

Idaho Occupational Therapy Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 03, 2018

7:00 - 8:14 pm

Boise, ID

In Attendance

- Mel Henderson
- Angela Zaugg
- Beki Baxter (via call-in number)
- Carla Brown
- Autumn Hume
- Erika Neff
- Jessie Given
- Catlin Jensen
- Kim Hendrickson
- Christian Turner
- Sara Poppleton

Call to order

Review and approve minutes: all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Update: Erika

- Revenue: \$1.33; Expenses: \$2,368 (primarily for website work)
- AOTA/ASAP expenses for Mel and Kari: covered per IOTA bylaws (~\$700 per person)

OLD Business

Schools follow-up: Karla Brown

- Spoke with Ronda Roth and attended SDE negotiated rule-making meeting on March 23
- Karla to continue to attend meetings
- OTPs can become certificated with IBOL requirements (instead of college credits like the teachers do)
- SDE will work with IOTA, SLPs, PTs, etc re: years of therapy experience vs years of school experience when determining salary scale

Lobbyist:

- IOTA severed relationship with John Watts; currently without lobbyist representation
- Reviewed lobbyist activities of surrounding states (WY, MT, OR)
 - Mel to meet with 2 potential replacements to determine feasibility

- It could cost as much as \$12,000/mo for IOTA to have a lobbyist
- Mel proposed that IOTA go without a lobbyist and strengthen the legislative committee
- Kim proposed that we clarify who/what is needed for the legislative committee
 - Peds: Kari and Jessi
 - Schools: Karla
 - Adults: Mel

Swag: Kari ordered and received. Will bring to next meeting as she is OOT.

Committees:

Committee assignments: if not on a committee, please choose one, contact the committee leader, and become involved

Continuing Education - Kim: Spring Treatment Summit on track for May 19 (will finalize during CE committee meeting tonight); working on fall conference, hosting Dementia Care Specialist CE; adding St Luke's neuro conference to IOTA website

Advocacy - Kari (Mel covering): Idaho Insurance Bulletin - Autism now a covered diagnosis in Idaho; there was an article on the front page of the Idaho Statesman today; positive changes seen at IBOL d/t IOTA-directed, grass-roots efforts

Outreach - Rebecca: SLC Meet and Greet; OT Month (will add IG post) and Catlin will email ISU OT students to get an update of their OT Month activities

NEW Business

- Autumn Hume, executive director MDA: discussed a volunteer opportunity for the MDA Summer Camp being held at the Quaker Hill Camp in McCall, ID, August 4-10. Erika will post the information on the IOTA website for any interested in participating.
- Refinement of student involvement: SOTA updates, communication between student reps, communication to schools, etc. (Tabled until next meeting d/t time constraints)
 - Bryan Gee's email
- Does IOTA need to improve on conference call equipment? (Tabled until next meeting d/t time constraints); Becki sent email during meeting detailing difficulties with the current equipment.
- Tech Committee: Update on website - Erika, Christian: will work to streamline application and payment on website for job postings, CE, and advertising; demonstrated new website and email that will be sent out through Mail Chimp to all IOTA members to sign in and reactivate their membership once the membership spreadsheet is reviewed/verified; will add registration link for the Spring Treatment Summit.
- IBOL Community Member Post - Sara Poppleton: has contacted Paula Dennis, who is interested; will follow up to see if she has been able to submit her application on the IBOL website.

Next meeting: June 5, 2018 at 7 pm

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