The business of the 35th spring meeting of the Representative Assembly (RA) is presented here in summary. A complete copy of the official minutes can be obtained from your election area Representative, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Web site under “Get Involved!” or the AOTA National Office. Task groups met online through OT Connections from March 28 to April 1 and face to face on April 13, 2011. The Assembly met face to face on April 14, 2011.

Opening of the RA 2011

The Speaker, Yvonne Randall, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. EST on April 14. She welcomed RA members; AOTA officers; commission, committee, and council chairpersons; Association staff; and guests.

Approval of the 2010 RA Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 Fall Online Representative Assembly and 2010 Spring Conference Representative Assembly were approved as posted.

Reports to the RA for 2011

The following reports were received during the meeting of the RA. (Copies of the reports can be found on the AOTA Web site.) All reports were received and filed as addenda to the minutes, and the action items were referred to task groups for review.

Reports of the RA Officials

Speaker—Yvonne Randall
Vice Speaker—Mary Baxter

Reports of the Bodies of the Assembly

Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee (BPPC)—Trina Schulz, Chairperson
Credential Review and Accountability Committee (CRAC)—Deborah Hines, Chairperson
Nominating Committee—Gloria Lucker, Chairperson
Recognitions Committee—Susan Tucker, Chairperson
Agenda Committee—Denise Chisholm, Chairperson
Assembly of Student Delegates—Whitney Winder, Representative
Commission on Continuing Competence and Professional Development (CCCPD)—Barbara Schell, Chairperson
Commission on Education (COE)—Jyothi Gupta, Chairperson
Commission on Practice (COP)—Janet DeLany, Chairperson
Ethics Commission (EC)—Barbara Hemphill, Chairperson
Special Interest Section Counsel (SISC)—Pam Toto, Chairperson

Reports of the Association Officers

President—Florence Clark
Vice President—Virginia Stoffel
Treasurer—Saburi Imara

Reports of the Board of Directors/Organizational Advisors

Executive Director, AOTA—Frederick P. Somers
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)—Letha Mosley, Chairperson
Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP)—Carol Siebert, Chairperson
American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (AOTPAC)—Amy Lamb, Chairperson
World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)—Susan Coppola, Delegate

Business of the RA 2011

In all, 34 items of business were debated and voted on, including the following highlights:

- The Practice Advisory: Services Provided by Students in Fieldwork Level II Settings will be formatted as an official document.
- A “Complex Seating and Wheeled Mobility Specialized Knowledge and Skills” paper and a policy fact sheet will be created to provide advocacy and education in this area of practice.
- The Societal Statement on Health Literacy was approved as amended.
- The revised Definition of Occupational Therapy Practice for the AOTA Model Practice Act was approved as amended.
- A motion establishing the Kielhofner Emerging Leader Award was approved.
- A motion to establish a Phase II Panel for School System Specialty Certification was approved.
- The Membership Momentum motion was defeated; however, two substitute motions were adopted—to include the RA on the existing Board of Directors Membership Ad Hoc Committee and for this committee to report to the 2011 RA fall meeting.
- A motion to remove social justice from the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards (2010) was defeated.
- Two motions regarding baccalaureate occupational therapy assistant education were defeated.
• A motion to accept the recommendations of the Proce-
dural & Organizational Change Ad Hoc Committee was
defeated.
• A motion was approved to establish an ad hoc committee
to examine the utilization of consumers of occupational
therapy services in the operations and functions of AOTA.
• A motion was approved to establish an ad hoc committee
to evaluate the operations and functions of the RA and to
incorporate the intent of the recommendations of the Pro-
cedural & Organizational Change Ad Hoc Committee.

In addition, an amended plan for use of the Nominating
and Recognitions Committees and 15 revised official docu-
ments and administrative policies were approved.

These minutes and approved official documents are
available in their entirety on the AOTA Web site at www.aota.
org by clicking on “Get Involved!”

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. EST on April 14,
2011.

Julie Kalahar, MS, OTR/L
Recorder