



**ILLINOIS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
August 19, 2023 Location: Zoom Call**

Members Present	Members Absent
<p>Beverly Menninger – President Michelle Hanawalt – Director of Communications Moira Bushell – Director of Finance Anne Kiraly-Alvarez – Director of Membership Robin Jones - Secretary Brenda Koverman – Director of Advocacy Dalmina Aria – Director of Finance-Elect George Buckley - Executive Director Maud Makoni– AOTA Representative John Dudzik – Leadership Development Committee Chair Nancy Richman – Reimbursement Coordinator Sarah Zera - CE Coordinator Phyllis Hughes - Fieldwork Coordinator Linda Riccio- Conference Co-Coordinator</p> <p>SIS Coordinators: Nancy Richman - Administrative and Management Co-Coordinator Kathleen Ellis – Assistive Technology Co-Coordinator Clare Giuffrida – Early Intervention Co-Coordinator Rita Moore – Developmental Disabilities Coordinator Catherine Killian – Academic Education Co-Coordinator Joy Hyzny – Assistive Technology Co-Coordinator Dalmina Arias – JEDI Co-Coordinator Monika Robinson – Home and Community Health Co-Coordinator Ruby Loera - Home and Community Health Co-Coordinator and OTA Coordinator</p>	<p>Ashley Stoffel – Archives Co-Coordinator Hannah Kaytonah - Nominations Coordinator La’Taria Overstreet – Professional Development Coordinator Kate Soens – Board Recruitment Coordinator Emma Penn - Public Policy Coordinator Erin Suchy - Networking Coordinator Mia St. Clair - Accessibility Coordinator Cassandra Jackson – Bylaws Coordinator Kathy Preissner – Archives Co-Coordinator Lauren Nale – CE Approval Co-Coordinator Liz Berton– Student Conclave Co-Coordinator Abigail Swidergal - Awards Coordinator Morgan Stasell – Newsletter Coordinator Sara Kopera – Website Coordinator Bridget Hahn- Community Outreach Coordinator Talya Flores - Social Media Coordinator Frank Czuba – Administrative and Management Co-Coordinator Lillian Chen-Byerley – JEDI Co-Coordinator Kathy Preissner – Academic Education Co-Coordinator Maureen Karwowski - Early Intervention Co-Coordinator Sam Wallenberg – JEDI Co-Coordinator Maddy Nave - Mental Health Co-Coordinator Ryan Thomure – Mental Health Co-Coordinator Ashley Hettlinger – Pediatrics Co-Coordinator Michelle Ponsolle-Mays - School Based Co-Coordinator Samantha Holzschu – Sensory Integration Co-Coordinator Kyra Bariller - Sensory Integration Co-Coordinator</p>

Laura Carlos- Upper Extremity Co-Coordinator	
Guests: Maureen Mulhall Pooja Patel Marial Williams Bev Marcoski	

Topic	Notes	Action Items & Person Responsible
Call to Order	Beverly called the meeting to order at 9:03am (MOTION 2023-08-01)	
Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members and Guests	Individuals introduced themselves	
Roll Call	See members/guests present above.	
Approval of Minutes	<i>Motion to approve the May 20, 2023, Full Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded Kathleen Ellis Adopted (Motion 2023-08-01)</i>	
President's Report: Beverly Menninger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election Results 62 members voted for the 2 offices. Brenda Koverman, Director of Advocacy Beverly Menninger – President-Elect. - Dalmina will step in as finance director as of September 1st. - Thanked Moria for the work/service she has provided in her role as Treasurer and for mentoring Dalmina - George will soon celebrate 3 years as Executive Director of ILOTA. Beverly sent link to board members for review and asks that everyone fill it out. She will be conducting his review next week. 	

**Director of
Advocacy Report:
Brenda Koverman**

**Nancy Richman –
Practice Act**

1. Medicaid reimbursement:

The governor signed SB 1298 granting a 14.2% increase for OP Medicaid services. It still is awaiting federal approval since Medicaid is a joint program. We also plan to continue to advocate for access through processes (e.g., authorizations, etc.) and try to get a meeting with DFHS.

2. Practice act: SB 2057 was signed with the following highlights:

- Direct Access - NO MD order required to evaluate and treat.
- Gender neutral language throughout
- Definitions included for care-partners and recipient.
- The word recipient may be used instead of patient or client.
- Expands definition for an OTA to include the concept of partnership with OT.
- New definition of occupational therapy

We are organizing a task force to review the changes and how they will impact practice.

3. Compact Act

The priority is to find a sponsor. Nancy, Maureen and I are working on this. I attended NCSL (national conference for state legislators) with AOTA and NBCOT and we connected and educated a few IL legislators on our issue.

There are many organizations seeking compact licensure across the nation including PT, SLP, SW, NP, MDs, etc.

Maureen shared some insight into the compact issues that are currently pending with the State in terms of “compact” bills (other compact bills that were in the legislature this past session and blocked by the Governor’s Office).

4. Medicaid expansion in the schools: I listened to AOTA webinar and am awaiting response from our SIS school person. AOTA has designated a person to assist us.

