

IATA board meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023

Board Members in attendance:

Amber Przybyla , President

Julie Ludwick, Secretary

Shan Ru Lin, Communications Chair

Cassandra Krcmrc, Treasurer

Jamisen Paustian, SAIC student liaison

Kelsey Avevedo, IATA Membership Director

Rebecca Kramer, Adler student liaison, also treasurer of Adler Art Therapy Student Association as well

IATA member:

Linda Rucina, student at Saint Mary of the Woods College

Amber calls meeting called to order at 7:02 PM central standard time
Kelsey seconds.

Introductions

School connections/networking

Next Sunday Amber will be meeting with Adler Student Liaison

Amber will be speaking on April 3rd about the next graduate class about joining IATA for 30 minutes/1 hour.

SIUE, Amber will reach out and then Julie and Amber can check in about connecting, talking licensure, and possible student liaison and Programs Chair.

Programs

This weekend is our 2-day supervision event with Barb. Right now we have 21 registrants. We have people from other states attending as well. Intro bio Julie will do and Shan will do the CEUs and all Zoom links have been shared.

What has helped us get this large turnout and interest in this event? Is it the notoriety? The need for supervision? Maybe do a feedback form for events after.

Last January of 2022 we hosted a 2-hour CEU event and we did not have an endorsement to do the CEUs. So we had to reimburse everyone.

Programs position is Open currently.

Board member transitions/extending positions

We will start this process in Fall so hopefully we have a sense of transitions happening at the time of the conference, Mid-November.

Licensure

-Notes about counselors and ACA supporting Art Therapy licensure

- Counselors in other states showing concern about art therapy licenses lowering the total number of counselors in the state

- American Counseling Association (ACA) and Cynthia Young, Executive Director of ATTA are planning to meet and to coordinate talking points and united vision about ACA supporting AT licensure. This matters because certain states like IN certain states were supporting it and then they were like wait if you're not a clinical counselor we lose some bargaining power. We are all clinical counselors.

Notes from other states about licensure

- Indiana is getting opposition from social workers due to who would be regulating AT license in their state - Indiana conceded and will be requesting the Indiana medical board to oversee their licensing regulation.
- FL chapter and Tyler will be doing an info session about licensure in the future - TBD
- FL recommendation to maintain engagement with chapter regarding licensure - meeting even if there is not news, getting message out, training sessions on how to talk to legislators
- NY is hiring a lobbyist to help with moving towards licensure and away from specializations but this is an **exception**. AATA does not recommend this approach but that's how NY legislation gets passed the chapter has learned.
- MN is at a pause with licensure - awaiting governor approval and this appears to not be an area of concern for the governor.
- Shan, for example NY somehow managed to restrict themselves so much that art therapists in NY have super restrictive ceu requirements.
- We need to keep the eyes on the prize, improve our lives and make our lives easier for us.
- Jamie- The possible or the concern that separate licensure could limit art therapists to only be able to apply to only art therapy positions. Would we not be able to apply to a general art therapy position. Shan says no this is the opposite of title protection. It is on track to join the counseling compact. School will have to then have 60 credit graduate coursework.
- Il governor is asking people who have expired in last 5 years to be reinstated. Retired people come back to the field.
- The IL governor is trying to increase the amount of people in mental health, not reduce. They are not looking to have you not practice.
- We are ranked 12th in the country for mental health funds. at 11am

Membership

- AATA is okay with us doing our own separate chapter membership but we would have to set this up. We will look into this next month at the meeting. How do we want to approach different pricing for new clinicians in the meantime. Kelsey and Amber will connect this month. Come up with thoughts/proposal.
- Cynthia said AATA is working on a more volunteer based option instead of a formal chapter where AATA does all the paperwork/admin responsibilities. This is for chapters that have been dissolved pr in the process of dissolving.

Treasurer

- Will set up a post office at Bridgeport
- Once we have the actual PO box set up we will use that address moving for

Social Media Update

As an update, I archived several of the Instagram posts for less clutter. I took away event posts that are long past and left up quotes, images of people, and more recent posts. This is entirely reversible, they are not deleted, just hidden.

I added a linktree to the Instagram bio, which allows us to promote several events at once and track the number to clicks we receive on those events.

I will post about the art therapy licensure inquiry section of the website next week.

I was wondering if it would make sense to create an “open job position” on linked in for the option board position. This would allow people to send their resume directly through linked in. But I’m not sure where it would go on the receiving end. I think the communications email is the associated email login for linked in.

Let me know if anyone wants to collaborate and post about anything they are working on for the board.

We have a separate mailing list for people who want updates about licensure.

- Next meeting March 26th

Amber called meeting to end at 8:15pm
Julie seconds.