

West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy



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BOARD NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 2006

NEW BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2006!!! ☺ Congratulations to the following:

Kathy Quesenberry, MSM ,OTR/L—term ending December 31, 2007
President

Field of work—Pediatrics (Birth to 21)

Kathy has been practicing in the OT field for 14 years. She started her career in geriatrics and has traveled a full circle. She has 3 children and a wonderful husband who teaches Special Education in the school system. Kathy enjoys traveling and spending time with her children. She is also a member of the West Virginia Cortical Vision Impairment Mentorship Team.

Martin Douglas, MS, OTR/L, CDRS—term ending December 31, 2005
Secretary/Treasurer

Field of work—Acute care therapy, outpatient rehab, adaptive driving, home health
Marty has been in the OT field for 15 years. Marty enjoys spending time with his family, wood working, hunting, working out, and church.

Phil Simpson, OTR/L—term ending December 31, 2007
Board member

Field of work—Outpatient therapy (hand therapy, general therapy, and vestibular rehabilitation)

Phil has been in the OT field for 11 years. He has been married to his wife, Sara, for 18 years and has two wonderful children, Zack and Molly. His hobbies include playing guitar for his church, collecting coins and war memorabilia, studying theology, and home roasting coffee beans.

Brenda Hambric, COTA/L—term ending December 31, 2008
Board member

Field of work—skilled nursing facility

Brenda has been an Occupational Therapy Assistant for 6 years and is currently pursuing a master's degree in OT. She enjoys spending time with her grandson, Chase.

Gene Brooks—term ending December 31, 2007

Consumer Member

Field of work—Equipment technician for rehab therapy, minister

Gene has worked in Rehab Therapy for 30 years, specialized in adaptive equipment for 20 years and has been in the ministry for 20 years. Gene enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren, hiking alone and fishing.

After several years of dedication and hard work, the Board would like to say thank you and good-bye to Paula Sisler, COTA/L, former President of the WV BOT since February, 1998 and Lenny Fink, OTR/L, former Board member of the WV BOT since February, 1999.

Mrs. Sisler will continue serving in the Occupational Therapy field in the school system and has also taken on the role of motherhood as of April 07, 2006 with the birth of her first daughter, Elianna Reagan Sisler.

Mr. Fink will also continue serving in the Occupational Therapy field in the school system and with Birth to Three.

Thank you both for your contributions, your time and dedication to the field of Occupational Therapy.

Diana Harris, the Executive Secretary of the Board for the past two years, will be relocating with her family to Texas. Therefore, the Board has hired a new Executive Secretary, Vonda Malnikoff, who will be assuming the position as of November 15, 2006.

It is now time to renew licensure to practice occupational therapy for the year 2007. Enclosed you will find the renewal application and handout for your information related to the continuing competency requirements. Licensure renewal requires 12 hours of education and continuing competency activities annually. The enclosed summary of the broad variety of activities you may claim is included to ease completion of your renewal application. Please note that there is a maximum allowable credit for some activities. This is intended to encourage a varied competency experience for each individual licensee. An excess of 6 hours may be carried into the next calendar year renewal period if you have surpassed the annual 12 hour requirement for the current year. Please do not send original or copies of continuing education documents with

your renewal application unless you are further instructed to do so. The Board conducts a random audit of these requirements annually. If you have been selected to participate in this audit, this packet will contain further instructions.

Your renewal application and associated fee must be returned to the Board's address prior to the issuing of renewal cards for 2007. You may not practice occupational therapy after December 31, 2006 without the actual licensure cards in your possession. To assure receiving renewal of licensure for practice January 1, 2007, submit your properly completed application by December 1, 2006. The Board recommends that each OT(R)/L, (C)OTA/L make copies of their renewal before mailing it to the Board office for future reference. All continuing education should also be copied and kept on file for your convenience as well; this

will make it easier to reference when you carry over to the following year.

Upon receipt of your cards, one must be displayed in a public place where practice is being performed. The other should be carried on your person to be presented as requested to employers, consumers and members of the Board or their certified investigator, as requested by the chairperson of the Board.

Delinquent application and late fee payment submission does not constitute an extension of the licensure privilege beyond December 31, 2006.

As a reminder, Sunset will be coming up in year 2009. In this year, Sunset will involve the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and

Chiropractics. The Board will be working on preparations to get ready for this move for our profession. Just as a reminder, it would be good to do some lobbying or educating others in what we do to make these transitions successful. We encourage input from licensees. This legislative action can and will effect our profession in the future. We encourage people to be actively involved in the profession in all aspects of service.

This year has been a good year with no disciplinary actions issued. The Board will continue to investigate complaints to assure compliance to licensure laws and to protect the public.

We wish a safe holiday season and a prosperous new year to everyone!

**LEGISLATIVE RULES, (§13-1-12.), OF THE WEST VIRGINIA
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTINUING
COMPETENCY ACTIVITIES FOR RENEWAL OF WV LICENSE.**

Requirement: 12 contact hours per renewal period through participation in:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Page# - Rule #</u>		<u>Maximum Allowed</u>
Workshop, Seminar, Conference	9	12.7.c.3	No maximum
University Courses, College Courses	9	12.7.c.4	No maximum
Vo. Tech Adult Education Courses	9	12.7.c.4	No maximum
Education Telecommunication Courses	9	12.7.C.5	No maximum
Videotaped Presentation of Courses, Seminars, Workshops, or Conferences	9	12.7.c.6	No maximum
In-service Training	9	12.7.c.7	No maximum
Presentations of OT Education Programs, Workshops, Seminars, In-services, Conferences or Guest Lectures	9	12.7.c.8	No maximum for presenting, but maximum of 3 Continuing competency credits allowed for reviewing Presentations.
Publications and other media	9	12.7.C.9	Maximum of <u>10</u> hours For authorship/editorship Maximum of <u>3</u> hours for Authorship of an article, book review or abstract in a weekly periodical or professional newsletter. Maximum of <u>6</u> hours for development of other media, such as video, slides, etc. for public and professional viewing.
Research Projects	10	12.7.c.10	6 hours/project
Quality Assurance Studies/Publisher Paper and Proposals for Conference Presentation	10	12.7.c.11	4 hours/study
Formal Self-Study	10	12.7.c.12	2 hours/paper
Informal Self-Study	10	12.7.c.13	the full contact hour That is awarded by provider
Clinical Student Instruction	11	12.7.c.14	3 hours
		12.7.c.15	1 hour/level 1 student (Max. of 3 students) 4 hours/level 2 student (Max. of 2 students)

For more detailed information please consult the Legislative Rules of the Board of Occupational Therapy (§13-1-12.).

--A contact hour is defined as 1 hour spent in a continuing education activity. It excludes breaks, receptions, meals, social events, etc.

--6 **excess** contact hours may carry over from one consecutive licensure year to the next immediate calendar year.

--Licensees must obtain a certificate of completion of other record of providers of continuing education providers stating the:

Date of completion
Title and location of the course
Name of participant and provider
Number of hours for the course
Signature of provider

Core job specific, job related requirements of your chosen industry of occupational therapy DO NOT count toward continuing competency requirements for licensure renewal. Examples will include CPR, First Aid Training, Documentation In-services, Training in the implementation of coding, billing, payment systems, Facility or organization specific accreditation requirements, etc. These types of activities do not meet the intent of the continuing competency requirements related to contributing to the development of the professional and updating competency in Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice.

Continuing competency audits may be performed by WVBOT members or the Board's certified complaint investigator.