1. **Call to Order and Welcome**
	1. Present: Donna Caira, Brittany Adams, Lisa Boyajian, Susan Krikorian, Melanie Glynn, Michelle, Karen Hefler, Diane Maxson, Sarah McKinnon
	2. Absent: Alissa, Daria Rabkin, Tina Champagne
	3. Quorum established and meeting called to order – 6:30pm
2. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**
	1. May 2019 Minutes
		* Donna to email minutes to board members to review, final vote next meeting
3. **Updates**
	1. Board members – Karen
		* New board members – Karen will send updated board terms
	2. Fall Conference - Karen/Elizabeth/Donna
		* Attendance – 109
			+ 30% students, 30% presenters, 40% practitioners
			+ Would like to see more practitioners
		* Sports memorabilia silent auction table
		* 17 paying vendors – lower than last year by a few
		* Karen speaking with president of PT association – their conference is the next day – do vendors want to go to both conferences?
		* 4 free vendors who have disabilities and are selling products
		* Raffle donations
			+ Betsy Craig in charge of this table
			+ Any other donations, let Betsy know
		* 2 Keynote speakers – one with half hour, one with 45/60 minutes
		* PDPM at conference?
			+ Needs to be priority
			+ AOTPAC/legislation update - Begin with PDPM (Diane), then flow into legislative update
	3. Award nominations - Alissa/Donna
		* Herbert Hall – 3 nominees
		* Catherine Trombly – 1 nominee
		* Board members to vote for winners and send ballot to Donna
		* Mary Malone typically hands out the awards at conference – Donna to reach out to her
	4. SIGs – Susan
		* Updates
			+ MaryJo Wagner – has not run meetings due to lack of response – looking for alternatives to increase participation
			+ Laurie Cecchi – no response, however the is active
			+ Michelle Brown – no response, inactive, will be removed from website
			+ Colleen Kraven – acute care – active as of last Spring
		* Susan to forward info to Melanie for social media
		* Melanie requesting info re: SIGs ASAP so that it can be sent out earlier to encourage more participation
		* Proposal for new SIG
			+ Susan Krikorian and Tee Stock – Pediatric Practice and Transition Planning
			+ Payment to participate in online conference calls could be done through MAOT website
			+ Also discussed idea of doing a seasonal payment rather than payments every meeting/call
				1. Currently $10 per meeting for non-members
			+ Melanie made **motion** made to pass Pediatric Practice and Transition Planning SIG, **seconded** by Lisa – **unanimously passes**
			+ Melanie made **motion** made to operationalize fees, **seconded** by Michelle: pay for 3, get 4 meetings - must know dates beforehand to avoid refunds – **unanimously passes**
			+ at the first meeting, Sue will mention having a week from first meeting to pay the difference for MAOT membership – if desired, they need to contact Donna so she can refund the difference
	5. Membership – Donna
		* 318 active members
			+ 62 students, 7 retired, 27 OTAs, 222 OTRs
		* 134 Renewals overdue
			+ Goes back 1 year
		* Donna and Karen to send Halloween “Don’t Ghost Us!” email to encourage renewal of members
	6. Legislation – Sarah
		* Adding OT/OTA to definition of mental health provider to increase scope of OT in terms of access to people receiving mental health services
			+ Had 12 representatives to speak to this bill
			+ Currently sitting in committee – has until February 2020 to decide what will move forward
		* Encroachment
			+ Athletic trainers putting forth bill to expand scope to splinting/bracing – keeping an eye on this
		* Telemedicine bill with OT inclusion
			+ Currently sitting in committee
			+ Had a hearing last week, written testimony submitted
		* Lisa Simonetti wants to better understand mental health services and OT – suggested putting together meeting with MH SIG – early December – plan to bring this forward at conference
		* MA Hill Day
			+ Working with Lisa and exploring options for planning
			+ Looking at April 2021
		* AOTA Boston – OT Month
			+ Karen and Sarah to talk to Lisa about getting a proclamation from the Governor’s office
	7. Licensure regulations – Karen
		* No updates
		* 2 vacancies for OT practitioners on the Board of Allied Health Professions – Sue Higgins moving to CT
		* Karen and Donna to send email seeking interested volunteers
	8. Reimbursement – Diane
		* PDPM
			+ Diane to put together strategies to provide guidance to people who contact MAOT related to changes within facilities that appear to be happening as a result of PDPM – plan to reach out to Deb Slater and NEOTEC as this is impacting fieldwork placements as well
			+ Encourage OTP’s working in SNF’s to reach out to Diane to get a better understanding of what is happening in MA facilities
	9. Treasurer – Casey
		* Casey to send out updated budget as she could not be on the call tonight
	10. Social Media/Public Relations - Melanie/Ellie
		* No updates
	11. RA Rep
		* New RA Rep -
		* Karen reached out for bio and will reach out again to encourage him to come to conference
		* Doctoral single-point of entry has been reintroduced as motion in RA
4. **Other business**
	1. MA Health reg changes in Public Schools – Karen
		* Jan Hollenbeck pulled together grassroots group of OT, PT, SLP, nursing, psych – meeting virtually/in-person – drafted 3 documents – FAQ for school-based practitioners, document with all questions to go to Mass Health, document to DESI looking for clarification – goal for MAOT, MPTA, and MASHA to send docs
5. **Next Meeting**
	1. TBD
6. **Adjournment**
	1. Melanie made **motion** to close, **seconded** by Michelle, **unanimously approved**. Adjourned at 7:57pm.