Report of the Commission on Education (COE)
Steven D. Taff, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA Chairperson
AOTA Annual Business Meeting, 2017

Summary: The current Commission began their 3 year term on July 1, 2017. The Commission meets monthly to coordinate activities related to their identified priorities. The focus of the Commissions work has been on: (1) revision and development of key education documents and resource materials; (2) statistical validation of the revised version of the Fieldwork Performance Evaluation; (3) presentations at key education meetings; and (4) participation in key AOTA ad hoc committees and task groups addressing education issues.

Volunteer Leaders:
Commission Members:
- Chairperson: Steven D. Taff, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Washington University School of Medicine
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Documents and resources revised and/or developed:
- Philosophical Base of Occupational Therapy (2017). This revision replaces the 2011 version document The Philosophical Base of Occupational Therapy, previously published and copyrighted by the American Occupational Therapy Association.
- Academic Terminal Degree (2017). This revision replaces the 2013 version document Academic Terminal Degree, previously published and copyrighted by the American Occupational Therapy Association.
- The Importance of Primary Care Education in Occupational Therapy Curricula (2017). New paper on the Representative Assembles April, 2017 agenda for adoption.

Documents and resources currently being revised and/or developed:
- Analysis of the survey on cultural competency in the entry-level curriculum.
- Development of a statement on Intraprofessional Education.
- Review of the post-professional doctorate.
- Development of fieldwork resources.

Other Activities Completed:
- Hosted a one and one half day meeting of the Academic Leadership Councils prior to the AOTA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL;
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- Sponsored the AOTA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Program;
- Sponsored preconference institutes focused on faculty development;
- Coordinated the annual AFWC Forum at the AOTA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL; and
- Hosted fall 3 day meeting of academic occupational therapy leaders in San Diego on in October, 2016 with over 300 members attended the meeting.