

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**DRAFT Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**11:00 am CDT April 28, 2014**

Directors

Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, CES  
Paul Ullucci, DPT, ATC, SCS  
Michael Goldenberg, MS, ATC  
Pat Aronson, PhD, ATC, PTA  
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Eric McDonnell, MEd, ATC, LAT  
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Bart Peterson, MSS, ATC  
Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC  
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Absent

Julie Rochester, EdD, ATC

Incoming Directors

Tim Weston, MEd, ATC, D1  
Chris Mathewson, MS, ATC, CSCS, D7  
Carolyn Peters, MA, ATC, CSCS, D8

Staff

David Saddler  
Rachael Oats, CAE  
John Honaman, CFRE  
Anita James, CMP  
Amy Callender  
Kathy Creilly  
Lori Marker, CMP, CEM  
Tamesha Kennerson  
Michelle Vryhof, MA, ATC, LAT, PES  
Kandy Cefoldo  
Ruth Riggan  
Michael Anto, PHR

Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, President NATA Foundation  
Denise Fandel, CAE, Executive Director BOC  
Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC, Executive Director CAATE

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Nine of the ten voting members were present, with Director-elect Lindley voting proxy for Director Rochester. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Thornton welcomed board members to the call. He stated his experiences during the trip to Japan for the Japan Athletic Trainers' Organization (JATO) meeting and at the Boston Marathon were inspiring. He called on David Saddler who asked the board to welcome Tamesha Kennerson, NATA's new Director of Marketing and Public Relations, to the organization.

**CAPITOL HILL DAY**

Amy Callender provided a report on Capitol Hill day, which had participation from 120 members representing 31 states. The meetings resulted in two more co-sponsors of the Student Athletes' Bill of Rights in the House and one in the Senate. In response to surveys, members expressed a preference for keeping Hill Day separate from the Youth Sports Safety Summit, so they will be planned separately next year. Based on feedback from members of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance, the Summit will be moved away from Washington, DC, with Dallas the intended location. NATA Board members are encouraged to attend Hill Day if they can only attend one event.

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) ATTENDANCE AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Director McDonnell presented a proposal to support the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) to meet at the 2015 Joint Committee Meeting instead of at Capitol Hill Day to facilitate networking among volunteers.

**VOTED: TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S (GAC) RECOMMENDATION THAT IT MEET DURING THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING RATHER THAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAPITOL HILL DAY. (3, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

**POST-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PPEC)**

The PPEC chair requested to extend the terms of three members to ensure continuity while the group takes on important projects like specialty certifications and transitions to being district-based.

**VOTED: TO SUPPORT THE POST-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S (PPEC) RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF MEMBERS LEAMOR KAHANOV, EdD, ATC (D4) AND JEFFREY SEEGMILLER, EdD, ATC (D10) THROUGH JUNE 2015 AND JONI ROH, EdD, ATC (D3) THROUGH JUNE 2016. (9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

The International Committee requested to extend the term of Jay Mellette, ATC.

**VOTED: TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF JAY MELLETTE, ATC (D8) TO JUNE 2015. (9, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

The committee also requested to increase its number of members to 10 and eventually transition to being district-based, since its volume of work has increased. The goal is to add members with strategic connections to certain countries if possible.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO EXPAND FROM 8 TO 10 MEMBERS. (7, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

**2014 CONVENTION**

Lori Marker gave an update on current registration numbers for the 2014 convention. She stated that the numbers are strong, and staff expects a surge in registrations before next week's price increase. Only one hotel still has rooms available, and staff is monitoring the situation closely to determine if additional hotels need to be added. President Thornton thanked Marker and the meetings staff for their hard work.

**ALASKA LICENSURE**

Callender announced that once the governor signs the bill, Alaska will be the 49<sup>th</sup> state to regulate the athletic training profession.

**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) DIPLOMA**

President Thornton attended the International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting and received an overview of the IOC's Diploma in Sports Medicine for Physicians. The group is planning to develop a related course for physiotherapists, and IOC's representative expressed interest in President Thornton's suggestion that ATs be eligible to take the PT version of the program.

**VOTED: TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) REQUESTING THE DIPLOMA IN SPORTS MEDICINE COURSE FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS. (7, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

**COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT (COPA) TERMINOLOGY**

Director Dieringer presented a new list of terminology and definitions for the board's approval. CAATE Executive Director Micki Cuppett and BOC Executive Director Denise Fandel stated they did not have any concerns with the definitions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT'S (COPA) PROPOSED TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS AS POSTED.  
(6, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE**

- **MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCES (ALL).**
- **JAMIE WOODALL, ATC, LAT (D6) AS CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE BEGINNING JUNE 2015.**
- **RYAN WILKINSON, EdD, ATC, CSCS (D4) AS CHAIR OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) BEGINNING JUNE 2014.**

**(1, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

**OTHER**

David Saddler congratulated Director Sailor on his induction into District 8's Hall of Fame.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.