05/14/2026: IATA Meeting Minutes

Board Recruitment and Succession Planning

Elizabeth opened the discussion by asking board members how long they had served in their respective roles with IATA. What began as a general inquiry evolved into a conversation about future board transitions and succession planning. Members discussed the importance of proactively identifying potential vacancies and beginning recruitment efforts sooner rather than later for any upcoming board openings. Shan provided a lot of insight into the rebuilding of the association. The group agreed to revisit this discussion in greater depth when Amber is present. Acknowledgment and appreciation of the significant work the current board has done to strengthen IATA and support the organization's continued growth and stability!

ITA Community Partnership

The board discussed established "Community Partnership" with ITA. As part of this agreement:

- IATA will be promoted through a flyer inserted into the ITA conference program.
- The IATA graphic/logo will be used in the promotional materials.
- Amber will attend the conference and provide information regarding legislation and art therapy licensure.
- Shan will obtain the required word count for the advertisement and seek clarification regarding use of the IATA graphic.
- Megan will promote the partnership and conference presence through LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram.

Social Media

Megan shared that she will be unavailable during the first two weeks of June. She reported that she is managing her responsibilities as effectively as possible but feels behind on several tasks, including distributing the IATA letter/statement and introducing new board members.

Elizabeth will meet with Megan individually to discuss ways to provide additional support, particularly regarding social media responsibilities and communications efforts.

Board Engagement and Meeting Space

The board discussed the value of having a physical meeting space.

Programming and Community Engagement

The board discussed opportunities to better serve the Illinois art therapy community and IL community in general through increased programming and outreach. Julie proposed that each board member volunteer to host two public, "no-agenda" community events. These events would provide opportunities for connection and engagement among art therapists throughout Illinois. The board expressed openness to hosting a mix of both in-person and virtual events to maximize accessibility and participation.

Julia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Megan seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.