

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
11:00 a.m. Central Time
August 22, 2025

Board

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Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC
Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC
Kasee Hildenbrand, PhD, LAT, ATC
Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC

Staff

Kathy Dieringer, EdD, LAT, ATC
Drew Caffey
Karly Foster, M.Ed.
Robin Grossfeld
Deanna Kuykendall
Lori Marker, CMP, CEM - absent
Dylan Orrell
Cheryl Campbell – absent
Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE
Jessica Porter

Incoming Directors

Lorna Strong, EdD, LAT, ATC
Chris King, LAT, ATC

Guests

Lynne Young, Med, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison
Gary Hanna, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE Liaison
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, NATA Foundation-
absent
Jen Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC, Chair, DEIA Council
Andy Carter, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, COPA
Christy Eason, PhD, ATC, Chair, Pronouncements Committee
Deepti Loharikar, Venable
Zack Schafran, Meritage Portfolio
Susan Yeargin, PhD, ATC, Past Chair, Pronouncements Committee

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CALL TO ORDER

President Duffy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Ten of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Duffy welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call. He thanked Kathy Dieringer for her service as interim executive director.

Director Graham joined the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

PRIDE POINTS

President Duffy opened the floor for the board and guests to share their recent highlights.

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

Strategic Alliance Partners submitted a written report, which was provided in the Dropbox ahead of the meeting, allowing for questions to be answered.

NATA FOUNDATION PRONOUNCEMENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Susan Yeargin, past committee chair, reported on the activities of the Pronouncements Committee over the past year. While no new position statements were published, two are currently being developed: one on dietary supplements and another on tibial bone stress. Additionally, three existing statements are being updated, specifically those on exertional heat illness, skin disease, and patellofemoral pain.

Chisty Eason, current chair, reviewed seven outdated statements and provided an outline for updates on the three statements recommended for revision. She also noted capacity issues affecting the other statements. Additionally, she emphasized the development of a new methodology for drafting position statements, which is set to be published as a standard for other professions.

Official Statement Development Task Force Proposal

Yeargin introduced a proposal to form a temporary task force to evaluate and improve official statements by NATA. The task force would consist of 6 to 8 members, a combination of open call and appointees. The group's charge would be to evaluate the titles, definitions, and writing procedures of official statements and provide recommendations to the board for improvement. The timeline aims to reduce statement development from 2-4 years to 2 years.

Director Herzog mentioned budget notes in the proposal, noting that the costs are mainly in-kind requests for staff time and access to platforms.

After a discussion around housing of the task force, the board agreed that the task force would report to both NATA and the NATA Foundation, ensuring clarity and representation.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A COOPERATIVE TASK FORCE BETWEEN NATA AND THE NATA FOUNDATION.
(7,8) PASSED (9-2-0) (NO: DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)**

NATA CANNABINOID TASK FORCE DISBANDMENT

Vice President Wesley reported that the NATA Cannabinoid Task Force has completed its original objectives and would like to disband. Any future updates to the resources would require a new call to form a different task force.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE DISBANDMENT OF THE NATA CANNABIONOID TASK FORCE, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY, ON THE BASIS THAT THE TASK FORCE HAS FULFILLED ITS ORIGINAL CHARGE AND OBJECTIVES AS OUTLINED AT THE TIME OF ITS FORMATION.
(9,3) PASSED (11-0-0)**

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Duffy provided an update on the projects he has been working on since the last meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appropriate information on the following items were provided to the Board through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions. With no objections raised, the consent agenda was approved. It included:

- **APPROVE JUNE 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
 - **APPROVE FRANCESCA PRESTIA (D9) AS COPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH PANEL MEMBER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
 - **APPROVE PATRICK ST. LOUIS (D6) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
 - **APPROVE DAN HERRING (D3) AS COPA PUBLIC SAFETY PANEL CHAIR EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
 - **RATIFY THE E- BALLOT APPROVING THE NATA BYLAWS.**
 - **APPROVE ERIC FREAS (D7) AS COPE NON-DSITRCT MEMBER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
 - **APPROVE JOSEPH EBERHARDT (D6) AS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY ATHLETIC TRAINING COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
- (7,11) PASSED (11-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session and executive session, President Duffy adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Scott Gallaway, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors