

Ethics Commission Seeks Public Member

The Ethics Commission (EC) is seeking candidates to fill the position of Public Member. The term is 3 years and starts July 1, 2013.

The EC is a standing commission of the AOTA Representative Assembly. The EC develops and revises the *Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards* [Code and Ethics Standards] as well as the *Enforcement Procedures for the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards*, in order to promote quality care and professional conduct. Additional responsibilities include developing continuing education products and other ethics resources to inform and educate the members, volunteer leadership groups, and consumers regarding application of the Code and Ethics Standards.

The Public Member must:

- Be a representative of another profession
- Have knowledge of the occupational therapy profession and a broad understanding of the ethical issues affecting health care and occupational therapy practice and education
- Have at least 5 years of experience in his or her respective discipline
- Demonstrate understanding of ethical issues affecting practice or education through one or more of the following activities:
 - Being a member or observer of a state, organizational or institutional ethics committee
 - Writing or publishing articles on ethics
 - Providing continuing education in ethics or teaching an ethics class or course
 - Presenting papers or workshops on ethics
 - Serving as a member of a state regulatory board or familiarity with accrediting

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- Attending courses or workshops on ethics and providing documentation of such attendance

Candidates must be prepared to engage in the Commission's business, which can include monthly conference calls and educational activities. Such activities may include participating in ethics presentations at conferences, writing ethics advisory opinions and other educational materials.

If you know of or work with a person in a health-related profession who is **not** an occupational therapist and is qualified and interested in serving on AOTA's Ethics Commission, please have them submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest outlining his or her specific ethics-related qualifications to Deborah Slater at dslater@ota.org by May 24, 2013. For more information, contact her at dslater@ota.org or at 1-800-877-1383 x 2206.