

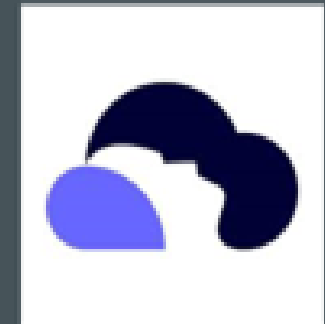
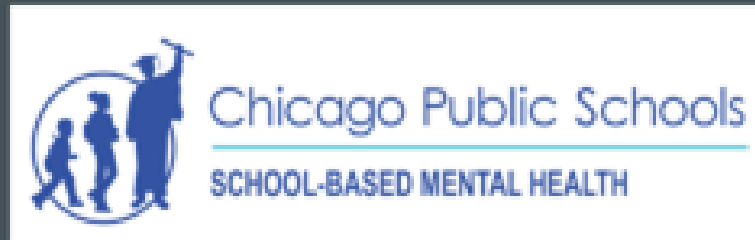
# 2023 ILOTA Annual Business Meeting

November 8,  
2023  
7:00 pm



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Occupational  
Therapy  
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# Thank you to our sponsors:



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# ILOTA Annual Conference

November 17, 2023

NIU Conference Center, NIU



- Conference Coordinator: Linda Riccio
- Conference Co-Coordinator: Beverly Menninger
- Conference Committee: Anne Kiraly-Alvarez, Dalmina Arias, Kate Barrett, Moira Bushell, Ariana Carrillo, Phoebe Jerousek, Maud Makoni, Stephanie McCammon, Evgenia Popova, Allison Porsch, Tricia Raleigh, Alexis Sandoval, Marie-Claude Touchette
- Executive Director: George Buckley
- All conference presenters and live session facilitators
- All attendees



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- Visit the ILOTA table at Conference!
  - Buy raffle tickets at conference to support our AOTF Illinois Endowed Scholarship funds!
  - Donate to the Illinois Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (ILOTPAC)!



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# President Report

**Beverly Menninger**



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# ILOTA Vision, Mission and Values

- **VISION:** ILOTA is a multifaceted association committed to enhancing health and well-being through the utilization of best occupational therapy practices in Illinois.
- **MISSION:** ILOTA is recognized as the premier occupational therapy resource in Illinois. We strive to advance the best practice of occupational therapy through serving, supporting and promoting the profession.
- **CORE VALUES:**
  - Be dynamic
  - Be inclusive
  - Be dedicated
  - Have integrity



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# Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025

- Focus Area 1: Inclusion / Diversity
- Focus Area 2: Membership
- Focus Area 3: Organizational Structure
- Focus Area 4: Communication
- Focus Area 5: Support of Best Practice



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# 2022 - 2023 Highlights

- Beginning 2nd year of first term
- Attended the Affiliation State Association Presidents (ASAP) Meeting at AOTA in KCMO in April 2023
- Finance-Reserve fund
- Work with Director of Advocacy
- Work with Director of Membership - survey
- CE courses - CO-OP, Modalities, monthly topics
- Conference Co-Coordinator
- Support - Leadership Development and first Pre-OT Mentorship Program
- Communication with the IL Licensure Board





# Moving Forward

- Review/update Strategic Plan-January
- Membership
- Advocacy efforts/committees/volunteers
- Student Committee
- Associate Members
- Collaboration with surrounding states



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# Director of Finance Report

**Dalmina Arias**



# 22-23 FY Closed Budget

Financials September 2022 to August 2023			
Income	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership	\$78,259.00	\$77,000.00	\$1,259.00
CE	\$56,727.00	\$50,000.00	\$6,727.00
Conference	\$59,605.00	\$70,000.00	-\$10,395.00
Other	\$10,613.28	\$14,050.00	-\$3,436.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$205,204.28</b>	<b>\$211,050.00</b>	<b>-\$5,845.72</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating	\$117,898.09	\$124,275.00	-\$6,376.91
Direct Costs	\$52,541.01	\$54,000.00	-\$1,458.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170,439.10</b>	<b>\$178,275.00</b>	<b>-\$7,835.90</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$34,765.18</b>	<b>\$32,775.00</b>	<b>\$1,990.18</b>



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# 22-23 FY Budget

Income:

\$205,204.28

- Increase in CE workshops
- Slight increase in membership numbers

Expenses:

\$170,439.10

- Increase in CE expenses due to hosting more events
- Increase in operational expenses to support organization growth



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# Current Monetary Assets

Checking: \$121,447.76

Debit: \$3,711.75

5 year CD: \$5,159.95

Money Market: \$77,166.33

Total: \$207,485.79

As of (11/05/23, 16:30)



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# Director of Advocacy Report

**Brenda Koverman**



# Advocacy Victories

- **Practice Act Changes**
  - Direct Access
  - Gender neutral language
  - Occupational Therapy definition
- **Reimbursement Increases**
  - Outpatient
  - Early Intervention



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# Current Initiatives

- Compact Act
- Medicaid expansion in schools
- Process with Medicaid access barriers
- Implication and application of practice act changes
- Right to Repair
- Loan forgiveness for Mental Health Providers





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# Ask

**Volunteers and leaders needed for task forces!**



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# Lobbyist Report

**Maureen Mulhall**



# Springfield Update

- More mandated CEUs - HB 2450
- New state early childhood agency being created
- Budget pressures
- Early voting begins February 8th, primary March 19, 2024



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# Director of Communications Report

**Michelle Hanawalt**



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## ILOTA's Newsletter:

**THE COMMUNIQUE**

- New Newsletter Coordinator- Lauren Adrian
- Thank you to Lauren!
- Accepting submissions

## ILOTA's Website

- Accepting positions for new Website Coordinator. Thank you to Sara Kopera for all her hard work! She is taking over as blog coordinator.



