

March 28th, 2018

Dear Applicants/Registrants,

As per section 27(2) of the *Occupational Therapists Act*, every member of the College is required to pay the annual membership dues to the Nova Scotia Society of Occupational Therapists (NSSOT). While the College's mandate is to protect the public's interest, the Society's mission is to promote the interests of its members and the profession. This mission is met by: providing educational support and opportunities to its members for professional development; lobbying the government, private sector, and other parties on behalf of occupational therapists in Nova Scotia; and partnering with other interested organizations to promote the profession of occupational therapy. Annual membership dues support these activities while providing additional benefits to members, including access to financial support for educational events. Membership with the Society may assist occupational therapists in meeting the continuing competence requirements of the College.

Based on a recent review, the College has determined that it does not have the legislative authority to enforce membership with the Society. While the College recommends applicants and registrants maintain membership with the Society, the College will not deny or suspend registration for those applicants and registrants that choose not to pay the annual fee to the Society.

The College has made adjustments to the annual renewal application form to allow those registrants who indicate that they have not maintained membership with the Society to complete the renewal process. Please be advised that making a declaration to the College that you are a member of the Society when in fact you are not is considered fraudulent and may result in disciplinary action.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Belbin, OT Reg (NS)
Registrar