

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Minutes
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St. Louis, MO
June 22, 2015

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Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC, ECE chair
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Denise Fandel, AT, CAE, Executive Director BOC
LesLee Taylor, PhD, ATC, LAT, CAATE Commissioner
Mark Laursen, MS, ATC, President CAATE
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Michael Chisar, MPT, ATC, CSCS, GAC chair
Jeff McKibbin, MEd, ATC, LAT, Incoming GAC chair
Randy Cohen, ATC, DPT, CUATC chair
Tim Neal, MS, ATC, COPE chair
Liz McKnight, American Heart Association (AHA)
Senior Manager, Healthy Living & Kids Market
Amy Jorgensen, National Football League (NFL)
Senior Manager, Health and Safety Policy

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CALL TO ORDER

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Thornton thanked the board for its hard work the previous month and commented on achievements made over the past three years during his presidency. He welcomed Katie Scott, NATA's new athletic trainer in residence, to the board meeting.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

David Saddler referenced the antitrust statement provided to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(3, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Message to Members

Treasurer Dieringer began the Finance Committee report by reviewing the finance report for the General Session. She read the proposed statement and asked for its approval.

"I am pleased to report that NATA just completed its annual audit and continues to be in a good financial position. The diligence and conservative approach of our board and staff resulted in performance better than our budget, with a net gain for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2015. Overall our portfolio increased 16% over this time last year. Because of this performance, we were able to fund some major initiatives aimed at advancing the profession, such as the NFL AT Initiative and the Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport Summit and look forward to other exciting opportunities on the horizon.

I would like to thank the members of the finance committee, Carolyn Peters, Mike Goldenberg, Tim Weston, President Thornton and President-elect Sailor for their hard work, as well as our great finance staff, led by Kathy Crelly.

Look for additional financial information in the August issue of the NATA News."

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE GENERAL SESSION.
(6, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

2015 Audit Report

Treasurer Dieringer introduced the 2015 audit report by calling on Neely Duncan of Lane Gorman and Trubitt, NATA's audit firm. Duncan reviewed the audit report and noted a clean audit. She said that NATA continues to perform over budget in revenue and under budget in expenses. She compared NATA to other membership entities and noted it performs above industry average.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT REPORT.
(6, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

Treasurer Dieringer thanked Duncan and staff, particularly Kathy Crelly, for their work and stated the audit has continued to improve each year.

Best Practice for Appropriate Health Care for Intercollegiate Student-Athletes

Treasurer Dieringer called on Director McDonnell, who presented a proposal from the College University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC) to convene a Summit for Best Practice for Appropriate Health Care for Intercollegiate Student-Athletes. The summit will identify appropriate medical services required to meet minimum standards for rendering health care for intercollegiate student-athletes. The outcome of the summit will be a consensus statement recommending minimal health care services to support collegiate student-athletes. The estimated cost of the summit will be \$1,500/attendee with a

maximum of 30 attendees, for a total of \$45,000. The National Collegiate Athletic Association Sport Science Institute (NCAA-SSI) has made a soft commitment of \$20,000.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC) PROPOSAL FOR A COLLEGE SPORTS MEDICINE HEALTH CARE SUMMIT AT A MAXIMUM COST OF \$45,000.
(5, 4) PASSED 10-0-0**

April 2015 Financial Performance

Treasurer Dieringer asked David Saddler to report on the April financial statements. Saddler reported good economic indicators one month into the current fiscal year with revenue tracking ahead and expenses below budget. Dues collection is going well.

Alaska Licensure Request

Treasurer Dieringer asked Director Wood to review the history of the board's 2012 approval of a request to help off-set licensure fees in Alaska. The board discussed the previous decision and options on how to move forward to assist members in Alaska.

**VOTED: TO PROVIDE UP TO \$15,000 TO HELP DEFRAY THE FIRST YEAR SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSE OF LICENSURE FOR ALASKA ATHLETIC TRAINERS.
(10, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

History Book Funding Proposal

Treasurer Dieringer asked President Thornton to report to the board on a request regarding a history book by Historical Commission chair Matt Webber, MA, ATC. Webber is working on research for his second book. Thornton asked the board to help fund the project, stating this is a unique, one-time situation that is important to the profession of athletic training and to NATA. He also said that staff and Webber would work out potential revenue sharing from future book sales.

