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Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

Dear Executive Board Nominations Committee,

My name is Luther King, and I am honored to submit my interest in continuing to serve as Director of Membership for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA), a role I have held since 2024.

My initial interest in this position stemmed from a deep commitment to service and a desire to contribute meaningfully to our profession. Since stepping into this role, I am proud to share that we have experienced a significant increase in membership, reflecting the collective efforts of our organization to better engage and support occupational therapy practitioners across Illinois. This growth reinforces my commitment to further strengthening the value of ILOTA membership.

My early experiences as a clinician exposed me to the common perception that professional organization membership lacked clear value. Over time, through my own professional development and leadership experiences, I have come to appreciate the critical importance of education, collaboration, and advocacy in shaping both individual careers and the future of our profession. These core elements continue to guide my approach as Director of Membership.

Professionally, I remain actively engaged at local and national levels, including service on ILOTA committees such as Community Outreach and Mentorship. These experiences have strengthened my leadership capacity, expanded collaborative partnerships, and enhanced my ability to think innovatively, directly inform my work in this role.

Looking ahead, I am eager to build on our current momentum by enhancing the overall membership experience and increasing return on investment for our members. One key strategy will be identifying opportunities to host conferences and events in diverse locations throughout the state, making engagement more accessible and responsive to regional needs. Additionally, this approach will allow us to thoughtfully address themes and feedback identified in the 2026 membership survey, ensuring that our initiatives align with the evolving priorities of our members.

It has been a privilege to serve in this role, and I would be honored to continue contributing to the growth and vitality of ILOTA. I remain committed to fostering meaningful

engagement, strengthening member benefits, and advancing our profession through innovative and collaborative efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Luther