



**ILLINOIS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
 FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES
 May 15, 2021 * 9:00 am * Location: Zoom Call**

Members Present	Members Absent
Anne Kiraly-Alvarez – President Carol Michels – 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 Ashley Stoffel - Archives Co-Chair Kathy Preissner -Archives Co-Chair Minetta Wallingford – Nominations Sarah Zera – Recruitment Coordinator and CE Coordinator Elizabeth Kohler-Rausch – CE Approval Co-Chair Maria Coronelli – Conference Chair Nancy Richman – Reimbursement Coordinator Kathy Webb – Public Policy Coordinator La'Taria Overstreet - Professional Development Coordinator Abi Swidergal – Awards Chair	SIS Chairs: Nancy Richman Frank Czuba Joy Hyzny Rita Moore Sam Wallenberg Clare Giuffrida Rhonda Guzman Monika Robinson Kelcey Bines Carol Michels Michelle Ponsolle-Mays Rita Moore Elsie Pollari Lisa Knecht-Sabres Emily Daniels ILOTA Members-At-Large: Catherine Killian (LDP Committee) Andrea LeFlore
	Brian Herr – Networking Coordinator Cassandra Jackson – Bylaws Committee Misty Ayers-Cumbow – AOTA Representative Siddhi Parikh – CE Approval Co-Chair Allie Peuler – Newsletter Coordinator Sara Kopera – Website Coordinator Brielle Holt - Social Media Coordinator Stephanie McCammon – Blog Coordinator Christine Miller Kasey Kotsiris Jennie de la Rosa Manas Erin Riezman Susanne Higgins Dana Lingle Caren Schranz Lauren Little

Topic	Notes	Action Items & Person Responsible
Call to order	Anne called the meeting to order at 9:02am	n/a
Roll call	See members present above	n/a
Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="499 334 1465 399">• <i>Motion to approve the February 20, 2021 Full Board Meeting Minutes. MOTION Passed (MOTION 2021-05-01)</i> 	n/a
New business: Bylaws revisions	All Executive Board members have reviewed their bylaw sections and made recommendations for changes. The Organizational Chart needs to be updated to reflect changes that have occurred (i.e. Leadership Committee, Blog Coordinator, etc.) The Executive Board will be reviewing the recommended Bylaws changes during the June Executive Board meeting.	All Board members to review their Bylaws sections and identify any changes that they believe are needed and submit to Anne by June 4, 2021
New Business: Budget requests for September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022	Submit requests for budget to Moira as the Board works to develop the budget for the next year. Be sure to include costs that might be associated with holding in-person meetings again this next year.	Moira will send out budget request form. All Board members to submit potential costs/expenses for consideration in the next year's budget.
New business: 2021 Executive Board Elections	Seeking nominations for President-Elect and Director of Advocacy. Minetta discussed the need to reach out to interested persons including those currently on the board who might be interested. She will work with Social Media to create a campaign as well. Will reach out to the Chicago Area Directors group via Nancy Richman.	All Board members asked to consider putting their name forward and/or assisting in recruitment of someone that they know who might be interested in the available positions- Contact Minetta if you have someone she should contact.
Communication Updates	Discussed move to send out the Communique in PDF format. Switching layout staff so still working on the logistics of this. It will be an accessible PDF. Seeking content for the Communique, Blog and Social Media. Please reach out to the various coordinators for these areas if you have something to share. George indicated that there has been positive feedback on the new layout.	
Advocacy Director updates	Riding Therapy and Music Therapy Bills: Status – Continuing to monitor status	George will send a follow up email after the meeting with specific instructions on what