**VOTED: TO PROVIDE UP TO \$18,000 TO ASSIST WITH GATHERING INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION OF MATT WEBBER, MA, ATC'S SECOND BOOK ON THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROFESSION.
(2, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

Treasurer Dieringer concluded the Finance Committee report.

COMMITTEE APPROVALS

President Thornton presented three committee chair appointments and asked for separate motions for each.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE TERRY DEZEEUW, MS, ATC, (D7), AS CHAIR OF THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC) BEGINNING JUNE 2016.
(7, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE MURPHY GRANT, MS, ATC, PES (D5), AS CHAIR OF THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) BEGINNING JUNE 2016.
(5, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE MARTIN MATNEY, MBA, ATC, LAT (D10), AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT (COPA) BEGINNING JUNE 2016.
(6, 4) PASSED 10-0-0**

NATA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NATAPAC)

Amy Callender gave an update on the status of the NATAPAC and stated no funds have been used for activities that would cause the PAC or NATA to be out of compliance with laws and regulations that could potentially result in the loss of tax-exempt status. She reminded the board that Charlie Thompson, MS, ATC, will be the speaker at this year's sold-out NATAPAC breakfast.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Neely Duncan presented the investment portfolio report in Len Mitchell's absence. She reviewed the market and performance of NATA's portfolio, Meritage's perspective and decision factors and current environmental trends impacting investment strategy. No changes were recommended to the investment policy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE) UPDATES

Executive Committee for Education (ECE) Chair Russ Richardson presented the ECE organization structure and gave updates on the various education committees. Michael Hudson, PhD, ATC, will chair the internship workgroup. Several informal education interest groups have been formed. By 2016 all ECE committees will be district-based.

The search for a new ECE chair will begin in the fall with the selection process in the spring of 2016. The incoming chair will shadow for a year and take office in June 2017.

PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE STEERING COMMITTEE – KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES (KSAS) OR COMPETENCIES

The Professional Knowledge Steering Committee will be made up of two members each from NATA, CAATE and the BOC. It is thought the work will be split into sub-areas and subject matter experts (SMEs) will be brought in as needed. The new Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs)/Competencies will have more latitude for program directors and will be less prescriptive. The board requested the names and contact information for those who will serve on the steering committee.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION UPDATE

President Thornton provided an update on the commission, and its work to capture the history of the association.

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC)

Denise Fandel, BOC Executive Director, reported more than 1,200 hours of evidence-based practice (EBP) courses have been approved since inception. The application for EBP course approval is being reviewed and revised. A call for candidates for open AT director positions on the BOC board closes July 6 and the election will be held in the fall. Fandel thanked President Thornton for his support of the strategic alliance.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION (CAATE)

Mark Laursen, CAATE President, noted the Standards Committee will examine the standards for the post-baccalaureate degree and identify quality measures.

Laursen announced Executive Director Cuppett has been renewed for another four years. He introduced LesLee Taylor, the CAATE president-elect and stated Pam Hanson is the new director of accreditation.

Thornton thanked the presidents of the strategic alliance for their hard work to strengthen the relationship. Much improvement has been made over the past three years.

BYLAWS

All districts have had the opportunity to vote on the bylaws changes during district meetings held since last June. The changes will go into effect immediately once the board gives its final approval. Saddler confirmed that he consulted with legal counsel and counsel confirmed that once passed, incoming District II and V directors will serve according to the new bylaws, a three year term, once renewable for an additional two years.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED BYLAWS CHANGES AS PRESENTED AND PASSED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL DISTRICTS.
(5, 8) PASSED 9-0-1 (2 ABSTAINED.)**

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session and was called to order again at 12:00 pm.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)

GAC Chair Michael Chisar and incoming chair Jeff McKibbin thanked the board for its financial support. More than 30 states received some type of financial assistance. Great strides have been made in the profession due in part to these grants. Chisar also mentioned that several states have practice acts being reviewed.

NATA CAREER CENTER

During its May meeting, the board directed staff to review the length of time jobs are posted and the cost per listing on NATA's Career Center. Director McDonnell and Kelly Carlin presented a proposal to the board with the following recommendations.

- All job postings include resume access.
- Part-time positions: 30 day posting \$125 and 60 day posting \$199.
- Full-time positions: 30 day posting \$299 and 60 day posting \$399.

