

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes
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Guests

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CALL TO ORDER

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Thornton welcomed board members to the call and commented on upcoming events, including the May board meeting.

FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer Dieringer reported NATA continues to be in a good financial position with one month left in the fiscal year. She noted the audit process will begin in April.

NATA EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Michael Anto proposed removal of the Disability Annuity Credit (DAC) from NATA's pension plan. The benefit has only been used by one individual since its establishment and the removal will not affect that individual's pension.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, REMOVE THE DISABILITY ANNUITY CREDIT (DAC) FROM NATA'S EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN.
(5, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

COMMITTEE TRAINING MANUAL

Director McDonnell presented a Committee Training Manual template created by the Committee Terms Workgroup to help orient new members to the committee's work. The board asked for the selection process to be clarified.

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR AT DOCUMENTATION WORKGROUP

Director McDonnell presented a proposal from the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC) for a workgroup to develop Best Practice Guidelines for AT Documentation. The board discussed the representation on the workgroup and the possibility of a more descriptive title.

**VOTED: PER THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC) REQUEST, APPROVE THE BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR AT DOCUMENTATION WORKGROUP.
(5, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

ATHLETIC TRAINING INTERNSHIP WORKGROUP

Anita James presented a proposal from the Executive Committee for Education (ECE) for a workgroup to study athletic training internships. The workgroup will determine the popularity of internships, their impact on athletic training employment and will define appropriate parameters for internships. The workgroup will include representatives from the Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) and other committees. Anto will participate in an advisory role.

**VOTED: PER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION'S (ECE) REQUEST, APPROVE A WORKGROUP TO INVESTIGATE INTERNSHIP EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKGROUP

Director Lindley presented a proposal for a Professional Responsibility Workgroup to assist the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) by identifying and researching issues with ethical, legal and regulatory implications that impact ATs. Treasurer Dieringer noted the Finance Committee decreased the software allocation from \$500 to \$200 since the NATA already has some of the software needed. After further discussion, the board retained the \$500 for administrative support and software allocation.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKGROUP AND, PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, FUND THE WORKGROUP WITH UP TO \$800 TO ALLOW THE CHAIR TO ATTEND THE 2016 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND \$500 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL OF UP TO \$1,300.
(4, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE (IC)

Director Mathewson presented the International Committee's draft strategic plan. It was noted the plan will be a working document and board approval of the plan does not imply approval of each individual initiative.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S (IC) STRATEGIC PLAN.
(9, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SECONDARY SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Rachael Oats provided a brief report on the impact of the National Football League (NFL) Secondary School Initiative. She announced the NFL has committed to fund the initiative next year as well, and together with NATA's contribution and support from Gatorade, \$1.75 million will be provided for secondary school athletic training jobs in 2015. President Thornton commended staff for their work on this project.

NATA STRATEGIC PLAN

Oats stated the plan will be sent to the committees this month and will be ready for the board to review in May.

COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SAFETY IN SPORT (CSSS)

Oats presented a brief report on the Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport (CSSS) meeting. The meeting was well-attended and the presentations and discussions were engaging. A debrief is planned for the end of May, and a more detailed report will be available following the meeting.

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) SECONDARY SCHOOL INSURANCE RESEARCH PROJECT

Oats noted that Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) will begin putting together quarterly reports to the board on the progress of the insurance research project.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Amy Callender provided an update on licensure in Rhode Island and Colorado, the North Dakota practice act update and North Carolina's comprehensive bill on youth athlete safety, which will be the first of its kind. Callender announced that ATs are now listed as approved providers for the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) and that representatives of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) have agreed to meet with NATA staff.

MONTHLY NATIONAL BRIEFING

Tamesha Logan announced a monthly briefing document will be provided to the board with an overview of current initiatives. It will be distributed to state leaders and committee chairs as well. She noted the April document is available in Dropbox.

DISTRICT BYLAWS

President Thornton announced that seven of the ten districts have approved the bylaws changes. District II approved the changes to Articles 5 and 6, but not to Article 7 (Presidential Nominating Committee). The board agreed to wait on the response from Districts III and VIX before taking final action.

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 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCES (ALL).**
- **TIM NEAL, MS, ATC (D2) AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (COPE) BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.**

(6, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

OTHER

President Thornton announced he and Ron Courson, ATC, PT, NREMT, had been invited to a White House meeting on bystander emergency response on April 29. This is very exciting news and demonstrates the impact of NATA's efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.