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**Education and Professional Experience:**

I earned my BA in Psychology from Linfield University, MA in Occupational Therapy from USC, MA in Organizational Management, and I am currently working on my OTD from the University of Kansas. I work as the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and Assistant Professor for the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at North Central College (NCC). I worked with the Program Director through the ACOTE accreditation process starting in 2017, and we gained full accreditation in 2020. I have been a practicing occupational therapist for nearly 40 years. I worked in a variety of settings and roles with a passion for pediatrics and mental health care settings. I have leadership experience as a department director and program director.

**Professional Activities:**

I began my professional leadership development as the secretary on the student board for what was then called ASCOTA – the AOTA student organization. I served on the Southeast Los Angeles OT Association Chapter Board as secretary and newsletter editor. I served on the advisory board for Hearts and Horses in Colorado and currently serve on my condominium association's board of directors. I am a member of the Illinois Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and Capstone Coordinator Consortium and served as the Chairperson from 2019-2022. I was the ILOTA Conference Co-chairperson 2019-20 and currently serve as the Co-Coordinator for the 2023 conference. I started as the Secretary for ILOTA from 2018-2020 before becoming President-elect in 2021. I have been ILOTA President since September 2022. I am a current member of AOTA.

**Position Statement:**

I am currently serving as the President of the ILOTA Executive Board. After one year of mentorship as President-Elect and now nearly one year as the President with one more year in this term, I feel as though I am just getting settled in and gaining a greater understanding of all the moving parts of this organization. I have been developing relationships with the Executive Director, various board members, including SIS chairs and members, and the ILOTA committees. With more time and greater understanding, I know that I can continue to serve effectively and move the organization forward with the executive and full board to hone our strategic plan to serve and grow our membership. This will include increased collaboration with neighboring state OT associations, increased advocacy efforts, and greater outreach to members and non-members to provide the resources and support they need in the state of Illinois. Leadership development for new and seasoned practitioners as well as the development of student leadership opportunities are important to me and the executive board. Based on my experience as an OT Practitioner and as a member of the ILOTA Executive Board over the past 5 years, I know I can continue to serve the Association as an effective President. Please accept my nomination for this position.