

## NCOTA Seeks Nominees for OT Position on Licensure Board (NCBOT)

The North Carolina Occupational Therapy Practice Act obligates the NC Occupational Therapy Association (NCOTA) to seek and nominate candidates to serve on the North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy (NCBOT, the licensure board). NCOTA is currently seeking qualified occupational therapists who are interested in serving on the NCBOT for a four year term, October 2010 - 2014.

Pursuant to NC General Statute 90-270.68 an applicant must be an occupational therapist, resident of NC, licensed to practice in NC and shall have practiced, taught, or engaged in research in occupational therapy for at least three of the five years immediately preceding appointment to the NCBOT. **All members of the NCBOT are required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with the State Board of Ethics.**

The NCOTA Executive Board reviews the qualifications of all applicants based on criteria established in the Practice Act, including geographic representation, clinical specialty, and other factors that promote broad representation of occupational therapy on the NCBOT. The NCOTA then submits names and credentials of nominees to the Governor, who makes the final decision on appointment. The seat to be filled is currently held by Catharine Lees. Ms. Lees is not eligible for re-appointment

If you are an occupational therapist interested in serving on the NCBOT and you meet the qualifications, submit your name, a brief history of your experience in OT (including your current role, location and employer and your curriculum vita) and a brief statement (no more than 250 words) of why you want to serve to:

Nominations, PO Box 20432, Raleigh, NC 27619, fax: 919-771-0115. Deadline for receipt of complete nominations is **Monday, August 16, 2010**.

The current composition and representation on the Board is as follows:

Member	Position	Terms Expire in October * = eligible for add'l 4 yr term	City	Practice Setting
Christine Gunnigle	Occupational Therapist	2013 *	Chapel Hill	Hillcrest Convalescent Center-staff OT
Tommianna Haithcock	Occupational Therapy Assistant	2011	Winterville	Pitt Community College-educator
Lauren Holahan	Occupational Therapist	2012 *	Durham	UNC-Chapel Hill-Department of Public Instruction OT consultant
Catharine Lees	Occupational Therapist	2010	Charlotte	Carolinas Healthcare
Melanee Mills	School-based Professional	2013	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools-School counselor
David Richard	Public Member	2010 *	Raleigh	Executive Director, The Arc of NC
Benjamin Wall	Physician Member	2012	Wilmington	Physiatrist Coastal Rehab Medicine