



**ILLINOIS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION  
 FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
 May 20, 2023 Location: Zoom Call**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
<p>Beverly Menninger – President            Michelle Hanawalt – Director of Communications            Moira Bushell – Director of Finance            Anne Kiraly-Alvarez – Director of Membership            George Buckley - Executive Director            Maud Makoni– AOTA Representative            Ashley Stoffel – Archives Co-Coordinator            Hannah Kaytonah - Nominations Coordinator            John Dudzik – Leadership Development Committee Chair            Nancy Richman – Reimbursement Coordinator            La'Taria Overstreet – Professional Development Coordinator</p> <p><b>SIS Coordinators:</b>            Frank Czuba – Administrative and Management Co-Coordinator            Nancy Richman - Administrative and Management Co-Coordinator            Kathleen Ellis – Assistive Technology Co-Coordinator            Clare Giuffrida – Early Intervention Co-Coordinator            Rita Moore – Developmental Disabilities Coordinator            Lillian Chen-Byerley – JEDI Co-Coordinator</p>	<p>Robin Jones - Secretary            Brenda Koverman – Director of Advocacy            Dalmina Aria – Director of Finance-Elect            Sarah Zera - CE Coordinator            Kate Soens – Board Recruitment Coordinator            Emma Penn - Public Policy Coordinator            Erin Suchy - Networking Coordinator            Phyllis Hughes - Fieldwork Coordinator            Mia St. Clair - Accessibility Coordinator            Cassandra Jackson – Bylaws Coordinator            Kathy Preissner – Archives Co-Coordinator            Lauren Nale – CE Approval Co-Coordinator            Linda Riccio- Conference Co-Coordinator            Liz Berton– Student Conclave Co-Coordinator            Abigail Swidergal - Awards Coordinator            Morgan Stasell – Newsletter Coordinator            Sara Kopera – Website Coordinator            Bridget Hahn- Community Outreach Coordinator            Talya Flores - Social Media Coordinator</p> <p><b>SIS Coordinators:</b>            Kathy Preissner – Academic Education Co-Coordinator            Catherine Killian – Academic Education Co-Coordinator            Joy Hyzny – Assistive Technology Co-Coordinator            Dalmina Arias – JEDI Co-Coordinator            Monika Robinson – Home and Community Health Co-Coordinator</p>

	<p>Ruby Loera - Home and Community Health Co-Coordinator and OTA Coordinator  Maureen Karwowski - Early Intervention Co-Coordinator  Sam Wallenberg – JEDI Co-Coordinator  Maddy Nave - Mental Health Co-Coordinator  Ryan Thomure – Mental Health Co-Coordinator  Ashley Hettlinger – Pediatrics Co-Coordinator  Michelle Ponsolle-Mays - School Based Co-Coordinator  Samantha Holzschu – Sensory Integration Co-Coordinator  Kyra Bariller - Sensory Integration Co-Coordinator</p>
<b>Guests:</b> Maureen Mulhall	

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action Items &amp; Person Responsible</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Beverly called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	See members present above.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Motion to approve the February 18, 2023, Full Board Meeting Minutes.</i> <b>ADOPTED (MOTION 2023-05-01)</b>	
<b>President’s Report: Beverly Menninger</b>	Beverly reported that the Executive Board nominations process just opened on May 17, 2023. The positions available are President-Elect and Director of Advocacy. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2023.	
<b>Director of Advocacy Report: Submitted in Writing by: Brenda Koverman (not in attendance at the meeting)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Medicaid reimbursement:</b>  Provided testimony to Medicaid working group. Minimal reaction from legislators who responded that they will have to look at funding. Tri-Alliance met and agreed to continue to work on this effort. We are exploring adding organizations to this group to strengthen our cause and will</li> </ol>	

