

Maria Borczyk

Vice-President Secretary

City/Town: Alliston



PERSONAL STATEMENT

I would be thrilled and honoured to take on the position of Vice President/Secretary on the OSOT Board of Directors. I feel that I have the experience and also the time required to take on this important role and would love the opportunity to support and strengthen the profession of occupational therapy in Ontario. I am passionate about improving access to occupational therapy services for all Ontarians so that OTs can use the power of activity to enable their clients to participate in meaningful occupations that contribute their health and well-being. I have worked in many sectors of the health care system and feel that we are an underutilized resource that can cost-effectively improve health outcomes using our holistic approach in supporting our clients and helping them to achieve their optimal health and quality of life.

Health equity is a value that is extremely important to me. As a board member, I will work to reduce the inequities by specifically focusing on the social determinants of health that can restrict and prevent clients from accessing our services. I will also advocate for more publicly funded OT positions in health care, education and social sectors. I have experience in educating other professionals, clients and caregivers on the role and value of OT services in both primary care and hospice palliative care settings and I feel that I will be able to apply this experience to advocate for the role of OT in other sectors. Thank you for this opportunity!

Education:

- Master of Public Health, Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto, 2021
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, Queen's University, 2005
- Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Minor in Gerontology, University of Waterloo, 2002

Professional Experience:

- Client Care Coordinator and Occupational Therapist, Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, ON, January 2020-present
- Primary Care Occupational Therapist, Aurora Newmarket Family Health Team, Newmarket, ON, April 2012 - January 2020
- Master of Public Health Practicum Student, York Region Public Health, Healthy Aging and Injury Prevention Team, Newmarket, ON May 2018 - August 2019
- Occupational Therapist, Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, ON, March 2011 – December 2012

- Community Occupational Therapist, Revera Home Health, Barrie, ON, March 2011 – October 2011
- Community Case Manager, Central West Community Care Access Centre, Brampton, ON, July 2009 – March 2011
- Occupational Therapist, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON, November 2005 – June 2009
- Occupational Therapist (Auto Insurance), NRCS Inc., Toronto, ON, May 2005 – May 2006

Volunteer Experience:

- Central LHIN Fall Prevention Strategy Committee (2018-present)
- Southlake Regional Health Centre, Palliative Care Sub-LHIN Working Group (2016-2019)
- South Simcoe Northern York Region HealthLinks Process Team (2016-2020)
- HealthLinks South Simcoe Northern York Region Community Support Rounds Member (2015-2020)
- Member of the OSOT Primary Care Team (2014 -2019); co-chair of OSOT Primary Care Team (2016-2019); Member of Planning Team for 4th Annual OT in Primary Care Day
- Aurora Newmarket Family Health Team Quality, Health and Safety Committee Member for Program Planning (2013-2020)
- Matthews House Hospice Health and Safety Committee (2020-present)
- Girl Guide Leader for Alliston Brownie and Guide Units (2019-present)