Carlin noted the proposed changes could increase revenue slightly. A secondary school discounted rate will continue to be available.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE CAREER CENTER JOB POSTINGS AS PRESENTED BY STAFF.
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

2016 SECRETARY/TREASURER

President Thornton noted that he consulted with President-elect Sailor and he was pleased to announce that Director Dieringer will continue as Secretary/Treasurer, upon the board's endorsement.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE PRESIDENT THORNTON'S SELECTION OF DIRECTOR DIERINGER AS 2016
SECRETARY/TREASURER.
(1, 4) PASSED 9-0-1 (6 ABSTAIN)**

2015 VICE PRESIDENT

President Thornton asked for nominations for vice president. Director Dieringer nominated Director Horodyski for vice president. Since no other candidate was nominated, Horodyski was elected vice president by consensus.

FACE TIME 2015

Saddler noted that after feedback from previous years, this year's Face Time will be an open Q&A for members rather than have a set agenda. He noted that although presentations on topics such as the degree or presidential election are important, they do not allow much time for members to ask questions.

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS STRATEGIES

Rachael Oats provided updates on implementation of the strategic plan, the evolving targeted communications strategy and the website project. Staff is surveying members on app recommendations during the convention. Several focus groups will also be conducted.

The NATA website will have a single login and will be easier and more intuitive to navigate. A consumer website is also being developed.

A game day program ad highlighting ATs will be in five NFL cities: San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, New York and Denver. NATA received this no cost advertising for distributing the *USA Today* supplement in attendee registration bags. The board shared concerns about one of the photos used in the ad. Staff will determine if the photo can be changed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC)

Chair Randy Cohen gave an overview of the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC). He thanked the board for approving the College Sports Medicine Health Care Summit earlier in the day. The AT liability toolkit is in legal review.

Cohen stated he continues work with risk management associations and will present at a Minnesota meeting in October. The board thanked Cohen for his ongoing work with the committee, toolkit and risk management organizations.

Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)

Tim Neal, Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) Chair, brought the committee's revised Policies and Procedures for board approval. The committee will touch on elements of ethics in upcoming *NATA News* articles and work to educate students on NATA's Code of Ethics.

President Thornton left the meeting. Vice President Horodyski assumed the chair.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (COPE).
(5, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

President Thornton returned to the meeting.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA) BACK TO SPORTS

Director Mathewson introduced Liz McKnight, American Heart Association (AHA) Senior Manager, Healthy Living & Kids Market, and Amy Jorgensen, National Football League (NFL) Senior Manager, Health and Safety Policy. The AHA and the NFL are working together on the Back to Sports program. They attended the meeting to share information and ask for NATA's endorsement. ATs will be utilized as qualified experts to educate parents on identified sport safety topics. This program will increase parental awareness of youth sports safety and physical activity while positioning ATs as the authority for sports safety in the community. ATs can register to access program materials and apply for a mini-grant.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session and was called to order again at 3:30 pm.

President Thornton asked for a decision on the program from the board.

**VOTED: TO ENDORSE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S (AHA) BACK TO SPORTS PROGRAM.
(10, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

President Thornton asked the NFL and the AHA to work with staff to find NATA branding opportunities where possible. He thanked Jorgensen and McKnight for their support and putting this program together.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

President Thornton presented recognition plaques to Directors Goldenberg and McDonnell and thanked them for their service and accomplishments. He officially welcomed Directors Duffy and Coberley and encouraged them to participate actively and thoughtfully.

President-elect Sailor expressed his gratitude and that of the board and the association membership to President Thornton for his tireless leadership and many years of service. He presented President Thornton with a plaque as a token of appreciation.

President Thornton thanked the board and staff and wished the best to President-elect Sailor.

ADJOURN

After appropriate thank yous, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Guests

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Mark Laursen, MS, ATC, President CAATE
Denise Fandel, AT, CAE, Executive Director BOC
Larry Leverenz, PhD, ATC, President WFATT
Greg Gardner, EdD, ATC, Vice President WFATT
Jim Twaddell, DBR
Kara Gainer, DBR
Erik Swartz, Chair CPC
Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT, Chair SSATC
Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC, Chair ECE
Robert Huggins, PhD, ATC, KSI
Yuri Hosokawa, MAT, ATC, KSI
Clark Simpson, MBA, ATC, LAT, NATA Consultant
Jack Weakley, Johnson & Johnson
Thomas Dompier, Datalys

