



**ILLINOIS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION  
FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES**

**February 26, 2022 \* Immediately Following 9:00am Special Meeting Bylaws Vote \* Location: Zoom Call**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Present for a Portion of Meeting</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Anne Kiraly-Alvarez – President Beverly Menninger – President-Elect Brenda Koverman – Director of Advocacy Molly Bathje – Director of Communications Moira Bushell – Director of Finance Christy Rojas – Director of Membership Robin Jones - Interim Secretary George Buckley - Executive Director Maureen Mulhall - Lobbyist Misty Ayers-Cumbow – AOTA Representative Ashley Stoffel – Archives Co-Chair Kathy Preissner – Archives Co-Chair Minetta Wallingford-Nominations Chair Sarah Zera- Recruitment Coordinator and CE Coordinator Veronica Fowler – Conference Chair Kathy Webb - Public Policy Coordinator Abigail Swidergal - Awards Chair La'Taria Overstreet – Professional Development Coordinator Morgan Stasell – Newsletter Coordinator Samantha Tupas – Blog Coordinator Gabriela Carmona - Social Media Coordinator John Dudzik – Leadership Development Committee Chair <b>SIS Chairs:</b> Kathy Preissner Nancy Richman Frank Czuba Joy Hyzny		Cassandra Jackson-Bylaws Coordinator Elizabeth Kohler-Rausch – CE Approval Co-Chair Siddhi Parikh – CE Approval Co-Chair Sara Kopera- Website Coordinator Liz Berton – Student Conclave Coordinator Emily Harstad – Student Conclave Coordinator Kasey Kotsiris Sam Wallenberg Lisa Knecht-Sabres Maddy Nave Ryan Thomure Kelcey Bines Dana Lingle Steph Alvarado Carol Michels Kyra Barillier

Kathleen Ellis Emily Daniels Rita Moore Clare Giuffrida Rhonda Guzman Monika Robinson Ruby Loera Jordyn Fulton Elsie Pollari Susanne Higgins Beth Kohler-Rausch Michelle Ponsolle-Mays Sam Holzschu Caren Schranz Dalmina Arias		
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action Items &amp; Person Responsible</b>
Call to order	Anne called the meeting to order at 9:29am	n/a
Roll call	See members present above	n/a
Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Motion to approve the August 21, 2021 Full Board Meeting Minutes.</i> <b>(MOTION 2022-02-01)</b></li> </ul>	n/a
<b>Introduction of New Board Members</b>	Kathleen Ellis- Assistive Technology SIS Co-Chair; Liz Berton and Emily Harstad- Student Conclave Co-Chairs; Samantha Tupas- Blog Coordinator; Sam Holzschu and Kyra Barillier- Sensory Integration SIS Co-chairs; Morgan Stasell- Newsletter Coordinator; Gabriela Carmona- Social Media Coordinator; Maddy Nave and Ryan Thomure- Mental Health SIS Co-chairs; Steph Alvarado and Beth Kohler-Rausch- Pediatrics SIS Co-chairs; Veronica Fowler- Conference Coordinator; Ruby Loera and Jordyn Fulton- Home and Community Health SIS Co-Chairs	

<b>Lobbyist Report – Maureen Mulhall</b>	<p>Current legislation being followed by ILOTA: SB 2243 (Music Therapy Licensure Act); HB 4299 (Early Intervention Proposal to address backlog of cases); HB 4629 (Athletic Trainers): amendment has been filed which was negotiated between numerous parties to narrow the bill's scope. ILOTA is proposing a significant increase in funding for early intervention services in the State Budget</p>	
<b>Director of Advocacy Report</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EI Coalition: Working with EI committee. Group is working with Start Early on bill for access timelines to EI services. Also discussing EI budget.</li> <li>2. Early start also asked about Music therapy bill (SB 2243) and ILOTA decided to remain neutral</li> <li>3. Mandated reporters: PT (through IPTA and Maureen) wanted to be added as mandated reporters even though we are included under the current law as “ medical administrator or personnel engaged in the examination, care, and treatment of persons”. Anne and I agreed and I recommended it say OT practioner, not occupational therapist.</li> <li>4. Disability placards: Question was raised regarding need to be an approver of this. Both Maureen and I agreed that we would not want to be an approver as Maureen did not feel AMA would support nor legislators as this is often abused. I don't believe this would be an important part of our practice or scope.</li> <li>5. Medicaid Reimbursement: We had several meetings and are building an argument for a need to increase the rate of \$9 for adults and \$12.99 for children per 15 minutes. Letter sent to IHA to see if we can collaborate or gain support.</li> <li>6. Scope of practice: We are working on 2 sections: definitions in rules and increasing referral language in the act. We have submitted the definitions in rules to JCAR to see if we can get these approved.</li> <li>7. Compact Act: Maureen will connect with IDFPR. Maureen will also work with Colleen from IPTA to see if we can collaborate on this effort. Brenda will assemble a task force (asking SIS chairs) to assist with the advocacy and legislative efforts.</li> <li>8. Practice act rule revisions: several submitted including modalities, restoration of license and supervision of students.</li> </ol>	

