



THE NOVA SCOTIA SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

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Dear New Registrant:

Thank you for your interest in the Nova Scotia Society of Occupational Therapists (NSSOT). NSSOT is a professional body that works in the interests of its members, the occupational therapists of Nova Scotia. There are several mandates that guide the activities of NSSOT. These include the promotion of occupational therapy, continuing education, and providing support and advocacy to its members. The executive of this group consists of occupational therapists that volunteer their time to represent and support the membership. Many of the activities of NSSOT would not be possible without of the volunteerism and participation of its members. Please feel free to inquire and become involved in any areas that might be of interest to you. NSSOT has a strategic plan in place. The goals of this plan are listed below:

- Recognize and Support NSSOT Members
 - Recognize and support NSSOT Volunteers
 - Promote membership involvement of student occupational therapists with NSSOT
 - Foster opportunities for intraprofessional growth
- Continuing Professional Education
 - Promote excellence in occupational therapy education, research, service and practice within Nova Scotia
 - Provide educational benefits to membership in a cost-effective manner
- Fostering Partnerships
 - Advance NSSOT leadership provincially by working in partnership with other health and consumer groups
 - Advance NSSOT leadership nationally
- Public Education
 - Increase visibility, public understanding, and support for the value of occupational therapy
- Develop a Responsible Governance
 - Maintain a cohesive structure with effective and responsible governance
 - Provide opportunities for the executive and members to meet and discuss societal and professional issues
 - Achieve effective representation of all NSSOT stakeholders in all provincial regions
- Achieve financial stability

Please feel free to give the executive any feedback you might have on the goals listed above. The executive is there to represent you and set its goals according to member input.

Membership with NSSOT is mandatory if an occupational therapist wishes to be registered with the College of Occupational Therapists of Nova Scotia (COTNS) and permitted to practice in Nova Scotia. The details of this requirement can be found in the NS Occupational Therapists Act (Bill No. 81) under section 27. NSSOT is a separate group from COTNS and so has its own registration fee and process. Please find enclosed an NSSOT application form. When completing the application form, please ensure that a separate cheque is made payable to the ***Nova Scotia Society of Occupational Therapists (NSSOT)***. The fees are detailed on the application form. The amount cannot be included in the COTNS registration dues. Failing to do this will result in your cheque being returned. Application forms and cheques can be mailed to NSSOT at 7001 Mumford Road, Suite 819, Box 11, Halifax, NS, B3L 2H8. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact NSSOT at (902) 453-4537 or nssot@ns.sympatico.ca.

Thank you.

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