	<p>contact Access Living and Start Early. We also plan to continue to advocate for access through processes (e.g., authorizations, etc.) and try to get a meeting with DFHS.</p> <p>2. <b>Practice act:</b> SB 2057 is on the governor's desk, and we anticipate that it will be signed in 20-30 days.</p> <p>3. <b>Compact act</b>  Nancy set up a meeting with Bob Morgan to discuss the compact act that Emma and I attended.  Emma organized a meeting with AOTA (Chuck) and CSG (Eric) and we determined the next steps. Th priority is to find a sponsor.  PT's bill seems to be moving forward and is set for a reading week of May 15. We will likely pursue this in 2024.</p> <p>4. <b>Maximum caseloads (SB 1401):</b> Amends the School Code. Adds certain data that must be included in school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education. In provisions concerning school social workers, school nurses, school counselors, school psychologists, and speech-language pathologists, sets limits on caseloads. Makes related changes. Effective immediately. Moira is suggesting that OT is named as one of the providers that is tracked in the school report card. Michelle Mays, SIS, also sent.  CURRENT STATUS:  Maureen states that bill is "dead"</p> <p>5. <b>Hippotherapy</b> Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall provide coverage for hippotherapy and other forms of therapeutic riding. Makes conforming changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, and the Health Maintenance Organization  CURRENT STATUS: I asked Maureen how this impacts OT -I assume this is no longer moving forward.</p> <p>6. <b>Home modification bill</b>  CURRENT STATUS: Seeking clarification on where we are with this- I assume this is no longer moving forward</p> <p>7. <b>EI:</b> HB 1249: increasing rate from 5% to 14.2%</p>	
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	<p>CURRENT STATUS: Seeking clarification on where we are with this – I need to get information.</p> <p>8. <b>Right to repair:</b> no movement (awaiting response from Joy sent in February)</p> <p>CURRENT STATUS: Asking Maureen if we need to do anything_I assume it is no longer moving forward</p> <p>9. <b>ILOTPAC:</b> Map completed and PAC plans to attend an event in near future where 4 representatives will be present.</p> <p>10. <b>Cultural Competency-</b>It looks like this is back-it may get heard in the Senate Licensed Activities committee on 5/17. HB 2280, which did not get out of the House, would have required 5 hrs of cultural competency CE every renewal cycle. This amendment appears to be a compromise.</p> <p>Maureen thanked Brenda and Nancy for their work this year.</p>	
<p><b>Director of Communications Report: Michelle Hanawalt</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social media coverage of OT month, conference for AOTA.</li> <li>- Working on finding a new Newsletter Coordinator and transitioning to them</li> <li>- Sarah Kopera will be the interim Blog Coordinator</li> <li>- Thank you for all who contribute to newsletter and social media, feel free to reach out with submissions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Director of Finance-Elect Report: Dalmina Aria (not in attendance at the meeting)</b></p>	<p>Implicit Bias Training: The team is steadily working on the training and are making good progress. The current timeline is May (build slide deck), June (send slide deck to Sarah Zera for board approval, record webinar), July (release to public).</p> <p>Lillian Chen-Byerley offered some inspirational words on the importance of this project and making sure that ILOTA gets it “right”.</p> <p>Beverly noted she will review the plans on the Dementia training course.</p>	

<p><b>Conference Report: Linda Riccio (not in attendance) and Beverly Menninger</b></p>	<p><b><u>Call for Proposals</u></b> for Fall Conference – due May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we only have 7 proposals!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need a grassroots outreach effort from everyone on the Board</li> <li>• Can we get some social media postings?</li> <li>• Can SIS Chairs reach out to their members and ask for SIS specific proposals?</li> </ul> <p><u>Fall Conference Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live conference Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• On-line platform x 2 months</li> <li>• Posters will be Live (across from Cocktails)</li> <li>• Discuss the schedule for the day – in particular Keynote, Plenary, and Business Meeting / Awards</li> <li>• Discuss a possible different format for Conversations That Matter - (Hot Topics? Meaningful Conversations?)</li> </ul>													
<p><b>Director of Finance Report: Moira Bushell</b></p>	<p>Financial Report as of 5/16/23 (See Attached: Budget Report for April 2023 and Year to Date Report). Budget requests for the next fiscal year may be submitted to Moira.</p> <p>Checking \$42163.99  Debit \$5189.34  CD \$5086.03  Savings \$75582.88  <b>Total:</b> \$128,022.24</p>													
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	<p>A new membership survey is being planned for the summer, and Anne invited everyone to send her questions and topics that they would like to see included. Two new member-only CE discount programs have recently been launched.</p>																	
<b>Updates from SIS Coordinators and Committee Coordinators</b>	<p>Moira provided updates on the School-Based SIS.</p> <p>Lillian reported that new JEDI resources have been added to the SIS Resources section of our website.</p> <p>Clare Giuffrida reported that EI SIS members have been engaged in advocacy efforts and have recently testified.</p> <p>Ashley Stoffel announced that the EI workshop scheduled for today had to be canceled due to low registrations. She would like to survey EI SIS members about their CE course preferences.</p> <p>John Dudzik reported that Mentor and Mentee applications are currently being sought for the Leadership Development Program (LDP).</p> <p>Nancy Richman reported that a new newsletter article will soon be submitted by the Administration &amp; Management SIS.</p>																	
<b>Secretary Report: Robin Jones (not in attendance at the meeting)</b>	<p>Reminder: Please be sure to submit your items for future meetings in a timely manner so that they can be added to the agenda for everyone to prep prior to the "Live" meeting.</p>																	
<b>Other Business</b>																		
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Motion was made by Frank Czuba and seconded by Nancy Richman to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am. ADOPTED (<b>MOTION 2023-05-02</b>)</p>																	

	Minutes submitted by George Buckley, ILOTA Executive Director	
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