



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

February 18, 2017 * 9:00 am * Location: Elmhurst Memorial Hospital

TOPICS	DISCUSSION ITEMS		Presenter
Meeting Called to order	Time: 9:08am		By: Lisa Mahaffey Second: Janet Adcox
Roll call of members present	Janet Adcox Misty Ayers-Cumbow Briana Bonner Jenifer Dang Debora Davidson John Dudzik Veronica Ford Julie Frakes Lisa Iffland Robin Jones Anne Kiraly-Alvarez Lisa Knecht-Sabres Dana Lingle	Lisa Mahaffey Nadia Marasti Maureen Mulhall Kathy Preissner Nancy Richman Christina Rojas Ashley Stoffel Kari Teske Marit Watson Laura Van Puymbroude Cassie Barnas Ernest Price IV Ryan Walsh (guest-UIC student)	
Reading of minutes of last meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motion for approval by: Nancy Richman o Seconded by: Janet Adcox 		
Review and acceptance of proposed agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motion for approval by: o Seconded by: 		
Officer and Committee reports Director of Finance--presented by Janet Adcox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE approval • \$76,000 in account; look at CDs, capital investments • Student Conclave-what information is students looking for; goal of March or April 2018 • Conference income around \$20,000; total conference costs over \$70,000 o Scholarship Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need \$35,000 by end of 2017 to award scholarship in 2019 			

- Have ~\$13,000 currently
- Fundraisers coming up: 50/50 raffle OT month, product sales, Hull House event, raffle at ILOTA conference, donate gift cards

President – Lisa Mahaffey

- Strategic Plan
 - EB has been working on Strategic Plan; new goals being established
- OTA positions
 - OTAs in southern IL identifying they're losing jobs due to some insurance companies not paying for their services; Medicare paying same rate for OTs and OTAs in snfs; home health coding visits by OTs and OTAs
 - ILOTA Board role: 1) understand the issue, 2) reach out to OTA programs to find out impact, 3) conference call with programs to get feedback, 4) research why insurance companies aren't paying for OTAs?, 5) ask what employment forecasts are for OTAs in different areas of state

Emerging Leaders presented by Nadia Marasti and John Dudzik

- Would like to model from AOTA model to influence ILOTA's
- Developing mentorship database; need mentors in place before reaching out for mentees
- Leadership CE event next month

○ **Director of Membership – Debra Morey (absent)**

- 677 members as reported by Jennifer Dang

Awards

- Will work with Susan Quinn on getting award nominations; need to re-think process; adding Communiqué writers award; Honorary Lifetime member award may be reworked
- Looking for ideas to improve the awards area
- "Practitioner of the Year" award idea-focuses more on everyday therapist; consider along with "OT/OTA of the Year" award
- Need to change schedule of award nominations; rolling nominations?

Networking Coordinator-Anne Kiraly-Alvarez

- Debra Davidson new Mental Health SIS; Ray Cendejas stepping down as OTA SIS Chair; Julie Frakes wanting to set down from Home Health SIS Chair; Frederika Kennedy stepping down from Multi-cultural SIS Chair this summer
- Looking at planning CE events that are more specialized; ILOTA/SIS sponsored sessions at ILOTA conference;
- Add more information on social media to draw people to website
- Consider SIS specific information board
- "Inner Circle Mentoring Call" at designated times (1 hour) on specific information; people can listen later if not available at time of call; could reach people outside of Chicago area
- Could use Facebook Live for more dissemination of information; membership benefit; each SIS Chair could present a topic 1x/year
- ILOTA has several Pinterest boards
- Content specific ethics issues could be presented by SIS Chairs

○ **Director of Advocacy – Robin Jones**

Lisa M to send out new Strategic Plan by 3/18/17

Conference call for OTA job outlook will be scheduled by end of March 2017

- Exemption rule End of March for proposed splinting rule for Medicaid beneficiaries
- Music therapy advisory committee established and Robin Jones and Lisa Mahaffey attended and offered comments regarding licensure; minimal EBP presented from their end
- State funding of schools report on 2/1/17--2/9/17 block funding formula presented in IL House; state Students with Disabilities Act may see impact on therapists (HB 2808)
 - **Legislative update presented by Maureen Mulhall**
 - Bills that have recycled: co-insurance parody bill for PT; unlimited PT for MS patients; Athletic Trainers Act (HB 3020) removes all supervision of physician, can work on anyone, allows therapeutic intervention in most therapy arenas (national trend, moving to masters level entry by 2022), encroachment on OT practice areas
 - Up for sunset this year=Nurse Practice Act, Physician Assistant Practice Act
 - Anesthesiology Assistant looking for licensure
 - Ilga.gov log on-Maureen recommends completing witness slip information to make process move faster; gives sponsor support or no support for committee to consider bill; can give legislator your opinion on bill; email not best way to communicate with legislator due to being screened by staff, personal phone calls are most impactful; positive testimonials from OTPs, parents, recipients of OT services can be given
 - Need to send out a “News You Can Use” this week that explains this process and encourage people to follow through; impacts them and people they serve-make it relevant to them such as having kids in school; be aware of whether one is representing self or an employer/organization-be careful of statement and representation

Archives presented by Kathy Preissner and Ashley Stoffel

- Interviewed Velma Reichenbach who passed away in January; she donated numerous items for Archives
- Need people to be interviewed for Spotlight in Communiqué
- Will be presenting poster at AOTA about connection between Hull House and AOTA

Recruitment Coordinator presented by

- **Positions filled:**
 - Website Coordinator
- **Positions to be filled:**
 - Director of Communication

Executive Director presented by Jenny Dang

- Centennial Celebration
 - April 22nd at Hull House; open house event
 - Information will be out soon
 - Presentations by different practice areas, stations to collect information with “Bingo” type card, scholarship fundraiser,
 - 1 CE if stay at event at least an hour
- ILOTA CE course offering update
 - Online presentation by Mr. Cohen, who presented a course on IEP documentation several months ago
 - Leadership course 3/4/17

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On-line Ethics course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Jones and Marla Robinson working together on ethics course to meet IDFP standards for license renewal in 2017 • Will be free for ILOTA members; fee for non-members has not been established yet • 24 CE hours + 1 hour ethics course required for license renewal ○ MemberClicks transitioning clients to new system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will not have to log in to renew membership • Improvements to social media • Responsive template-will now be able to access by phone, tablets as well as computer • Plan to go live with new website by March • 		
Special orders - Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting. (from previous meetings)		
Unfinished business (Not finished at previous meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fieldwork Consortium conference calls: possible shared reservation request since there are many programs vying for FW spots, considering online ethics and FW course 	
Announcements		
Meeting Adjourned	Motioned by: Robin Jones Seconded by: Laura Van Puymbroude Meeting adjourned at 11:27am	