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

August 15, 2020 * 9:00 am * Location: Zoom call

Attendees:

- Zoom meeting participant list

TOPICS	DISCUSSION ITEMS	Presenter
Meeting Called to order	Time: 9:02 Move: Claudia Second: Abi	By:
Roll call of members present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sign in sheet – 31 present 	
FINANCE CONFERENCE UPDATE	<p>Introductions – intro and any business for meeting. La'Taria Overstreet new role - professional development</p> <p>Moira. Slide with report Ahead - possible loss next year, being conservative with the budget. Sizeable increase in membership this last month. People are still renewing! 70 of the 109 new members are students.</p> <p>Abi – Conference Recordings are happening Registration open – 12 people total so far. Need to share on social medial Raffle prizes finalized – 2 \$200 gift cards, membership/conference, NBCOT packs \$5 each</p> <p>Jim – Thank you!! Last meeting as President Appreciate support and help with this position for last 3 years. Confidence in Anne.</p>	

<p>PRESIDENT</p>	<p>Review of Strategic Plan. Made some changes Jim highlighted main changes. Redefined some focus areas 2020-2023 Inclusion and Diversity Organizational Structure Membership Improve communication – internal/external Jim scrolled through plan and reviewed, walked through objectives Ask of the full Board – any comments started with focus areas then objectives. No comments</p> <p>Monika Robinson – re. inclusion add collaboration with existing orgs like COTAD Additional action to collaborate with other groups with similar missions, not a new objective- Anne</p> <p>Will discuss at next meeting and then post</p>	
<p>PRESIDENT-ELECT – ANNE</p>	<p>Open positions – Bylaws, Networking, Website coordinators Mental Health SIS will need a chair Co-chairs needed for SISs Also several committees have need</p> <p>Increasing member engagement in SISs – Christy Morrison and Clare Giufrida share what they have done moving EI from committee to SISs Clare shared what they have done for the past 5 years working together to grow this group. Appreciated support of Lisa, Jim and Anne incoming as presidents and Lobbyist Maureen Mulhall for support with legislative issues. Movement from reactive to proactive as people have joined group. Ashley Stoffel as 3rd member – integral part of the group. First session 2015 at conference. Same time started round tables 2015. Communicate presence at this time as well. At this point more reactive to crisis. ILOTA very supportive during this time. First 3 years – issues Identified by DT, loosely formed group responded from OT. Developed as issues came up. More outreach to EI therapists, many were independent providers. Shifted to being more proactive after the first 3 years. Began to problem solve best practice in EI as a group. Developed educational workshops re. best practice for EI. Review of state’s view of best practice. 50 at second workshop! Well received Delivery of OT in EI – eval tools and intervention approaches.</p> <p>Lessons learned with Christy.</p>	

Term limits

Expand conversation re. quality of practice.

Nisha Sanghvi

Meg Mathews

Lauren Little in and out

Communication the biggest challenge. ILOTA website, email, news you can use,

Communique. Minimal responses

EI school-based practice group – communication expanded. Helpful to join with other groups with similar goals. Reaching more people. Communities of Practice email list helped (non ILOTA members in this group)

How to reach out to practitioners that do have concerns and would like to collaborate but are not ILOTA members.

Will email to all lists to inform about EI, reasons to support ILOTA. – next step.

Want to do 3rd event in Zoom.

Advocacy – collaboration with formal coalition – OT, PT, SLP, DT – looking at formal structure with team leadership. In the process of defining role with EI and what issues to represent.

Christy and Nisha appointed to council that regulates EI practice.

Anne – open for discussion. Coming up to October and conference. Roundtables for all SISs for first time. How to get members more engaged in SISs? Revisit formation of SIS and what are needs in practice areas. Education needs for professionals. Advocacy needs across the state?

Open discussion to other chairs

Susanne – excited about restructuring – change to Ortho and UE. They have American Society of Hand Therapists – a strong organization. Think of services and add value.

Challenge, what is distinct role different from other groups. Off to good start deciding on focus.

Jim – are there ways to provide an outline to help move forward.

Monika – struggle so much is driven by issues at hand. EI successes based at needs at state level.

HH issues – federal level so AOTA meets that need. CE a possible focus.

Christy – agreed with Monika. State association support with issues at state level. Very different compared to other practice areas. Separate piece is education. ID distinct value of OT – being proactive among practitioners.

Claudia – outreach to practitioners a need based on Clare's presentation. Asked about workshops. Conference presentation and roundtables and over the past 2 years Joint Conversation EI events co-sponsored by COP and ILOTA at UIC. Gave info and broke up into sections for conversation. Different from regular CE event. Christy reported it was a fun event.

