

New Board Member Profiles December 2019

Board Chair-Elect: Betsy Francis-Connolly

Professional Affiliations:

Dean, School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science
University of Saint Joseph, Connecticut

Position Statement:

I have been a member of the Society for Study of Occupation for almost 20 years and have been impressed with the high caliber presentations at the annual conference, the support for its members and graduate students. I have worked in higher education administration for the past 16 years and am currently the Dean of Interdisciplinary Health and Science at the University of St. Joseph. I have served in a variety of servant leadership roles including being the Vice-Chair of the AOTF Board of Trustees, and past Chair for several SSO Conference Committees. My other occupational interests include gardening, hiking, and being a grandmother. The Society does important work and I would be honored to help lead this organization into its next chapter.

Secretary: Sandra Rogers

Professional Affiliations:

Program director of OTD program at Rutgers, The State U of NJ

Position Statement:

I am eager to help 'facilitate the need among practitioners and scholars to understand occupation and to use occupation therapeutically.' I have long been interested in the relationships between behavior and health. I have conducted research and fostered community-based programs that seek to build evidence for and understand that relationship.

Membership Committee Chair-Elect: Khalilah Robinson Johnson

Professional Affiliations:

Assistant Professor, Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, UNC Chapel Hill
Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University
Senior reviewer and consultant, Elsevier (Clinical Solutions)

Position Statement:

Khalilah has been an active and dedicated member of the Membership Committee since 2014. She regards the Committee as essential to preserving the longevity of SSO:USA through committed recruitment of faculty, practitioners, students and others whose work complements occupational science, as well as the intentional engagement of members in Society activities.

Legal Committee Chair-Elect: L. Diane Parham**Professional Affiliations:**

I am Professor in the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program at the University of New Mexico, which is a Research 1 institution.

Position Statement:

Because I was at the table (literally) when SSO:USA was founded, it has a special place in my heart. I wish to support members in building a strong base of knowledge on occupation, developing and studying applications of this knowledge to occupational therapy, and flourishing as a community of scholars.

Conference Committee Chair-Elect: Cynthia Evetts**Professional Affiliations:**

Professor & Director, School of Occupational Therapy, Texas Woman's University

Position Statement:

Although new to SSO:USA, I have a strong interest in supporting and promoting its mission, values and objectives. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the conference committee and to lead the planning and implementation of the 20th Annual Research Conference in 2021.