

SCOTA 2020 Slate of Nominees

There are two candidates for the position of Secretary

Chloe Thomas, COTA

Chloe Thomas is a mother of three boys ages eighteen, twelve, and seven. When she is not taking her boys to sporting events, boy scouts, work or playdates, Chloe enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also is a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc and a dedicated member of Oasis church where she serves as a Youth Sunday School Teacher.

Chloe Thomas is going into her 13th year of being a COTA. She chose this profession because of her desire to help others live life to their maximum potential. She received a bachelor's degree in Education in 2001 from Tennessee State University followed by receiving her associates degree in Occupational Therapy in 2003 from Nashville State Community College. Chloe began her career in Occupational Therapy in 2007 where she worked in a small skilled nursing facility in Woodbury TN. After 2yrs, she and her family moved to Summerville, SC. Since her move in 2009, Chloe has worked in various settings including skilled nursing facilities, home health, outpatient clinic, as well as sub-acute and long-term acute care units. Currently, Chloe works full time as a Special Education COTA in Orangeburg School District. During this time, Chloe has attended courses to become a Certified Handwriting Instructor. Chloe also commits to one weekend a month at the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg as well as the Regional Medical Center Home Health Department. Chloe knows there is no single approach to therapy that works for everyone. She continues to educate herself and seek ways to individualize treatments or programs for each patient and student need.

Chloe is passionate about life and her profession. She lives by the golden rule and her core values include integrity, compassion, and love. She is always eager to learn different things especially concerning her profession. Chloe believes that networking and being a part of meaningful organizations is a pathway to growth and reaching goals. She believes it's her responsibility to serve when opportunities present itself. For that reason alone, Chloe is running for the secretary position with SCOTA and would greatly appreciate your vote.

Scott Thompson, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, LSVT

Dr. Scott Thompson is a doctor of occupational therapy specializing in geriatrics and neurological rehabilitation with advanced LSVT-BIG and Saebo certifications. He currently is the Director of Clinical Services for Saebo, Inc., which includes product and business development, CEU development and training, research and evidence-based research dissemination, marketing, sales, online instructional videos, international webinars and blogs. Scott has experience in a variety of settings and positions, including travel therapy, lead OT, rehab manager, and multi-site director for different companies. In 2007, Scott received his Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Indiana University in 2007, his Master of Occupational Therapy degree from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in 2011, and his post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree from Rocky Mountain University in 2018 with a focus in Administration and Business Management. Scott has worked as an OT in six different states and remains a current state, national, and international association member. He currently serves as an advisory board member for a local COTA school and is the co-chair for the Lowcountry District of the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association.

There is one candidate for the position of Treasurer:

Nancy Carson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Nancy Carson received her clinical training in occupational therapy from MUSC and completed a PhD in Public Health (Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior) at the University of South Carolina. She has been an OT for over 30 years and has over 20 years of academic experience as faculty at MUSC. Her primary focus in occupational therapy has been mental health practice along with population/public health approaches including health promotion and wellness. She serves as the Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs in the College of Health Professions at MUSC. She continues to teach in the occupational therapy program and participates in interprofessional education initiatives. In 2016, she was named to the Roster of Fellows by the American Occupational Therapy Association for significant contributions to the continuing education and professional development of members of the association. She has been a continuous member of SCOTA and AOTA and served as the SCOTA treasurer approximately 20 years ago. Personally, she is the mother of 4 boys ages 20-27 and enjoys spending time with her husband of 33 years.

The SCOTA President will accept nominations from the floor for Secretary and Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Nominees must be present.

In addition, there are several open board and committee positions that do not require voting, and you may email scotapresident@gmail.com with your interest in those positions at any time. Those positions, listed on the SCOTA website (<https://scota.net/who-we-are>), include:

Midlands District Chair
Piedmont District Chair
Pee Dee District Co-Chair
SIS – Administration/Management
SIS – Hand Therapy/Work Programs
SIS – Technology and Accessibility
Legislative Committee Members
Continuing Education Committee Members
Fiscal Management Committee Members

Election Information

SCOTA 2020 Elections will occur during the Annual General Meeting immediately following the SCOTA 2020 Annual Conference on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

The AGM is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Richland Room at Metropolitan Columbia Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia, SC 29201