<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-TRACY</p>	<p>Practice variability across different practice areas makes it challenging. What is best practice? Carol- could be a general structure we look toward in SISs that EI has already developed. What organizations do we need to collaborate with? ID organizations and role and link up. Mentoring new practitioners. Combo of faculty OT and practitioner OT coming together is richer. Would be good to track outcomes of work being done – Ashley S. Christy – not enough incentive to create a group when there are other resources out there. Need the initial inertia going.</p> <p>Anne – SIS survey from last year. One thing most respondents stated that SIS is a good networking tool. Say it is what they want but question re. follow through. Connecting with other SIS chairs – collaboration among chairs with crossed practice settings – join forces might be beneficial. Discussion re. HH and teletherapy – not yet how services are being provided right now.</p>	
<p>ADVOCACY – CAROL/MAUREEN</p>	<p>LMS contract review LMS housing telehealth sessions and Virtual Conference working with an attorney referred to us by a member to put in place an agreement between ILOTA and content providers for presentations in the LMS. Waiting for attorney to put together agreement. Should be ready in a week or so.</p> <p>Challenge – how to build content (Jim) LT hope share income with content developers. Beneficial for ILOT and presenters.</p> <p>Advocacy – Carol New Public Policy Coordinator – Kathy Webb. Good with outreach. Good match with Carol. Kathy introduced self (on phone) very excited and collaborating. EI Advocacy work – addressed by Clare and Christy. Telehealth – Monika is the lead for this area, Maureen may talk more. Right now Maureen is working with IL Hospital Association advocate. Need to educate our representatives. Capstone Student- working with first with Advocacy. Bringing on board people from OTs in Southern IL. Rebecca L. from Midwestern. ILOTA a good place for capstone students.</p> <p>Maureen – Legislative update Gen Assembly convene in May for a few days. Related to budget or COVID response. Call for meeting re. justice reform issues. No interest in special session. Nov 15-17 and Dec 1-3 will convene. Telehealth the issue. ILOTA taking the lead in healthcare community. Off table any legislation from the past, largely interested into statute broadly the executive orders living under since March. Exec orders will continue through end of year, likely. Conversations</p>	

<p>SECRETARY – BEV</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>COMMUNICATION – MOLLY</p>	<p>beginning around telehealth. IHA wants to be responsive. Don't want insurance industry to take the lead, not a bill we would support. Maureen explained preferred info included in legislation.</p> <p>Not sure if we will have a call to action with veto session. If exec orders are continued through end of year, the last thing wanted is to negotiate anything less than what are in current orders. Need terminology to read practitioners not just OT in the language. Telehealth act – small piece of statute refers to OTs. Need to amend the act. OT will include COTA based on state practice act language.</p> <p>Carol and Maureen attended webinar concerning state compact for OT. Co hosted by AOTA and NCIC subset of Council of State Governments. Respected organization by general assembly.</p> <p>Designed to make practice between states easier. Big benefit for telehealth with a compact. Each state must pass legislation that they would participate. There may be a cost to join- up to state. Easy to transfer license state to state. Need to explore pros and cons. Think of large telehealth companies and concerns re. knowledge of state, training, rates, etc. Need a larger group to discuss while moving forward. AOTA and NBCOT have committees presenting on this. Model legislation expected in January. Clinical Psychologist have a compact in IL. More info. OTcompact.org</p> <p>Questions about special compact license for states. Also, data base for disciplinary action. Subject to criminal background check as well.</p> <p>Nancy – Re-licensure – sexual harassment CE will be required and should be a membership service. Make sure ethics training is online for renewal. Abi- We were told IDFR would provide – actually put this on associations. Can get from any approved provider in any profession.</p> <p>Maureen - One other thing – received a question from a member concerning supervision of COTAs. Rules for act require supervision face-to-face. Question during pandemic can it be waived. Looking into it.</p> <p>What is experience supervising COTAs? Virtual video conferencing? Rule reads as direct and indirect supervision.</p> <p>Nancy – pandemic supervision – all diverted to virtual supervision.</p> <p>Anne – reviewed rules – “the physical presence of COTA and supervisor” this is what is being referenced. Does this rule out remote? Reviewed additional wording. Needs clarification during this time.</p> <p>Abi suggesting using OTA vs COTA because not all maintain C. Practitioner is best.</p> <p>Report on elections. 54 VOTES so far. Membership of 1104. Encouraged voting. Election ends at 11:59 p tonight! Anne thanked Minetta W., Sarah Z and Bev for making this happen this year.</p> <p>Jake withdrew from his position, elections will fill that role, no membership updates.</p>	
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<p>ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>Communications – Molly Newsletter Issue 2 of Communique Looking for new Communique committee members, a few members stepped down Social media – increasing follows and likes -40 people Established a schedule to highlight a program or member each month. Increased engagement of students and members. In the Now blog welcoming Clare Stanhope, Rush students, committee member and support person to help generate content Website seeking a coordinator. Opportunities throughout Communications. Content – communique research, clinical spotlight – longer form and Blog – shorter articles – link to resources, articles videos, personal stories. Molly can help determine where content fits.</p> <p>Joy H – introduction – received call from a facility – would like to be involved re. assistive tech. Meeting with her to orient and get her started. SIS – contact Joy re. AT interest. Big need to talk about AT, remote work, mentoring, etc.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Ashley updates. – Archives with Kathy Preissner Steven Taylor is joining committee from Rush. Wrote most recent Archives Corner in Communique. Continuing to collect documents/photos/articles re. OT during pandemic. One question re. photos. What consent do we need to put in newsletter? Do not have a process for this. Was in conference. Could we add to membership form? -Christy Consent form for photos for Communique that could be adapted. Anne to send to Ashley.</p> <p>End of agenda</p> <p>Anne – thank you for service as secretary and president Move to close: Christy Rojas Second: Christy Morrison</p> <p>11:12 am adjourned</p>	