



# Manitoba Society of Occupational Therapists

**Vision:** To be a valued health and wellness resource for Manitobans

**Mission:** To support the professional interests of occupational therapists

**Values:**

Connect - Engaging through participation

Enable - Health and wellness through occupation

Grow - Success through continued learning

# Importance of MSOT

## MSOT's Objectives:

- ▶ To promote the profession of occupational therapy throughout Manitoba
- ▶ To represent the interest of members to the government, educational institutions, other professions, businesses, and to the public.
- ▶ To support the professional needs of occupational therapists in Manitoba, including professional development and research
- ▶ To enhance the development and maintenance of liaison with other groups such as unions, regulators, educators, and provincial and national organizations

# Membership

- ▶ **Membership Cost: \$55.00** for new graduates
- ▶ When should I register? **By June 30, 2021**
  - ! All MOT2 students will stop receiving e-mails after June 2021 if not registered !*
- ▶ **Immediate Benefits:**
  - ↯ Continue to receive updates on job postings
  - ↯ Eliminate the hassle to re-register as a member
  - ↯ Reduce lag between graduation and job hunting
  - ↯ Maintain network as you finish class work

# Benefits of MSOT Membership

## ▶ Connect

- ▶ Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- ▶ Access to the NEW MSOT newsletter e-blast
- ▶ “Be in the know” about Team OT events
- ▶ Access to the Members Only section on the MSOT website
- ▶ Weekly emails with current job postings

# Benefits of MSOT Membership

## ▶ Enable

- ▶ MSOT Advocacy Toolkit
- ▶ Private Practice Group
- ▶ Public awareness campaign: Understanding OT Brochure
- ▶ “New OT” strategy- supporting new graduates to enter the profession

# Benefits of MSOT Membership

## ▶ Grow

- ▶ Professional development opportunities reduced rates
  - ! *NEW FREE Speaker Series for members*
- ▶ Professional Development Bursary \$200 per year
- ▶ MSOT Research Fund
  - ▶ Presentation Award (minimum of \$500/year)
  - ▶ Mary Judd Research Award (\$1000/year)
- ▶ Outstanding OT Award

- **JOB POSTINGS**
- **SPEAKER SERIES**
- **PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES**
- **MONDAY MEET-UP RESOURCES**
- **PD OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES**





# 2020-2021 Highlighted Projects

- ▶ Private Practice Information Session
  - ▶ Was supposed to occur in Spring 2020 however, had to be postponed due to COVID-19
- ▶ AGM
  - ▶ Held in conjunction with OTCN where we celebrated Gina DeVos as Outstanding OT, 2020 MOT Graduates and the profession of OT in Manitoba
  - ▶ Motivational Speaker Stephanie Staples spoke on "Emotional Wellness During Turbulent Times"
- ▶ Advocacy:
  - ▶ Current collective bargaining processes/lack of contracts
  - ▶ Support for "Long Hauler Covid" clients
  - ▶ OT's working in schools - Bill64
- ▶ Strategic Planning 2020-2024
  - ▶ Postponed due to COVID-19
- ▶ MSOT Monday Meet-ups - to connect and support OTs during COVID-19

# MSOT Future

## Current Numbers...

- ▶ # of OT's in Manitoba (registered to practice through COTM) = 845 (April 2021)
- ▶ # of OT's MSOT members = 393 (April 2021)

***In the 2020-2021 membership year ONLY 46% of OT's in Manitoba were MSOT members.***

- ▶ With the current number of members it is still challenging to meet our budget, even with cutting our operating budget meaning we have limited funds to support additional advocacy efforts.
- ▶ The MSOT membership works out to ***only \$9/month and \$4.60 for new graduates!***

# MSOT Future

## The Good News...

- ▶ If 50% of OT's in MB were MSOT members = 423 members (+30 members) = **\$3,300 more in revenue**
- ▶ If 75% of OT's in MB were MSOT members = 634 members (+241 members) = **\$26,510 more in revenue.**
- ▶ If 100% of OT's in MB were MSOT members = 845 members, (+452 members) = **\$49,720 more in revenue.**
  
- ▶ *Imagine what we could do together! Please consider MSOT membership this year. The more MSOT members we have this year, the bigger the advertising campaign can be!*

# MSOT FUTURE

- **ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT MSOT - JOIN THE MSOT BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**
  - 2 YEAR TERMS
  - MEETINGS ONCE PER MONTH
  - GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AND MEET OTHER OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS
  - HELP SUPPORT THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSION IN MANITOBA
- **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**
  - SECRETARY
  - COORDINATOR OF MEMBER SERVICES
  - AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS (1 CO-CHAIR)
  - SPECIAL EVENTS (2 CO-CHAIRS)
  - PUBLIC RELATIONS (1 CO-CHAIR)
  - CURRENT AFFAIRS AND ADVOCACY (1 CO-CHAIR)
  - WEBSITE EDITOR

**MORE POSITION  
AVAILABILITY TO BE  
ANNOUNCED AT A LATER  
DATE!**

# How do I Register?

- Completed registration forms can be scanned and e-mailed to [msot@msot.mb.ca](mailto:msot@msot.mb.ca) between between June 2<sup>nd</sup>-28th, 2021.  
<http://www.msot.mb.ca/how-to-join/>
  - If you would like to pay by credit card CC your registration email to Carmen Funk ([carmen.funk@cotm.ca](mailto:carmen.funk@cotm.ca)) as well from the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba. She will contact you to complete the payment by our new Quickbooks online system.
- \*\* You do not need to provide credit card numbers by phone! \*\***
- Completed registration forms can also be mailed to the MSOT office with a cheque (address included on form).

**\*\*\*There will be no in person registration at this time\*\*\***



Thank you in advance for joining MSOT!

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. (Helen Keller)*