

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**11:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**February 23, 2026**

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Incoming Directors

Lorna Strong, EdD, LAT, ATC  
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Guests

David Gallegos, MA, ATC, Cert. MDT, Presidential Candidate  
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Jen Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC, Chair, DEIA Council  
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Christy Eason, PhD, ATC, Chair, Pronouncements Committee  
Suzie Konz, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Chair, PRAT  
Mike Sloup, MHA, LAT, ATC, Chair, SAAC  
Emma Stratmoen, MAT, LAT, ATC, Chair, EPC

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Duffy called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Eleven 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.

President Duffy provided updates on upcoming meetings and collaborative engagements. He and Executive Director Mollie Pillman will attend the Joint Commission on Sports Medicine and Science in Montreal this weekend, an initiative co-founded by United States Anti-Doping Agency, American College of Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

The meeting provides an opportunity for organizational leaders to explore collaboration and shared initiatives within the same professional space. Pillman and Vice President Wesley will attend the Athletic Trainers in Physician Practice Society meeting in Cincinnati, with hopes that Director Graham may also participate. Leadership will meet with the American Physical Therapy Association in Washington, DC, on March 31. An invitation has also been extended to visit the National Strength and Conditioning Association headquarters in Colorado Springs during the District Seven meeting, where a meet-and-greet opportunity is being explored. Additionally, leadership continues to engage with the presidents of National Collegiate Athletic Association, professional sports societies, and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics leadership to strengthen ongoing partnerships.

#### **PRIDE POINTS**

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

#### **AT ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES**

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

#### **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING (PRAT) LERPS SURVEY REQUEST**

Director Herzog reminded the Board that a second survey had been approved at the January board meeting. It was noted that there are no additional costs associated with the survey beyond staff time and use of the organization's existing Qualtrics subscription.

Suzie Konz, chair, explained that the survey is a follow-up to the one distributed by the committee in 2016. The purpose of the project is to revisit and assess current concerns among the LERP membership. She clarified that the intended audience includes all applicable members except students.

Director McKune referenced language in the proposal that identified "certified members" and "certified professional members." He inquired whether it would be more appropriate to use the term "professional membership" to align with recent bylaw changes and broaden the participant pool.

Konz agreed to revise the language accordingly.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE RESEARCH REQUEST SURVEY PROJECT FOR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING (PRAT) LERPS SURVEY PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED, PENDING CHANGE FROM "CERTIFIED MEMBERS" TO "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS"  
(7,5) PASSED (11-0-0)**

#### **PRONOUNCEMENTS COMMITTEE NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS POSITION STATEMENT**

Director Herzog reported that the committee is requesting board approval of the updated Nutritional Supplements Position Statement. The document has already been approved by the Foundation Board of Directors and is currently in final review with the Journal of Athletic Training; however, formal board approval is required to complete the publication process.

Christy Eason, chair, reported that the original Dietary Supplements Position Statement was published in 2013. The updated version expands from three recommendations to 16, reflecting significant new data and emerging evidence in the field. The document has undergone external review through the Journal of Athletic Training as well as comprehensive review by the full committee. It was noted that development of this document began before the committee's updated policies and procedures, which now require the inclusion of a librarian and research assistant. As a result, the methodology may differ slightly from more recent pronouncements, such as the Emergency Action Plan statement. The authors have been asked to revise one operational definition to ensure clarity. The document will also undergo full copyediting prior to publication to ensure consistent language and appropriate use of abbreviations.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINER'S POSITION STATEMENT: EVALUATION OF DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR ATHLETE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE.  
(7,1) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S (SAAC) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES**

Director Emrich reported that the SAAC’s Policies and Procedures Subcommittee brought forward proposed updates for board approval, with the goal of providing greater clarity and consistency moving forward.

Michael Sloup, chair, reported that the revisions primarily focused on refining and clarifying language throughout the document. Many of the changes were editorial in nature. The purpose of the NATA State Association Advisory Committee, previously approved by the NATA Board of Directors in November 2023, has now been formally incorporated into the policies and procedures to ensure alignment. Additionally, terminology was standardized by replacing the word “council” with “committee” throughout the document. Further clarifications were made regarding the Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) requirement for in-person attendance, specifying participation in one to two meetings per year, including attendance at the annual conference and at JCM when requested. The committee also clarified the timeline and process for reviewing divisions and implementing changes, updated its annual calendar, and highlighted key recurring responsibilities to provide transparency regarding yearly activities.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S (SAAC) UPDATED POLICY AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT AS PRESENTED.  
(2,5) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**EARLY PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE (EPC) VOLUNTEERISM SURVEY REQUEST**

Director Davis presented EPC’s volunteerism survey request to the Board.

Emma Stratmoen, chair, provided an update on the EPC’s ongoing work, continuing from last year’s convention presentation. A volunteerism task force was established the previous year to conduct a literature review on volunteerism among early-career athletic trainers. The findings from this review informed an IRB proposal to conduct an internal survey, which will examine barriers to entry and factors influencing retention in volunteer activities. The survey will collect demographic information, including generation, sex, certification status, practice setting, employment status, and current volunteer involvement. The goal of the survey is to identify obstacles to early career professional service and develop strategies to address them. Emma noted that many athletic trainers in their fourth year of certification are unaware of opportunities to engage with the organization or how to get involved earlier in their careers.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE EARLY PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE’S (EPC) VOLUNTEERISM RESEARCH REQUEST AS PRESENTED.  
(3,9) 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 JANUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE NGAN CHUNG (INTERNATIONAL) AS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**
- **APPROVE EVA FRANK (D2) AS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**
- **APPROVE CALEB LOTT (INTERNATIONAL) AS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**
- **APPROVE SARAH MANSPEAKER (D2) AS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**

- **APPROVE REBECCA LOPEZ (D9) AS FELLOWS PANEL MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**
  - **APPROVE GARY WILKERSON (D9) AS FELLOWS PANEL MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2026.**
  - **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR ESTEFANIA ZAVALA (D11) EDAC MEMBER UNTIL JUNE 2027.**
- (3,5) PASSED (11-0-0)**

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

Submitted by:

  
Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors