

Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

Annual Board Report: September 2019 - August 2020

Compiled September 2020



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ILOTA Executive Board Members

ILOTA Executive Board Members September 2019 - August 2020

- **President:** James Hill
- **President-Elect:** Anne Kiraly-Alvarez (elected October 2019)
- **Director of Advocacy:** Carol Michels (elected October 2019)
- **Director of Communications:** Molly Bathje (appointed to fill vacant position March 2020)
- **Director of Finance:** Moira Bushell
- **Director of Membership:** Jacob Garrison (stepped down June 2020)
- **Secretary:** Beverly Menninger
- **Executive Director:** Tracy Repmann

ILOTA Executive Board Members September 2020 - Present

- **President:** Anne Kiraly-Alvarez
- **Director of Advocacy:** Carol Michels
- **Director of Communications:** Molly Bathje
- **Director of Finance:** Moira Bushell (re-elected August 2020)
- **Director of Membership:** Christy Rojas (elected August 2020)
- **Secretary:** Nancy Beck (elected August 2020)
- **Executive Director:** Tracy Repmann (through September 2020) / George Buckley (hired September 2020)

Purpose of ILOTA Annual Report

This report is intended to highlight the efforts of ILOTA throughout the past fiscal year. It is not intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all activities performed by ILOTA board members and volunteers. For a more complete listing of ILOTA board member activities, please refer to previous quarterly board reports and board meeting minutes, which can be viewed at <https://www.ilota.org/board-meetings-and-minutes>.

Continuing Education Offerings

- **Ongoing/Virtual:** “Ethics in Occupational Therapy” Webinar
 - 495 registrants
- **October 4-5, 2019:** Annual Conference at Tinley Park Convention Center
 - 567 registrants
- **November 16, 2019:** “Join the Conversation: Occupational Therapy Perspective on Evaluation in Early Intervention” CE Event (co-sponsored with the IL EI/Schools OT Community of Practice and UIC)
 - 50 registrants
- **January 18-19, 2020:** Physical Agent Modalities CE Course
 - 33 registrants
- **February 29, 2020:** Annual Student Conclave
 - 147 registrants
- **April 14, 2020 & Ongoing/Virtual:** “Pediatric OT and Telehealth in Illinois” Webinar
 - 361 registrants*
- **April 28, 2020 & Ongoing/Virtual:** “Adult Telehealth Practice in Illinois” Webinar
 - 113 registrants*
- **May 4, 2020 & Ongoing/Virtual:** “Responding Effectively in Stressful Times” Webinar
 - 132 registrants*
- **July 20, 2020:** “Begin Here: Fostering a Culture of Occupational Justice” Webinar (co-sponsored with IOTA, TOTA, OOTA, and OTAC)
 - 33 registrants from IL / 726 registrants total*

**Please note that the number of registrants for these events reflect the individuals who registered through our database to log in to view the recording from the event and/or claim CE credit. These numbers do not necessarily reflect the total number of attendees who participated in the live virtual events.*

Advocacy

Summary of Advocacy Efforts and Issues

- Director of Advocacy has engaged in ongoing communication with ILOTA Lobbyist & ILOTPAC related to legislative/advocacy issues
- Created an Advocacy Advisory Group to connect with experts in various practice areas
- Designed spreadsheet to link IL representatives with ILOTA members in their districts to facilitate advocacy with individual representatives
- **Outreach:**
 - Participated in a telehealth roundtable discussion for school-based OT practitioners
 - Presented to a local university OT program about advocacy
- **Early Intervention (EI):**
 - Sent a letter to the Illinois Commission on Equitable Early Childhood Education and Care Funding to advocate for OT representation on the commission
 - Alerted ILOTA members to a letter writing campaign to request support for the use of telehealth in EI from state representatives and senators
 - ILOTA EI SIS committee members have been meeting regularly; are in regular communication with the ILOTA Lobbyist, the Ounce of Prevention, and the IL EI Bureau; and are ensuring OT representation on the Illinois EI Interprofessional Coalition, the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention, and within Reopen Illinois work group meetings
- **Telehealth:**
 - Home & Community Health, Pediatrics, and EI SIS committee members have collaborated on a telehealth research survey
 - Various meetings between Director of Advocacy, Home & Community Health SIS Chair, ILOTA Lobbyist, and Senator Harmon to discuss and revise SB 27 regarding telehealth
- **Medicaid:**
 - Engaged in various discussions regarding Medicaid telehealth pay differential
- **School-based Practice:**
 - Began collaborating with School-Based Practice SIS Chair and an OTD Capstone student to further explore advocacy for OT eligibility for Professional Educator License
- **OT Licensure Compact:**
 - Attended AOTA presentation about the proposed compact
 - Participated in a meeting with representatives from AOTA, NBCOT, and National Center for Interstate Compacts to discuss Illinois' participation in the compact

