

Position Statement for Election to Secretary of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Board

Dear Members of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association,

I am honored to present my candidacy for the position of Secretary on the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Board. With over 40 years of experience in long-term, sub-acute, adult rehab, and mental health settings, I am passionate about our profession and committed to fostering growth and engagement within our community.

Currently, I am Vice-President of Therapy Services for Transitional Care Management and have held various operational and clinical roles on a national level. Most recently, I served as Conference Co-Chairperson for ILOTA. As a highly organized individual with a proven ability to multi-task, balancing multiple responsibilities is second nature to me. My experience has equipped me with the skills necessary to keep records, track initiatives, and facilitate communication among board members and the ILOTA community.

My goals as Secretary are:

Contributing to the Profession: Support initiatives that promote professional development, enhance practice standards, and advocate for occupational therapy at the state level.

Having a Voice at the Table: Bring a thoughtful and inclusive approach to board discussions, ensuring diverse perspectives shape our strategic direction.

Engaging More Members: Increase membership and participation by highlighting the benefits of ILOTA involvement and encouraging practitioner engagement in our initiatives and events.

In conclusion, I am enthusiastic about the possibility of serving as your Secretary. Together, we can advance our profession and support each other in our professional journeys.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Linda Riccio, OT/L