Visioning Process Feedback FAQs

What Is the Purpose of the Visioning Process?

- As we move towards 2017, AOTA's centennial, we as a profession must be prepared to be successful in a changing environment.
- ➤ The goal is to have thoughtful dialogue on the kind of occupational therapy services (and the accompanying knowledge, skills, and practice characteristics) that will be needed by the population in 2017.
- > To understand what the profession needs to do in practice, education, policy, and research to get to where we need to be.

What Is a Scenario?

- A tool to get people thinking about change and how things might be different in order to stimulate dialogue and identify specific directions and strategies.
- A look at various possible futures
 - O What the future may hold based on known trends
 - o What opportunities and challenges for the field might be evident in those futures?
 - o What strategies might be wise regardless of what possible future is the most accurate forecast?

What Has Occurred in This Process Thus Far?

- A facilitated "scenario building" exercise with various stakeholders was held at the Bolger Center in October 2004.
- > Four possible future scenarios developed
 - Expected future
 - Feared future
 - Visionary future
 - o Aspirational future
- ➤ The AOTA Representative Assembly, the Affiliated State Association Presidents, the Assembly of Student Delegates, and the American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee provided feedback during their conference meetings regarding the visioning process.
 - Vice President Christiansen gave an overall "look to the future" presentation.
 (View presentation)
 - o Each large group broke up into small groups.
 - o Each group looked at a different scenario.
 - o Provided feedback on specific scenario
 - Demographic data for all participants
 - What practice innovations can AOTA foster to prepare the profession for 2017?
 - What important professional education changes can AOTA lead to prepare occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to succeed in 2017?

- What should AOTA do to prepare the public for a preferred future for occupational therapy?
- What important changes will each of you need to make to get ready for 2017?
- What are the critical societal drivers as we move forward towards 2017?
- Feedback from all small groups (qualitative data) analyzed
 - o Culled down to major recurrent themes

What Are the Next Steps?

- ➤ Using themes, design a structured survey
 - o Analyze quantitative data on the characteristics and views of participants
- ➤ Obtain association- and profession-wide feedback.
 - o Create a Web page devoted to visioning process
 - o Zoomerang survey will be available to all who wish to participate
 - o AOTA's Committees and Commissions will use some of their meeting time to provide feedback.
 - o RA Representatives and State Presidents may obtain feedback from their constituents.
- ➤ Analyze all data by December 2005
- ➤ Conduct Visioning Process / Strategic Planning meeting in January 2006.
 - o Bolger Center
 - o AOTA leaders and stakeholders
 - Review all data and feedback.
 - Engage in extensive dialog.
 - Build a consensus vision to move successfully into 2017.
 - Use the vision to create AOTA's new strategic plan.
- > Present vision to RA, April 2006

How Can I Provide My Feedback?

- ➤ Go to the Centennial Vision Forum online to share and discuss ideas.
- ➤ Click on the Zoomerang survey and complete the survey—it is that simple!