergency (PHE) under the Georgia Telehealth Act. Please note, it is still temporary under the public health emergency (PHE), as compared to other services billing rights that are permanent.

Please refer to the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association (GOTA) website for more details.

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