CALL TO ORDER

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Sailor welcomed the newly seated board members and outlined his perspectives on the profession and the association as he begins his presidency.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

David Saddler referenced the antitrust statement provided to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(6, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

WORLD FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND THERAPY (WFATT)

World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) President Larry Leverenz thanked the board for allowing him time to present and for attending the WFATT meeting. Leverenz reported on the 2015 World Congress and on the bid process for the 2017 and 2019 meetings. WFATT Vice President Greg Gardner provided an overview of the Global Educational Program Recognition project, commenting on initial discussions and obstacles identified so far, and listed the

members of its Education Program Committee. He thanked the board for helping to fund this program. CAATE President Mark Laursen commented on future possibilities with regard to international accreditation.

Leverenz announced he will continue as WFATT president until 2017. He also provided an update on the revision of WFATT's strategic plan, bylaws, mission statement and vision statement. Saddler thanked Leverenz for his recognition of NATA's support and noted WFATT would like to hold its next strategic planning meeting in conjunction with the 2016 Joint Committee Meeting.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Sailor welcomed Amy Callender and representatives of Drinker, Biddle and Reath (DBR) and commended the organization's work for NATA. Callender reported on NATA's work with individual legislators. Jim Twaddell, DBR Senior Vice President of District Policy Group, reviewed NATA's legislative priorities and the bills currently being promoted. Callender commented on the progress achieved so far during the new Congress and on recent support from other organizations. She also reviewed additional legislation being monitored by staff.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

President Sailor thanked Jack Weakley and Johnson & Johnson for their strong support and stated J&J Day was amazing, the keynote speaker in particular. He congratulated Weakley on the renaming of the President's Challenge Award in his honor.

Weakley said he thought J&J Day was a great success, and highlighted the keynote and the feature presentation. He welcomed President Sailor, wishing him the best during his term, and thanked the board. He stressed that J&J is pleased with the continued progress in the relationship with NATA.

REGULATORY UPDATE

Callender introduced Kara Gainer, DBR Senior Research and Policy Analyst, who has been assisting NATA on regulatory issues. Gainer reviewed work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MAC). She reported on a recent productive meeting with the group and the follow-up strategy. She also shared efforts for developing relationships with several other groups, including the American Public Health Association (APHA), the American Hospital Association (AHA) SmartMarket, the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations (NAACOS), the National Academies of Practice (NAP), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Callender commented on efforts with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel. She noted some organizations have asked for an athletic training stylebook, which may be addressed by the Inter-Agency Terminology Group. Sailor expressed appreciation for the work of the government affairs department and DBR.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC) FOUNDATIONS OF SPORTS MEDICINE CURRICULUM

Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC) Chair Larry Cooper thanked the board and reviewed current trends in the secondary school setting which led to the process of developing the Foundations of Sports Medicine curriculum. Cooper noted that board member feedback has been incorporated.

Executive Committee for Education (ECE) Chair Russ Richardson reported on the ECE's discussion of the proposed curriculum. The ECE supports the concept but feels the proposed curriculum is too specific to athletic training instead of the broader topic of sports medicine.

The board discussed potential pros and cons of the curriculum.

President Sailor encouraged the dialogue on this project to continue. He thanked Cooper for his work and leadership on this project and thanked Richardson for his and for the ECE's willingness to assist.

**VOTED: TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF AN NATA SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS MEDICINE CURRICULUM TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE) AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC) AND RETURNED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
(4, 5) 10-0-0**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE)

Richardson provided an update on the work of the Professional Development Committee (PDC) to develop presentations on Strategic Issues in Athletic Training for district meetings. He asked for the board's input on topics and initiatives to address. He noted all the education committees have started exploring their roles in the process of transitioning the professional degree.

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) SECONDARY SCHOOL INSURANCE RESEARCH PROJECT

Rob Huggins, Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) Vice President of Research, reported on the KSI Secondary School Insurance Research Project. He reviewed the goals of the project, the information being gathered and possible uses of the data. Yuri Hosokawa, KSI Director of Communication and Education, reviewed the data sets received from two companies and implications of the data. Huggins reviewed information on insurance offered by state high school athletic associations and discussed the team's next steps. He noted messaging developed from the data can be presented to the Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) and other key organizations. Saddler thanked them for their work and informed them of work being led by CUATC Chair Randy Cohen, ATC, DPT, who also chairs the Professional Liability Workgroup.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS' COMMITTEE (NATSC)

Director Wood presented a request from the National Athletic Training Students' Committee (NATSC) to change the committee's name and improve its visibility and relevance to students. She pointed out a number of the committee members in attendance.