## ILOTA's Blog: *In the Now*

- New Blog Coordinator: Sara Kopera
- Submissions are welcome



## ILOTA's Social Media

- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (@ilota1918)
- Submissions are welcome
- Social Media Coordinator: Talya Flores- Thank you!
- Talya will be leaving in February. Social Media Coordinator position will be opening.



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# Director of Membership Report

**Anne Kiraly-Alvarez**



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# Current Membership

- November 10, 2022
  - 1138 members
- November 1, 2023
  - 1534 members (!)





# Current Membership Numbers

Category	November 1, 2023
Admin	3
Associate	3
Honorary Lifetime	7
Multistate	19
OT New Practitioner	113
OTA New Practitioner	37
OTA	91
OTA monthly	24
OT	701
OT Monthly	88
Retiree	15
Student	433
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1534</b>
Difference (from 10/18/23)	95



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# New(er) Membership Categories

- Associate Member
  - Great for employers or OT advocates who are not OT practitioners or students
- New OT/OTA practitioners
  - 50% discount on member dues for first two years after graduation



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# Member Benefits

- Free Continuing Education
- Access to Information
- Networking
- Communique
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Member Only Discounts
- Special Interest Sections



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## Membership Efforts This Year

- Creation of informational handouts about member benefits and opportunities for engagement with ILOTA
- Emails to new and renewing members
- New board member orientation
- OT Month- free CE webinar
- Feedback survey- open until Dec 1!



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# Secretary Report

**Robin Jones**



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## Meetings of Executive Board Held\*:

- December 10, 2022
- January 21, 2023
- March 18, 2023
- April 15, 2023
- June 17, 2023
- July 17, 2023
- September 16, 2023
- October 21, 2023

\* Minutes posted on the ILOTA Website



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## Meetings of the Full Board Held\*:

- February 18, 2023
- May 21, 2023
- August 19, 2023

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# Illinois Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (ILOTPAC)

**Lisa Mahaffey**



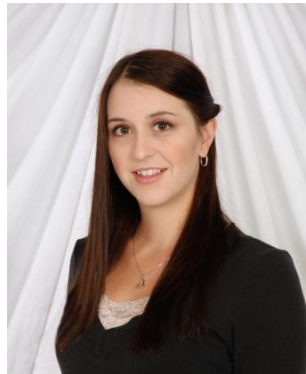




# Executive Committee

Lisa  
Mahaffey  
**Chairperson**

Thank you,  
Claudia  
Cirrincione for  
your service



Melissa Biehl  
**Secretary**



Kaitlin  
Peters  
**Treasurer**



Nosifat Sokoya  
**Member at  
Large**



Candace Adesko  
**Member at Large**



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# Legislators Supported

Senate President Don Harmon (D)

Senator Karina Villa (D)

Senator Meg Loughran Cappell (D)

Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D)

Rep. Dagmara Avelar (D)

Rep. Lindsay LaPointe (D)

Rep. Robyn Gabel (D)

Rep Maurice West (D)

Rep. Anna Moeller (D)



# Events Attended



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"The experience of interacting face to face with state representatives was empowering and exciting! I was honored to represent the interests of our field to my state representative (Lindsey LaPointe), and grateful for the experience and expertise of Brenda Koverman and Perla Vargas. It was an amazing opportunity to watch the tireless work of ILOTPAC in action. I truly felt that we had an impact and that the future of occupational therapy in Illinois was just a little bit brighter."

*Leslie Everhart, student, UIC Occupational Therapy, 2023*



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# Education and Awareness

- ❑ Pizza with the PAC - Nov. 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Fundraiser and opportunity to learn about the work of the PAC and some of the Advocacy work that the ILOTA team is doing.
- ❑ Nosifat Sokoya, Member at Large, expanded our social media accounts through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**Facebook: Illinois Occupational Therapy Political Action  
Committee**

**Instagram: @ilotpac**

**Twitter: @ilotpac**



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# Remember the ILOTPAC!

If you are an ILOTA member, PLEASE consider a donation.

[www.ilota.org/ilotpac](http://www.ilota.org/ilotpac)

Or scan the QR code to go directly to the donation page.



\*\*\*Also if I reach out to you because we plan to support your rep, consider joining us!





**Awards Ceremony - at Conference November 17!**







See you all at Conference, Friday, November 17,2023!  
NIU Conference Center, Naperville IL

***Comments and question***