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### **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association**

Dear Current Executive Board Nominations Committee,

My name is Luther King, and I am interested in the role of Director of Membership. My interest in this role comes from two places. One, I am a servant at heart and when I initially received the email for this opportunity, I felt a visceral need to submit my candidacy. However, I hesitated due to the demands of my full-time job as a faculty member at Governors State University. Upon seeing another email noting no submissions for this position I felt called to submit my name. This brings me to the second place where my interest in this position comes from and it stems from my experience as a new clinician. Early in my OT career, I worked at a facility where none of my seasoned colleagues would attend conferences. Whenever ILOTA membership was brought up a common theme would be a lack of understanding of what membership would do for them. Over time, I adopted this same mindset, primarily due to ignorance. As I have advanced in my career and academic positions, I have come to recognize the importance of belonging to professional organizations. I stand by the belief that education, synergistic collaboration, and advocacy are the core elements of belonging and membership, both personally and professionally.

Professionally I actively serve on committees locally, and nationally including ILOTA committees (Community Outreach and Mentorship). Being part of these committees enhances my leadership skills, provides collaborative opportunities with leaders, and stimulates my creative and innovative thinking. These skills and experiences will be beneficial as Director of Membership.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the role of Director of Membership. As a member of ILOTA, it would be an honor to serve our state in this capacity. As the Director of Membership, I will continue to improve membership benefits and member engagement by working collaboratively and thinking innovatively

Sincerely,

