

AOTA Leadership Bodies: Opportunities for OTAs

The following includes information about the composition of AOTA leadership bodies. Most positions are open to both OTs and OTAs, a few are open to OTs only (*in italics*), and several bodies have specific positions for OTAs. Additional OTA opportunities include appointment to various committees, commissions, or councils.

AOTA BOD

Board of Directors

President—Minimum of 10 years as an OT or OTA

Secretary—Minimum of 10 years as an OT or OTA

Treasurer—Minimum of 10 years as an OT or OTA

Vice President—Minimum of 10 years as an OT or OTA

Board Director—Minimum 5 years (Six Directors, one of whom must be an OTA)

ACOTE®

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) Chair: OT with requisite initial certification and an earned doctoral degree

ASAP

Affiliated State Association Presidents: May be an OT or OTA

ASD

Assembly of Student Delegates Chairperson: May be an OT or OTA student

CCCPD

Commission on Continuing Education and Professional Development Chairperson:
Must be an OT

COE

Commission on Education Chair: Minimum of 5 years of experience as an OT or OTA. Requires a doctoral degree. ***Commission on Education Member:*** 1 member who is both an educator and an OTA

COP

Commission on Practice Chair: Minimum of 5 years of experience as an OT or OTA. Requires a master's degree.
COP member: Must include at least one OTA

EC

Ethics Commission Chair: Minimum of 5 years' experience as an OT or OTA, and a master's degree.
Ethics Commission OTA member: Must be an OTA

OTA-ALC

Occupational Therapy Assistant Academic Leadership Council Chairperson: Must be a program director of an OTA educational program

RA

Representative Assembly Speaker, Vice-Speaker, Recorder, Agenda Chair, BPPC Chair, Representative, and Alternative Representative: Can be an OT or OTA

OTA Representative and OTA Alternate Representative to the Assembly: Must be an OTA

Recognitions Committee

Four members in addition to the Chairperson; one must be an OTA

SIS

Special Interest Sections Chair: Minimum of 5 years of experience as an OT or OTA

VLDC

Volunteer Leadership Development Committee Chair: – Minimum of 5 years of experience as an OT or OTA. Six appointed OT or OTA members with a minimum of 3 years of experience. One must be an OTA.

WFOT

World Federation of Occupational Therapists (Delegate and Alternate Delegate): Must be an OT with a minimum of 5 years of experience

Policy B.4 Composition of Association Bodies

PURPOSE: To establish policy identifying the Association's position on Association body composition.

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. Association bodies shall address charges as directed and operate within their allocated budget.
2. An individual appointing members to an Association body shall consider inclusion of occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants, the ability/skills of the candidate to perform the position, clinical experience, diversity, and geographic representation needed to provide inclusive membership representation to address the assigned charge.
3. An individual appointing members to an Association body shall also utilize all the contemporary tools available through the Association.

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