5. Educational presentations/Advocacy meetings

- a. Midwestern students (Maureen and I)
- b. OT pediatric group
- c. Legislative meet and greet (Sara Feigenholtz and Margaret Croke)
- d. Legislative meet and greet (with ILOTPAC) with Rep Avelar and LaPointe
- e. NCSL

	<p>6. Future initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating Legislative and Advocacy priorities • Encouraging diversity and inclusion in our task force groups • Mentoring less experienced practitioners in advocacy and legislative processes <p>Maureen’s Update:</p> <p>7. Continuing Education Issues – provided information about concerns regarding the legislatively mandated # of hours concerns about the high # of hours and it’s impact on overall practice continuing education hours.</p> <p>8. Discussed new legislators and potential advocates for OT.</p> <p>9. Discussed that there will be politicians going door to door with upcoming elections and encouraged people to take that opportunity to talk about OT.</p>	
<p>Director of Communications Report: Michelle Hanawalt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome new Co-Newsletter Coordinators - Thank everyone for their submission for the newsletter - As conference this fall nears I will be sending all Universities links for photos for Instagram coverage of those attending for social media coverage. - Welcome any blog submissions or any interested in position as blog coordinator. 	
<p>Conference Report: Linda Riccio</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 in person courses accepted for “live” day on Friday November 17th at NIU Conference Center in Naperville • 35 Poster sessions will occur during the “live” day (Friday, November 17th) • 20 – 21 Virtual Courses for November / December (<i>Acceptances through Thursday 8-17 – these numbers may change slightly</i>) • Need to finalize pricing for “go live” on Registrations after Labor Day • Already receiving Sponsorships 😊 • Need to Discuss “Conversations That Matter format” • Can we get some “Save the Date” social media and pre-registration publicity? • George reviewed the sponsorships for the Conference to date. 	
<p>Director of Finance Report: Moira Bushell</p>	<p>Financial Report as of 8/16/23 (See Attached: Budget Report for July 2023 and Year to Date Report (July)).</p>	

Account Balances as of 8/16/23:
 Debit: 27,299.67
 Checking: 4,491.97
 Savings: 76,370.50
 CD: 5,130.32
 Total : \$113,292.46

George shared information about the response to the email sent out regarding the ILOTA courses offered for mandated CE related to licensure. Resulted in increased membership (new) and renewals. The email had an “open rate” of almost 50% which is higher than most.

**Membership –
 Anne Kiraly-
 Alvarez**

Category	August 15, 2023
Admin	3
Associate	1
Honorary Lifetime	7
Multistate	13
OT New Practitioner	98
OTA New Practitioner	35
OTA	58
OTA monthly	15
OT	476
OT Monthly	53
Retiree	12
Student	408
TOTAL	1179
Difference (from 7/21/23)	7

	<p>-Revisit discussion about roles/responsibilities/organization of SISs – capitalize on the idea of micro-involvement (identify specific tasks that people can contribute to versus having to commit to serve in long term role (i.e. create fact sheet, help with a course, blog on a topic, etc.)</p> <p>-Feedback survey update- 181 responses so far. If you haven't taken the survey yet, please do.</p> <p>-Please also encourage your colleagues/students to complete the survey- open to ILOTA members AND nonmembers! https://forms.gle/Jyr8u8sVGSmCa8kQ7</p>	
<p>Updates from SIS Coordinators and Committee Coordinators</p>	<p>Joy Hyzny, Assistive Technology Co-Coordinator – Right to Repair legislation– brought up by a group of OT's from UIC over a year ago. In July 2023 the Illinois PT Association published a statement on their website regarding this issue. Discussed background on this type of legislation.</p> <p>John Dudzik – Leadership Development Committee Chair – Leadership Development Program will be held September 23rd. Advertising/promotion will come out soon. 23-24 Co-Hort for mentees/mentors will be finalized in the upcoming weeks.</p> <p>Claire Giuffrida, Early Intervention Co-Coordinator – 10% rate increase went into effect July 1st. \$84/hr which is substantial increase. Considering lobbying for a 3% increase to occur on a yearly basis. One-time financial bonus to go into effect August-October this year. Focus for the next year is to increase their mentorship/support of new individuals entering EI or wanting to enter this area.</p> <p>Sara Zera, CE Coordinator – added two new committee members. Looking at what might be good “in-person” courses for the next year to increase in-person opportunities. Seeking ideas. There are 3 more courses before end of this calendar year. George recognized the great work that Sara is doing with ILOTA's CE activities to ensure that they are quality programs.</p> <p>Monica Robinson – Home and Community Co-Coordinator – Reported on task force regarding Medicaid HCBW (home and community based waiver)</p>	
<p>Secretary Report: Robin Jones</p>	<p>Reminder: Please be sure to submit your items for future Full Board meetings in a timely manner so that they can be added to the agenda for everyone to prep prior to the “Live” meeting. Discussed establishing a task force.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Discussion about “finger sticks” in our scope of practice – “Medical management” is within our practice act. Rules will need to be written to clarify what this entails. Some therapists are</p>	

	being asked to perform these types of tasks and there is question if this is within our practice act/scope of practice.	
Adjournment	Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:36am. Seconded by Joy Hyzny. Adopted <i>(MOTION 2023-08-02)</i>	

Minutes prepared by Robin Jones, COTAL, ROH, ILOTA Secretary.