Revisions at the AOTA

• AOTA is a 501 (c)(6) nonprofit organization that is incorporated in the District of Columbia (DC) and as such is affected by changes to nonprofit law in DC that became effective on January 1, 2012.

• As a result of these changes, AOTA's Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee (BPPC) worked closely with the Speaker of the Representative Assembly (RA), the Association's legal counsel, the Executive Director, and AOTA staff to review and prepare draft revisions to both the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws to ensure AOTA's compliance with the statute.
• A comprehensive overview of these revisions is available for members to view (Vimeo presentation) at http://www.aota.org/Archive/2013-Bylaws-Revision.aspx and were published in draft in OT Practice on April 20th 2013.

• Members at AOTA’s Annual Business Meeting on April 27th in San Diego voted to approve the recommended Bylaws revisions, which were necessitated by the changes to incorporation laws in the District of Columbia.
• Among other modifications, these changes strengthen and make more explicit the rights of Association members, update meeting requirements to reflect the use of technology, and add the Representative Assembly into the Articles of Incorporation as the body responsible for professional standards and professional policies for the Association.

• For the most recently adopted version of the AOTA Bylaws (2013), members can visit [http://www.aota.org/Governance.aspx](http://www.aota.org/Governance.aspx)
Revised Governance Structure at AOTA

(https://www.aota.org/Governance.aspx)
Revisions in the RA

• Defined process for handling absences and vacancies in elected and appointed positions in the RA will now mirror the process used by the Board and is in line with DC law.

• The law establishes the use of quorums and does not provide for alternate positions to substitute for absences or vacancies; therefore, the RA Alternate Representative position has been eliminated to be in line with the manner in which the Board must operate under law.
Congratulations to Michael Urban!

- I would like to personally congratulate and thank Michael Urban, MBA, MS, OTR, CEAS, WCE for his volunteer service to the CT AOTA constituency as the Alternate Representative to the RA.

- Mike’s dedicated support and participation in the business of the RA over the last two years is greatly appreciated!
Annual Spring Meeting of the RA

• The RA was called to order on April 25th, 2013 in San Diego, California to conduct its spring meeting.
• The Assembly debated voted on eight items of business, including the following highlights:
  – The Cordelia Myers Award will become the Cordelia Myers AJOT Best Article Award with new criteria, in keeping with AJOT’s current mission; a motion to rescind the Cordelia Myers Award was withdrawn.
  – An ad hoc committee will be formed to investigate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of changing the occupational therapy assistant entry-level degree from the current associate degree to either (1) include both the associate degree and bachelor’s degree as options for OTA education, or (2) elevate the entry-level degree exclusively to the bachelor’s degree.
  – The OTA Representative-Elect job description was adopted.
  – Four societal statements were rescinded on: Obesity, Play, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Family Caregivers.
(https://www.aota.org/News/Centennial/Brlaws-.aspx)
RA Meeting Minutes

• Minutes on the business conducted by the RA at this meeting are available for members to review at
http://www.aota.org/Governance/RA/Minutes.aspx
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your AOTA Representative to the RA! I appreciate and encourage your input, feedback and support on important issues related to our profession and look forward to continuing in this role on your behalf.

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The following AOTA web resources were used to compile this annual meeting report:

- http://www.aota.org/News/Centennial/Brlaws-.aspx
- http://www.aota.org/Governance/RA/Minutes.aspx