<p>Lobbyist Updates</p>	<p>School SIS advocacy work update – Have conducted a survey and three town halls. Looking at what other states have in terms of educational licensure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Telehealth HB 3498 (bill OT supports) is in Senate Insurance Committee along with HB 3308 (Bill OT opposed, introduced by Insurance Industry) on Wednesday, May 19th. Negotiations on the two bills are taking place. EI providers recently added to the bill through Amendment but ILOTA did not support this Amendment based on EI feedback. Will be asking members to submit witness support slips for HB3948 next week. Instructions are on the website for how to submit witness slips and individuals should be sure that they identify that they are in support of the legislation. Discussion about various groups to solicit witness slips including parents, etc. People when submitting witness slips should either do so as themselves or their employer (only if the employer is supportive of you doing this). ILOTA will develop talking points and encourage members to also contact their legislators seeking support of this bill as well. • Update on OT Compact – Legislation Introduced and Department Professional Regulation submitted some objections to the bill. IPTA raised some objections/concerns because there is no PT Compact. Will work through the summer with the Department. Will be asking ILOTA membership to start to talk to their legislators about the benefits of a Compact. ILOTA needs to develop some language that can be used by members to message this issue with their legislators. Consider reintroducing the bill in 2022 (election year which will be an abbreviated session) • Update on Dementia Training (Athletic Bill) - This session has seen bills introduced that require additional continuing education (example: 1 hr training in dementia for anyone working with patients over age 26. Very confusing) • Concerns have been raised about the continuing obligations for mandated training on specific issues and the proliferation of this and 	<p>to do when filling out a witness slip. (Select “Record of Appearance” and be sure to select “Proponent”)</p> <p>Carol will work with committee to put together talking points for members regarding Telehealth Bill to be used to reach out and educate their legislators in support of this legislation.</p>
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<p>OT Licensure Rules Revision Update</p>	<p>concerns that it will begin to cut into the number of hours people have for professional development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on SB221 OT Train Home Health Care Workers – Initiative of the Home Health Association. Allows home health workers to perform additional tasks with clients. OT had concerns that this would infringe on potential OT ADL treatment but no longer a concern. Department of Public Health looking to introduce language that would have OT’s providing the training for these home health workers. Concerns raised about their authority to do that and there continues to be on-going discussion of this legislation. Further discussion about the motivation/intent of this legislation occurred. • Update HB 3100, Implicit bias CE for mandated reporters – Requires continuing ED on implicit bias within the Child Abuse Act. OT’s that are EI practitioners are mandated reporters under this Act. • Update SB 1078, Dry Needling – Amendment to a Shell Bill. Anticipated language to be added to the rules related to Dry Needling. PT looking to amend their Act regarding Dry Needling and approached OT to seek interest. So, OT has inserted this area under “PAMS” definition. Administrative Rule will lay out the requirements for being qualified to do dry needling. <p>Additional Information: Budget revenues are currently 2 billion over expected revenues. Expected to do better in next cycle. Illinois is expected to get approx. 8 Billion Dollars in total stimulus dollars. But there are limits in what this money can be used for which could create a deficit in the budget.</p> <p>Possible revisions to Sunset review legislation to reduce from 10 years currently required for Sunset review down to every 5 years. Currently discussion of a “Sunrise” review for newly introduced regulation/licensing. Discussion of the “rationale” for reducing the time period for Sunset review occurred.</p> <p>Nancy will be sending out some documents regarding the recommended changes that the committee has been working on. Seeking full board input on the work that the committees have done to this point. Due to changes in the OT Framework there is anticipated that there will be changes in</p>	<p>Nancy will distribute the recommendations of the committees to the Board members for review/comment.</p>
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<p>Public Policy Coordinator</p>	<p>Licensure Language. Will be seeking wide feedback across multiple service delivery areas.</p> <p>Seeking support/discussion of potential to propose a bill that allows OT practitioners to be recognized (within the school system) as a provider and contributor to SEL and to collaborate with social and psychological services to develop and create additional goals other than writing to allow for more functional outcomes especially for urban students and as a result of the pandemic limiting social interaction.</p> <p>Discussed best practice and what is occurring already in the field and across the state. Michelle Mays discussed what she has been doing in her own districts, etc. Carol discussed that the SIS should be discussing strategies that can be provided to the therapists to use in their schools, etc. to try to move this forward in the field. Moira supported this process and offered to assist in the process as did Christy Rojas.</p> <p>1.2 Provide legal representation for OT practitioners/students who encounter injustices on the job, during internships and education pursuits within the OT program.</p> <p>Kathy Webb asked whether additional legislation or what actions could be taken to support OT practitioners who might experience discrimination on the job, especially in smaller settings where they may not have support from a large HR department. Is there an opportunity to create unions? Kathy Preissner mentioned OT practitioners and other professionals are part of a union at UI Health. She discussed the fact that OT practitioners should be looking to get represented by Unions within their own workplaces. Christy Rojas shared her own experiences with Union representation.</p> <p>Kathy Webb discussed the potential for an overarching representation of OTs versus work setting by setting. Kathy W interested in creating a position or</p>	<p>Moira Bushell, Michelle Mays and Christy Rojas will work with Kathy to develop some resources that identify strategies that OT's can use in their local settings to promote OT's role in this school MH. Anne can work with this group to sign and send something to school administrators supporting the role of OT in mental health support in recognition of Mental Health Month (May)</p>
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having someone available to ILOTA members who could serve as a mediator/representative to work with someone in their work setting when they have situations related to workplace occur. Discussion followed.