Communication

Social Media:

- Developed a social media posting schedule; using Hootsuite to manage social media posts
- **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/ilota1918>): 2,297 followers
- **Instagram** (<https://www.instagram.com/ilota1918/>): 291 followers

Blog:

- <https://ilotatech.wordpress.com/blog/>
- Introduced new “In the Now” Blog in February 2020
- Posting at least twice monthly
- Average of 305 visitors per month

Newsletter:

- www.ilota.org/communique-first-page
- Published 3 issues of the “Communique”

Website:

- www.ilota.org
- Ongoing audits and updates made

Membership

Membership Numbers (as of September 2020)

OT	471
OTA	83
Retired/Disabled	8
Student	441
Multi-state Association Membership	13
<i>Total</i>	1016

Licensed OT Practitioners in Illinois (as of June 2020)

OT	7152
OTA	3024

Finance

2019 - 2020 Income

Income Type	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership	64,222.50	50,000	+14,222.50
CE	42,455.00	40,000	+2,455.00
Conference	116,577.20	100,000.00	+16,577.20
Other	17,664.11	5,550	+12,114.11
Total	240,918.81	195,550.00	+45,368.81

2019 - 2020 Expenses

Expense Type	Actual	Budget	Difference
Operating	114,707.90	105,400.00	+9,307.90
Direct Costs	96,219.10	73,000.00	+23,219.10
Total	210,927.00	178,400.00	+32,527.00

2019 - 2020 Net Income

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Net Income	29,991.81	17,150.00	+12,841.81

Bank Account Balance (as of 9/18/2020)

- Checking: \$63,490.04
- Debit: \$2,919.89
- Total: \$66,409.93

Response to COVID-19

Resource Development & Communication

- Compiled and shared resources at www.ilota.org/covid-19-resources-guide (available to ILOTA members and non-members)
- Surveyed members, compiled, and shared FAQs at www.ilota.org/covid-19-faqs (available to ILOTA members and non-members)
- Hosted a virtual town hall meeting to listen to member and non-member concerns and provide answers to frequently asked questions

Continuing Education (CE)

- Provided 3 free webinars: 2 on telehealth and 1 on mindfulness and managing stress (available to ILOTA members and non-members; see CE Offerings section above for more information)
- Rolled out new Learning Management System for housing webinar recordings, confirming attendance/participation, and issuing CE certificates

Advocacy

- Monitored and shared information regarding executive orders and other relevant legislation
- See Advocacy section above for more information

OT Month Celebration in the Midst of COVID-19

- Solicited and shared stories and photos of OT practitioners and students and how they have adapted their services, served their communities, and engaged in new occupations during this public health emergency

Transition to Virtual Meetings and Gatherings

- Utilized existing Zoom account to host all board and committee meetings
- Planned for transition of annual conference from in-person two day event to month-long virtual event in October 2020
- Cancelled Physical Agent Modalities course scheduled for May 2020; currently working on creation of a virtual course

Awards

2019 ILOTA Award Recipients

- **Honorary Lifetime Members:** Mae Brandon & Nancy Richman
- **Award of Merit:** Nancy Richman
- **Board Award of Merit:** Lisa Mahaffey
- **OT of the Year:** Caren Schranz & Steven Taylor
- **OT Student Award:** Morgan Stasell
- **OTA Student Award:** Krecia Sweeney
- *To view award descriptions, all previous ILOTA Award recipients, and/or to nominate someone for an award, please visit www.ilota.org/awards*

ILOTA AOTF Scholarship Recipients

- **2019 (Awarded in 2020):** Megan Hunzeker
- **2020:** Samantha Souza
- *Scholarships are awarded to OT and OTA students in good standing attending an accredited occupational therapy educational program located in the state of Illinois and who are members of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association. For more information, please visit www.aotf.org/Scholarships*

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