

Policy: Gail Gilewich Practice Award

Purpose	<p>To recognize an Occupational Therapist who has demonstrated significant achievements in the area of Clinical Practice in Occupational Therapy.</p> <p>This award is dedicated to Gail Beverley Gilewich, MSc BSc OT, 1943-1991. Gail Gilewich was an associate professor at the University of Alberta from 1982 to 1991. Her work experience was extensive and she was considered an outstanding colleague and exceptional teacher. She freely shared her knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the client and the student, and for the development of occupational therapy at the University of Alberta.</p>
Policy Statement	<p>Candidates are nominated on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentoring Relationship: Leadership qualities are demonstrated in the workplace, including committees at work; is an expert and a role model who is easily approached and willing to share knowledge.• Leadership/Initiative in the Profession: A good representative of the profession who strives for increased exposure of occupational therapy in order to advance the profession. Involvement in research is an asset.• Innovation: Demonstrates innovation in program development, assistive devices, etc.• Consumer Care: Consistent engagement in direct consumer care.• Presentations and Publications: Demonstrated involvement in professional sharing through presentations, workshops, publications, etc.• Past Awards: Has been recognized for excellence in the field through previous awards.
Requisites for Nomination	<p>Nominee must be registered for practice in Alberta.</p> <p>Nominee must be a SAOT member.</p> <p>Nomination must be signed by three (3) occupational therapists who are SAOT members.</p>
Award	<p>Letter of Recognition from SAOT President.</p> <p>1-year SAOT Membership</p> <p>Announcement on SAOT website and in e-newsletters.</p> <p>Recognition at the annual SAOT AGM.</p>

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Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination form obtained from SAOT website. 2. Nominator completes the form, outlining specific areas of strength and skills (no more than 300 words). 3. Nominee's contact information is provided as well as date, type and level of clinical placement. 4. Signature of three (3) nominators. 5. Submission of nomination to the Chairperson of the SAOT Awards and Grants Committee by October 1 (by email, fax or mail). 6. Awards and Grants Committee screen and select appropriate candidate(s) within 60 days of the submission deadline. 7. Upon selection, the Committee submit successful candidates to the SAOT Board for update. 8. The SAOT President informs the successful candidate(s) of their selection prior to the annual AGM. 9. The SAOT Executive Director obtains recipient permission in writing to publicize on the SAOT website and in enewsletters.
Approval Level Required for Policy	Board of Directors
Circulation of Documents	SAOT President (president@saot.ca) SAOT Secretary (file@saot.ca) Committee Members
Date Approved	
Approved by	Board of Directors: _____ Authorized Signature: _____ Printed Name and Position

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