Finance Update

Income	YTD	Budget	Difference
Membership	48353	60000	-11647
CE	12230	35000	-22770
Conference	27613	20000	7613
Other	1449.11	6300	-4850.89
Total	89645.11	121300	-31654.89
Expenses			
Operating	75758.56	113800	-38041.44
Direct Costs	10537.88	29000	-18462.12
Total	86296.44	142800	-56503.56
Net Income	\$3,348.67	-\$21,500.00	\$24,848.67
As of 4/30/21			

Bank Account Balance as of 5/13/21:
 Checking \$50,334.88
 Debit \$4,204.29
 Total **\$54,539.17**

**2021
Conference
Update**

Paper review process changed this year. Reviewers will receive papers in PDF format with a Google document with review parameters to submit in order to streamline. 90 submissions this year. Posters will be grouped together and offered as “live” interactive sessions. Sponsorship is moving forward. Some previous sponsors have contacted ILOTA already. Encouraging schools, employers, etc. to consider sponsorship

Board members to assist in recruiting Award Committee members.

<p>CE Update</p>	<p>and educate them about the various sponsorship packages this year. Committee will be doing some “cold calling” to generate additional interest.</p> <p>Keynote speaker secured. A call will be made for the SIS Roundtables and/or “Topics that Matter” will be done this summer.</p> <p>Seeking members for the Awards Committee – reach out to Abi Swidergal if interested. The committee will be working on some social media campaigns as well.</p> <p>Planning on 4 additional CE events this year. Interested in hearing from SIS’s about how to make sure we have options for members but do not want to overwhelm them.</p> <p>Drafting new procedure for Planning/Scheduling CE Events within the Association. Shared the draft policy for discussion.</p> <p>Monika discussed the need to clarify how the SIS’s providing programming differs from formal CE Events planned by the CE Committee on behalf of the organization.</p> <p>Anne brought up the issue of “how” does ILOTA make decisions about what is offered to members for “Free” versus what we charge for. A policy is needed with further discussion on this issue.</p> <p>Beth Kohler-Rausch, CE Chair reviewed the process for how to request CE credit. Formal document outlining what is required will be sent out to the Board for review and when finalized published on the website for members and others.</p> <p>Monika Robinson requested consideration of on-going communication with CE Chairs and SIS chairs when CE is planning to determine if there is a potential for co-sponsorship of events in order to generate support for the event and also avoid overlap of speakers/topics/events.</p>	<p>CE Committee will send out the proposed new procedure for Planning/Scheduling CE Events to the Board for review.</p> <p>Board members who promote upcoming CE events should ensure that a tag line is added regarding the Licensure renewal year for all upcoming CE events.</p> <p>Elsie asked to connect with Brian Herr to schedule a meeting between CE and SIS Chairs to review CE Procedures and better collaboration.</p>
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Nancy Richman recommended that all CE events in this next year have a tag line reminding people that this is an OT Licensure renewal year.

Membership updates

Category	May (05/12/21)
Admin	4
OT	425
OT Monthly	63
OT New Practitioner	
OTA	62
OTA monthly	12
OTA New Practitioner	
Student	456
Retiree	9
Multistate	14
Honorary Lifetime	3
TOTAL	1048
Difference	16

New membership categories are up on the Websites. Hoping to see use of this category with the new membership drive and graduations. First person has joined using the new category. ILOTA member contacted office and volunteered to pay for two practitioners in support

<p>DEI SIS name change proposal</p>	<p>of this new membership category. Discussed promotional opportunities for granting the free memberships.</p> <p>Committee is considering a name change to Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion SIS (JEDI) Looking to get COTAD involved with ILOTA. First committee meeting will be held in two weeks. Survey received great response for those desiring to write for the Communique, social media, blog, etc. Anne discussed the process for changing their name (Committee decides on the change and notifies the Board so it can be officially changed in the roster and on other communications)</p>	
<p>Secretary updates</p>	<p>Reminder to review draft minutes and return comments in timely manner.</p>	
<p>Other</p>	<p>Sam Wallenberg asked if the ILOTA website could make information about the Special Interest Sections more prominent to generate additional interest in the SIS's and remain updated on the SIS activities. Under the Resources Tab the SIS's are currently listed but this is a member only area. There is a discussion board, etc. that can be used by each SIS to address topics, events, etc. SIS's are also listed with the Chair's name, etc. on the Board Roster page. George will look at options to have something about the SIS's more publicly available. Anne discussed that the revamp of the website will also allow more options for addressing this concern/issue as well.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11AM Motion Passed (MOTION 2021-05-02)</p>	