Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), Report of the Chair

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ASAP 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago
Feedback from participants at the 2016 ASAP Annual Meeting was positive and the sessions that ranked highest among satisfaction include the session presented by Chris Bluhm on membership, the leadership development session, and the advocacy session. The networking among state presidents remains one of the key benefits to coming to the meeting. The ASAP steering committee has been integrating more opportunity for networking into the program and this was well received.

Communication and Networking Resources for ASAP
Discussions with ASAP Members during the 2016 ASAP Meeting inspired opportunities for increasing communication, networking, and resource options for state leaders. ASAP Steering Committee continues to identify strategies for successfully connecting with members via social media available via AOTA (such as OT Connections). We will continue to assess opportunities during the 2016 meeting, including sharing resources in person related to state newsletters, advocacy initiatives and strategic planning processes.

Hill Day 2016
State occupational therapy association leaders attended the 2016 Hill Day. Feedback from AOTA staff as well as participants was that this was a positive experience.

Centennial Vision Commission
The ASAP Chair participated on behalf of state presidents on the AOTA Centennial Vision Commission.

Planning for ASAP 2017 Annual Meeting
Speakers confirmed for the 2017 ASAP Annual Meeting include Chris Bluhm, Scott Campbell, Yvonne Randall, Paul Plaia from Memberclicks, AOTA State Affairs Group, and Amy Lamb/Fred Somers. Sessions throughout the meeting will focus on tools for Strategic Planning, Association Management, Leadership Development, Financial Management for State Associations and Membership Recruitment and Retention. On Wednesday, March 29th there will be a License Portability Stakeholders Meeting that all presidents or designee from their state are invited to attend. Elections for the ASAP Vice Chair position will be held during the ASAP meeting.

Conference call related to State CE Requirements
AOTA’s State Affairs Group hosted two special briefings for state presidents and state occupational therapy association leaders (such as government affairs committee chairs) regarding developments at the state level regarding state continuing education/continuing competence requirements. The calls were held on December 13 and December 14. AOTA President Amy Lamb, OTD, OT/L, FAOTA participated in the calls.
**ASAP SOP modifications**
The ASAP Steering Committee reviewed current SOPs for the ASAP Steering Committee at the 2016 ASAP meeting and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to refine the recommendations for revision. The goal of the Ad Hoc Committee is to provide a final draft of revisions to the Steering Committee roles and responsibilities and term limits within the SOPs to present to the ASAP Committee at the 2017 Annual ASAP Meeting for review.

**ASAP Strategic Plan Ad Hoc**
The ASAP Steering Committee has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to further the development of the strategic plan for the ASAP Committee. The goal for the strategic plan is to provide additional structure goals, and support for the group to enhance the value of the committee to the members. The plan includes the development of resources for ASAP members related to new state leader orientation, how to locate and access official AOTA/ASAP documents, and opportunities to collaborate with other AOTA leadership groups. The ASAP Steering Committee is creating a quarterly newsletter with resources for ASAP Members.

**Communication to ASAP members on RA resources**
Shared RA resources with the ASAP Committee as found on the AOTA website (i.e. Criteria and Process for Motions and how to access online RA meetings/reports) ASAP Steering Committee encouraged state presidents to allow a table at state conferences for AOTA as provided for in the affiliation agreement.

**Collaboration with VLDC**
The ASAP Chair and VLDC Chair discussed sharing leadership resources for each respective group. Continue to identify opportunities for collaboration.