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.