

## **IATA Board Meeting**

**11:00am-12:00pm July 16, 2023**

Board members in attendance:

Amber Przylyla, President

Julie Ludwick, Secretary

Cassie Krcmcr, Treasurer

Erin Mooney-Simkus, GAC Chair

Megan Bonke, Social Media Chair

Lara Oppenheimer, IATA member

Julie called meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Amber seconds

## **Governmental Affairs**

-For licensure, we need to make sure the insurance reimbursement rates are comparable to other mental health IL professions. We are researching it, connecting with Tyler about this.

-Survey results: We want to get a better sense of where the thoughts of survey attendees are coming from and understand the financial piece of licensure.

- What the results are showing
  - We need to restate the intention of **why** we are exploring licensing. There seems to be some belief we are pushing AATA's agenda.
  - Highlight who this will impact (students)
  - Discuss similarities/differences of AT license vs. LCPC
  - Right now many people don't see the benefit
- Erin will try to connect with Dan Stasi of IMHCA on a phone call.
- SIUE discussion -
  - We connected with them and discussed licensure, SIUE shared their thoughts.
- License Mailing List - Amber will meet with Erin to discuss what this will look like

## **Licensure updates. Erin GAC Chair and Amber, President**

-The meetings have highlighted how important it is to have a task force. There are many steps, what we need, and people we need to connect with.

- We will meet with all IL graduate schools.

-Whether we end up pursuing licensure or not, we want to get a solid sense of knowing what would cause us to pursue it in the future.

-We Are building a page on our website that will have all licensure updates.

-We now have 22 survey responses.

## **Membership**

Membership # update - 94; Overall membership has grown since 2022 (end of the year we were at 85).

- Continue to seek a new Membership Chair.

- Continue to discuss more membership benefits at upcoming board meetings. Find an art therapist directory, discounted events.

### **Communications**

- People are signing up for our newsletters continuously. We are getting notifications regularly. This helps us with community engagement, and growing a presence in the state.
- (echoing Amber's point above) according to the survey, I think some people were thinking what we were thinking, and were unclear about why the IL license is necessary, why now, etc. I wonder if we should go back and offer the information we have gotten from Tyler of AATA, about the rationale to pursue state license. I think that will clear up a lot of confusion and bring people to the same page somewhat. My understanding is we are practicing in a landscape and structure that is not our own (LPC/LCPC), and when they change, we might be negatively impacted and left behind.
- People on the survey are asking for information and apparently they did not get the newsletter or the one email sent out to the IL AT group. I think the IL AT license mailing list should be used to send out a running bulletin that compiles the history of our research. I envision keeping the information growing without deleting the old stuff. We should provide information beginning from when Tyler alerted us about why we should look into this, the context of Counselor Compact, to the records of our meetings with Maryland, Pennsylvania, Oregon. I can do this with the constant contact account. The GAC/ Erin and Amber/ the President will continue to develop the updated content so I can add to the bulletin, send them out to people who want to be kept in the loop.
- We are growing the "find an art therapist" page on our website. It's slow, however it's a good pace because people need a lot of technical help with their submission.

### **Social Media**

- Put out blasts on new membership cost
- Put on blasts with the link to the licensure info survey
- Put out info on the event that is happening July 22 that Shan is running.

### **Programs**

- We continue to seek a Programs Chair.
- Julie will contact Caroline about the sept 16 or 17th having an afternoon social event. Amber can be my errand runner. 12-2pm. Megan is available to be there in-person the 16th.
- Shan is teaching the LPC/ATR workshop for July 22 via IATA. The intention is to help IATA engage more people and grow our membership.
- An organization is seeking a pro-bono presenter to present a 45 minute didactic presentation on topics of domestic violence, trauma, etc. and a one hour experiential following the presentation. Email Amber who you think may be a good fit.
- \*we can set up a meeting with SAIC in the fall too, Jamisen will coordinate with Amber.

- Erin will follow up on the CE application.

#### Treasurer

- P.O. Box Update, we do have a P.O. Box.
  - We have a key. Cassie has it now but will ask if the front office at the art center can hold onto it so all board members can access it.
  - Amber and Cassie and Julie will get all current addresses moved over the new address.
  - Cassie can check the mailbox regularly.
  - **New address: Illinois Art Therapy Association PO Box at East Bank Storage in Bridgeport Art Center: #363 1200 W 35th Street, Chicago IL 60609**
  - General financial picture. We are on track month to month similar to where we are at last year compared to last year at this point. Physically we are on track. Upcoming expenses are mainly just the NBCC application and expenses related to the AATA conference coming up in the fall.

Julie calls the meeting to an end at 11:55AM. Erin seconds.

Next board meeting will occur August 17th at 7:00pm.