

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. Central Time
April 22, 2023

Board

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David Saddler
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Jessica McCabe
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Incoming District Directors

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC
Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS
Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC
Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC

Guests

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, President-elect, NATA
Katherine Dec, MD, FAAPMR, FAMSSM, BOC Liaison
Melissa Struck, CPA, Principal, Clifton Larson Allen LLP

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. Eleven of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Dieringer welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call. Director Dargusch provided the board with some of her favorite inspirational quotes.

PRIDE POINTS

President Dieringer opened the floor for the Board and guests to share their recent highlights.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER SCOOP

Incoming District 1 Director Vicky Graham, Incoming District 4 Director Scott Lawrance, Incoming District 7 Director Valerie Herzog and Incoming District 8 Director Cindy Clivio gave presentations introducing themselves to the board.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

President Dieringer referenced the antitrust statement provided to the board of directors prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(3,2) PASSED (11-0-0)**

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

BOC

BOC Liaison Katherine Dec reported that the BOC is accepting applications for a Corporate/Education Director through May 1. She said 2023 is a reporting year with the deadline for submission of all requirements and fees by the end of December; more information can be found on the BOC website. The March/April exam results will be posted by April 29; the application deadline for the May/June exam is April 24. She reported that the application deadline for the August Orthopedic Specialty exam is July 17, and the registration deadline is July 24.

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, provided updates on licensure bill statuses, Legislative Boot Camps offered to the states, Advocacy Campaigns, and Third-Party Reimbursement. She said that the State Association Advisory Committee's virtual State Leadership Forum will be held on May 11 and the in-person event will be held on June 21. Lastly, the NATAPAC breakfast will be held on June 23, Murphy Grant is scheduled to be the speaker and there are currently 120 people registered.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, department director, provided an update on Student Recruitment, Enrollment and Retention. She said staff is working to ensure coordination of all NATA efforts. Staff led efforts include aligning with HOSA, creating a website called AT for Me, and bringing more experiences to students through clinical immersion. The NATA Student Recruitment, Enrollment and Retention Workgroup is looking to host a couple of webinars and is working with staff to determine the best way to roll them out to members.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into a closed session at 12:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:52 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dieringer provided an update on the projects she has been working on since the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director David Saddler encouraged all NATA leaders to communicate to members and non-members they know, the impact NATA has on advancing the athletic training profession because of the strong relationships the association has built over the years. He highlighted that over the three-year period since the pandemic, this is the first year that the association will need to utilize the reserves, which he called an extraordinary accomplishment for the association. He credited current and past leaders and staff for each of these.

PROXY APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 1 DIANE SARTANOWICZ

President Dieinger reported that Director Sartanowicz had to leave the call and asked that Director-elect Graham to be her proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

**VOTED: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR-ELECT VICKY GRAHAM, DAT, LAT, ATC, AS THE PROXY FOR DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR AS A VOTING PARTICIPANT IN THE MEETING.
(3,4) PASSED 10-0-1 (ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 1)**

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 AND MARCH 2023 BOARD MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE MICHAEL ROBERTS, MA, ATC, OTC (D5), AS THE COPA PHYSICIAN PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE HEATHER MURPHY, EDD, LAT, ATC, (D3), AS THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.**
- **APPROVE KEELY ARNDT (D2), AS THE LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE STUDENT AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE JAMES ONANTE (D4), AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE KIANA YOUNG (D4), AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.**
- **APPROVE RON COURSON (D9), AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE KAYLA CULLERTON (D1), AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE RAMONICA SCOTT (D6), AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE PAUL BORSA (D9), AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE PETER GRAY (D9), AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE MEMBER EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE JESICA BROWN (D9), AS THE COPA HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.**
- **APPROVE LAUREN FORSYTH (D8), AS THE ICSM – D1 COMMITTEE, PAC-12 REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE APRIL 2023.**
- **APPROVE CHRISTOPHER NERIO (D5), AS THE ICSM – D1 COMMITTEE, AAC REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.**
- **APPROVE EVAN DAUTERIVE (D9), AS THE ICSM – D1 COMMITTEE CONFERENCE USA REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.**
- **APPROVE ROBERT COLANDREO (D1), AS THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DIVISION III REPRESENTATIVE EFFECT JUNE 2023.**
- **APPROVE KEVIN BRILES (D2), AS THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DIVISION IV REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE JUNE 2023.**
(3,2) PASSED (11-0-0)

OTHER

President Dieringer provided a few updates on Convention including Connect Hall, networking receptions and the student symposium. She asked the directors that are rolling off to remain in their workgroups until the task is completed. She reported board liaison assignments are near completion and will be sent out soon; she noted that there is a minor change to the COPA subcommittee assignments, meeting attendance is not required but communicating with the triangle regularly is expected. She informed the Board that CAATE is implementing a policy that would prohibit volunteers serving on CAATE committees to also serve on other organizational committees. This policy has brought to light a few challenges for NATA's volunteers including herself. She said the Board will be asked in June if NATA should also create a similar policy.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

District 1

Director-elect Graham reported that the district's Student Ambassador Leadership conference is tomorrow, and their ATs Care Training Workshop was held earlier this month.

District 7

Director Gallegos reported that a school within his district petitioned their institution to create a second tier, Athletic Training Assistant Degree; a direct response to the athletic trainer supply and demand issue. He said a legislator in the New Mexico House of Representatives is in favor of this idea and had brought it forward. Several state leaders within his district are meeting with the legislator to provide insight from a board level on the practice of athletic training. In addition, there has been discussion around the growth of the profession, and if it will follow the path like other professions that have second tier level providers, including physical therapy and medical doctors. He then asked directors to email him if they have had similar situations within their states.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC

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NATA Board of Directors