**VOTED: TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS' COMMITTEE (NATSC) TO THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.
(10, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

The board thanked the committee members in attendance for their involvement.

CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC)

Convention Program Committee (CPC) chair Erik Swartz presented a report on the educational sessions in St. Louis and the CPC's planning process. He reviewed the composition of the committee and requested the board extend the terms of some of the current committee members due to the high turnover this year and next. He also gave an update on the process of developing Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) CEUs and an overview of the resources needed to manage this process, including an additional at-large member.

**VOTED: TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF TWO CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC) TO 2017, TO BE SELECTED AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION, TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.
(9, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

**Moved: To add an additional member position to the CPC to oversee Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Review.
(2, 1) Motion withdrawn.**

The board directed Swartz to provide the names of the members whose terms are extended and to develop a proposal for the CPC's additional needs to be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Director Weston congratulated Swartz for winning the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award, the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) Lifesaving Research Award and an NFL Charities grant.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session and was called to order again at 3:30 p.m.

THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROJECT

Clark Simpson provided a brief update on and overview of the Third-Party Reimbursement Pilot Project. He reviewed the budget and current expenses. He introduced Michelle Kahler-Campbell, MS, ATC, the Ohio coordinator, in the audience, and noted Rick Shaw, MS, ATC, LAT, and Joseph Greene, MS, ATC, are the coordinators for Indiana and Wisconsin,

respectively. Simpson reviewed activities to-date, unforeseen challenges, the first-year metrics for each state and initial key findings. He stated he expects most of the funding for the project to be spent. He noted the project is not ready to expand to other states yet, but the team is investigating how to include states from other geographic areas. The board thanked Simpson for his efforts.

NATA NATION STUDY

Thomas Dompier provided a report on the NATA NATION project, including an overview of the project's goals, the data that has been published so far, key findings and the planned secondary analysis. He stated funds for the project remain and requested to continue the project with those funds instead of reimbursing the association for the remainder. This continuation would allow the injury surveillance data collection to continue for another year. He noted the Datalys board is investigating options for long-term funding. The board discussed areas of the data presentation that could create confusion and asked for those areas to be changed and clarified.

**VOTED: TO ALLOW DATALYS TO REALLOCATE REMAINING PROJECT FUNDS FOR CONTINUED DATA COLLECTION AND REPORT FUTURE RESULTS TO NATA.
(9, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

NATA FOUNDATION

NATA Foundation President R.T. Floyd thanked the board for its support of the NATA Foundation. He expressed appreciation to Director Lindley for initiating the Beat the Board Challenge for the Fun Run. He provided a report on grants and scholarships awarded, improved volunteer processes and progress on development goals. He noted next year is the NATA Foundation's 25th anniversary and a fundraising campaign is being planned.

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ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

David Saddler referenced the antitrust statement provided to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(2, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

2015 CONVENTION

Lori Marker provided a report on the convention, including member and exhibitor numbers and feedback from attendees about the displays and messaging, networking events and other highlights. The board thanked Marker and the meetings team for their work on the convention. Marker commended all staff for their contributions to the convention, particularly Chad Cranford, Corporate Sales and Exhibits Manager, for his work during a difficult personal time. She noted the RFP to determine the location of the 2020 convention will go out in the next few weeks, and staff will begin developing one for 2021 early next year.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS) PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Saddler reported on a potentially concerning program. The program is proposed model legislation produced by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to protect health care professionals who volunteer. Staff is developing a strategy to respond to the proposal.

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE (H&A)

Director Weston presented a request from the Honors & Awards (H&A) Committee to identify new members of the Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee a year earlier than other members so they can attend the committee meeting at convention. NATA will not pay for travel or other expenses for these members.

VOTED: TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS FOR THE HALL OF FAME (HOF) COMMITTEE A YEAR EARLIER AND ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE CONVENTION.
(1, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC) CRAMER SCHOLARSHIP

Director Mathewson presented a request to allow access to educational sessions to the winner of the SSATC Cramer scholarship. President Sailor noted this is a secondary school graduate and that current secondary school students are not allowed to attend sessions.