	<p>9. Charting of legislative events done by Kathy Webb, public policy coordinator.</p> <p>10. Athletic Trainers bill-It appears AT are expanding their scope of practice with the change of language to individuals. We need to identify our specific concerns without being seen as anti-competitive.</p> <p>11. Insurance contracting procedures-amends the Accident and Health Insurance Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Nancy felt as though this is common practice and no action needed.</p> <p>12. Comprehensive licensing information (HB 5575)- The task force would be charged with identifying low-income and middle-income licensed occupations in the State and aggregate them. Anne asked Maureen to review.</p>	
<p><b>Developing guidelines for determining ILOTA official support on advocacy issues</b></p>	<p>Anne discussed that ILOTA does not currently have guidelines about how/if the association takes a stance on a specific issue (social issue, advocacy issue, etc.). Discussed speed of response, “whose” voice (SIS, etc.) should be leading the response, etc. Discussed methods of getting response/input from relevant groups when determining ILOTA stance on an issue/topic. Discussed how stance was determined (i.e. majority opinion, etc.). Discussed need for hierarchy and a process laid out including how to manage with tight timelines for a response, etc. Discussed whether the Executive Board should be the final “approval” source as elected members.</p>	<p>Executive board to create proposed guidelines for review and approval.</p>
<p><b>Advocacy for community Mental Health- Monika Robinson</b></p>	<p>Working to increase their presence and support to members. Have held 2 webinars recently. Discussed how collaboration with other SIS’s would be beneficial since this area cuts across many areas of practice. Discussed ideas for creating flyers and resources for members to use when educating/advocating. Suggest using conference to generate a follow up conversation on this issue. Explore establishment of a Task Force.</p>	<p>Anne and Christy R will work with SIS Coordinators to establish a task force and hopefully find a volunteer to lead the task force.</p>

<p><b>Discuss Committee for Nominations/Recruitment- Minetta Wallingford and Sarah Zera</b></p>	<p>Working to develop a committee structure to support the nominations and recruitment process. Seeking interested persons.</p> <p>Next elections seeking people to run for:  Finance- Elect  Secretary  Membership  Director of Communications</p>	<p>Board members to help recruit members for the nominations and recruitment committees</p>
<p><b>OT Month Planning</b></p>	<p>Month of April is OT Month. Reviewed previous year activities. Anne proposed to do a community-based activity (i.e., Feed our Starving Children) this year. Other ideas were shared (Forest Preserve Clean-up, Medical Supply Collection for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, etc.), 5K run with charity cause for \$\$'s, etc.</p>	<p>Individuals interested in planning events to contact Anne</p>
<p><b>Communication Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Newsletter:</b> Thank you to SIS Chairs who signed up to submit articles this year. Please contact <a href="mailto:Communique@ilota.org">Communique@ilota.org</a> if you would like to submit an article for publication in the Newsletter. This platform is great for research articles, descriptions of student assignments/experiences, descriptions of clinical interventions/approaches.</p> <p><b>Blog:</b> Welcome to new Blog Coordinator Samantha Tupas! Samantha is looking for poetry submissions for an upcoming blog post. Contact <a href="mailto:samanthatupas11@gmail.com">samanthatupas11@gmail.com</a> to submit your poetry by March 16th. This platform is perfect for personal reflections on practice, practice issues, student experiences, creative contributions.</p> <p><b>Social Media:</b> Like and Follow our Facebook and Instagram accounts (ilota1918). We continue to collaborate with the EI SIS and JEDI SIS for content and promote all SIS events. The team welcomes other SISs to connect with us for content. Contact <a href="mailto:gabriela.carmona@midwestern.edu">gabriela.carmona@midwestern.edu</a> if you would like to collaborate on content</p>	<p>Board members asked to follow and like ILOTA social media accounts</p>

<p><b>Finance Update:</b></p> <p><b>Student Conclave</b></p> <p><b>Conference</b></p>	<p>Overview of current financial status.</p> <p>Final planning, registration open. March 5-10, 2022.</p> <p>Conference will be hybrid this year – one day of in person and pre-recorded and live sessions available virtually. Theme “The Art of Reflecting and Evolving Together”. Working on final dates and location. Have visited some event venues and looking for something that is flexible. Finalizing keynote speakers. Will be sending out call for proposals once the venue and date are determined. Logo contest deadline ended yesterday.</p>																																																																																
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<b>Membership Update:</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>February 2/25/22</b>	
	Admin	3	
	OT	493	
	OT Monthly	67	
	OT New Practitioner	57	
	OTA	67	
	OTA monthly	12	
	OTA New Practitioner	17	
	Student	469	
	Retiree	9	
	Multistate	15	
	Honorary Lifetime	7	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1216</b>	
	Difference	19	
<b>Secretary updates</b>			
Archives Committee	Request for ideas of additional OT and OTA programs to highlight and contact information at each.		Board members asked to send ideas and contact info to Ashley
<b>Other Business?</b>	none		
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53am. <b>(MOTION 2022-02-02)</b>		