

July 2024 IATA meeting notes

Members present:

Amber PRzybyla (president)
Cassandra Colucy (treasurer)
Shan Ru Lin (communications chair)
Rebecca Kramer (programs)
Jamison(SAIC student liaison)

The meeting was called to order by Amber at 11:08 am
Second by Cass 11:09 am

1. Programs--recap event

- Trained art therapist- in-person event disclaimer for non-art therapists can communicate ethical guidelines.
- Positive things from the event! Happy to be a part of it, went so well
- NBCC license credit is a positive for non-art therapists!
- Part of our art therapy bill defines specific professional practices as those administered correctly but not trained.
- How we talk about what we are doing and what is the therapeutic benefit in its setting.

2. Communications: Q &A bil

- Ethical Guidelines vs Bill
- Next steps- Meredith is sending the final review we are sending out to everyone, our membership roster and ATA membership roster, targeting to get support on the bill for the next legislative cycle, targeting over 500 individuals.
- Kyle (the legal person for the Social Worker Association)- if he does not support the bill it will not help us, he has a big complaint, “social workers DO art therapy” “Art therapy is a modality” “We are trying to ownership over something that doesn't need ownership”
- IDFPR came to us and said we do not support the bill- not enough people to support this licensure- we requested an estimate of the cost of the licensure
- Include art therapists in existing laws for counseling, but not giving title protection (this was their olive branch) SO ESSENTIALLY we let things die, we couldn't go any further
- Bill is dead for this legislative cycle- so in 2025 it will get back into rotation. We can make edits. We need letters to support and testimonials (basically showing Kyle that people who do art therapy and are not fully licensed are harmful)
- Should we get a lawyer for IATA? (we are in a position to get pro-bono work for nonprofits) should we beef up our legal representation? Another set of eyes for our bill, we should ask lawyers who understand nonprofits, licensure, and IDFPR as a machine.
- Preparing for the next legislative cycle!!!

3. Finance Updates:

- Monthly payments to storage
- Event space and facilitator last month all wrapped up

4. **No social media updates: Megan wants to post pictures from the event for action items**
5. **Any Licensure and government affairs connect with Amber for the time being**
6. This may be Jami's last meeting due to her moving the day of the August meeting, She would like to still be integrated into IATA, her email is jamisenpaustian@gmail.com She is passionate and has been so amazing being a part of the board, we will miss you but wish you so much luck! And now we will all see you so soon! <3

The meeting was called to close by Amber at 12:08 pm
Second by Shan 12:09 pm