**VOTED: TO INCLUDE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING IN THE JACK CRAMER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PACKAGE.
(7, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

BOARD LIAISON UPDATES

The board provided updates from the committee meetings during the convention.

- Director Wood reported the Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) held a successful career workshop.
- Director Horodyski reported on the Post-Professional Education Committee's (PPEC) specialty certification in orthopaedics and on the first meeting of the Education Advancement Committee (EAC). Director Horodyski will be following up with the Athletic Training Education Journal (ATEJ) and the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT).
- Director Peters stated the Board of Certification (BOC) is working on an update of its strategic plan.
- Director Peters noted a request from the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) for leadership training the night before Capitol Hill Day (CHD).
- Director Mathewson attended the first meeting of the Historical Commission (HC). The commission has a strong mix of members and is moving forward.
- Director Mathewson stated the International Committee (IC) is working on implementing its strategic plan. The committee also requested more interactive training.
- Director Dieringer reported the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) has several ongoing projects, including a value model for the performing arts and military settings, a patient satisfaction tool, a proposal regarding physician extender terminology and assistance on the professional degree transition.
- Director Lindley commented on the CAATE's future activities and stated the commission is in a good position.
- Director Lindley noted the Professional Development Committee (PDC) is continuing work on certificates and evaluating how that might relate to the CAATE's work on residencies.
- Director Aronson and Ruth Riggan held the first annual training session for Liaisons to External Organizations. The board was encouraged to suggest members for liaison openings and to contact Director Aronson and Riggan about potential new liaison groups.
- Director Duffy stated the District Secretaries/Treasurers' Committee (DST) will distribute best practices for district secretaries and treasurers. The committee asked if NATA would be able to take over paying for the Bobby Gunn Award winner to attend the convention. Director Duffy stated he will work with the committee as well as the staff liaison to the Student Leadership Committee to develop consistency for the award, and will develop a proposal for the Finance Committee.
- Director Duffy asked for discussion from the board on how to support and work with the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) as it grows and becomes more independent. President Sailor reported on a meeting with representatives of Chinese athletic trainers during the convention that a representative from WFATT attended.
- Director Weston announced award nominations begin August 1. He commended Honors & Awards Committee (H&A) Chair Chuck Kimmel, LAT, ATC, and staff liaison Angela De Leon for their hard work to recognize the award winners. The committee plans to look at ways to increase opportunities for international members to receive NATA awards.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY (PFATS)

President Sailor and Saddler reported on the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society (PFATS) meeting they attended with past President Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, CES, earlier in the convention. The relationship with PFATS and the NFL continues to get stronger.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Saddler reported on the Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport (CSSS) meeting follow up, the press conference for the Appropriate Care of the Spine-Injured Athlete Consensus Statement and staffing changes at Cramer. He congratulated the

marketing and communications team for receiving the EXCEL Award for “Integrated Mixed-Media Campaign” from *Association Media & Publishing* for the “#ATs Are” campaign, and reported a version of the video shown at General Session will be released for members to use.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

District I

Director Weston reported the Rhode Island legislative session has ended and AT licensure was preserved.

District III

Director Aronson reported on the DIII meeting and successful fundraising efforts for the NATA Foundation and NATAPAC. She looks forward to welcoming NATA to Baltimore.

District IV

Director Lindley reported DIV voted to support an increase in its dues sharing contribution to the NATA Foundation.

District V

Director Coberley reported on the successful DV meeting and the EBP sessions.

District VI

Director Dieringer announced the upcoming DVI meeting in Houston and current changes to the practice acts in TX and AR.

District VII

Director Mathewson reported he was re-elected for another two-year term.

District IX

Director Horodyski reported on upcoming district elections and announced DIX completed its research endowment with the NATA Foundation. She recommended the Notability app for use on tablets during meetings.

District X

Director Wood thanked the board for supporting Alaska’s licensure.

NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBERS

Director Lindley asked staff to investigate best practices or relevant examples of a requirement for National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers or similar concepts in other professions and industries as they relate to a requirement for membership. The board discussed the benefits and risks of such a requirement and Saddler stated staff can work on a new campaign in the meantime, to help increase the number of ATs with their NPI.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appropriate information on the following items was provided to the board through background materials, previous discussions or e-ballot.

VOTED: TO APPROVE
• **MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (ALL).**
(3, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

ADJOURN

After appropriate thank yous, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.