

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. Central Time
August 16, 2021

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Incoming District Directors

Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC

Guests

Patrick Sexton, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, BOC
Rene Shingles, PhD, AT, ATC, Vice President, BOC
Sharon Robson, Chief Staff Officer, BOC
Eric Sauers, PhD, ATC, FNATA, President, CAATE
Chris Peck, Interim Executive Director, CAATE
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President-elect, NATA
Foundation
Brant Berkstresser, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, ICSM
Emily Mulkey, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair, EPC
Lovie Tabron, ATC, Chair, ATs Care Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer 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 Dieringer welcomed the board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call.

PRIDE POINTS

President Dieringer stated she would like to start every meeting with Pride Points. She then opened the floor to the Board and guests to share their highlights.

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

BOC

BOC President Sexton announced that Dr. Renee Shingles is now the BOC president-elect and will take office January 1st. He reported that the International Arrangement launched on August 3rd and the link can be found on the BOC website. The Orthopedic Specialty launched for the BCS-O credential and more information on dates for applications and exams can also be found on the BOC website. He said the Nominating Committee received nine applications for the open AT Director position, two of the candidates will be brought forth to the BOC board. Sexton then announced that the BOC board approved to make the IDEAS Task Force into a standing committee and also approved their strategic plan.

CAATE

CAATE Interim Executive Director Chris Peck reported that the Executive Committee met at the CAATE headquarters in July to work on the CAATE strategic plan. The CAATE board will also meet at the CAATE headquarters September 10-11. Peck said the DEI Standards have launched and can be found on the CAATE website. More information will be shared this week on the Professional Program Standards, the Residency and Fellowships and the DEI resources webpage. She announced CAATE has completed the nomination process for open call. There were eleven candidates, five of the candidates were selected for the second round, and they are now finalizing the number of candidates that will be brought forth to the board in September.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron said the Foundation is currently accepting research grant pre-application proposals until September 1st. Free Communications Abstract portal will be open from September 15th through November 1st. He reported on a successful Silent Auction at VNATA; the auction raised over fourteen thousand dollars. The August fundraising event, Meet Us at the Mat Program, is currently taking place. Cameron announced the Foundation board will have an open call for vacancies for District 2, District 4 and District 6 seats from September 7th through November 4th.

INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE (ICSM) INTER-ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES IN STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Chair Brant Berkstresser presented the Inter-Association Recommendations on Best Practices in Strength and Conditioning to the Board. He stated this was a collaborative effort between ICSM and the Coalition for the Registration of Exercise Professionals (CREP), to identify gaps in education and training, as well as influences that may increase student athlete risk.

**VOTED: TO ENDORSE THE COALITION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF EXERCISE PROFESSIONALS AND INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE INTER-ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES IN STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING.
(8,10) PASSED (10-0-0)**

ATS CARE COMMISSION REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chair Lovie Tabron presented the ATs Care Commission revised Policies and Procedures to the Board. She reviewed the changes made to the document including, committee name change, vision statement, structure of the Clinical Instructor Program through the Commission, roles and responsibilities of the At Large Members and the State or District Clinical Directors.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE ATS CARE COMMISSION REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT AS PRESENTED.
(9,3) PASSED (10-0-0)**

EARLY PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE (EPC) MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Chair Emily Mulkey presented the EPC's mission and vision statements to the Board. She reported the main focus of the committee is to create strong foundations for a lifelong career for early professionals.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS CREATED BY THE EARLY PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED.
(7,5) PASSED (10-0-0)**

NATA BYLAWS REVISIONS

Secretary/Treasurer Sartanowicz presented the NATA Bylaws revisions to the Board for a final vote.

**VOTED: PER THE NATA BYLAWS PROCESS, CONFIRM THAT 2/3 OF THE NATA DISTRICTS APPROVED THE 2020/2021 BYLAWS CHANGES SUBMITTED AND GIVE FINAL APPROVAL.
(1,10) PASSED (10-0-0)**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, Director of Government Affairs, reported states are getting ready for the upcoming legislative sessions. She said there has been several heat bills introduced. COPA has eight new vacancies that will be posted in Gather. Callender announced the Physician Fee Schedule is out and her team is preparing comments; the deadline to submit is mid-September. Callender then provided updates on Legislative Boot Camps offered to the states and licensure bill statuses.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, Director of Knowledge Initiatives, reported her team is working with the Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training Committee to create a series of educational courses on each of the Professional Values. The series will be released next year. James stated that Intercollegiate of Sports Medicine is currently planning their targeted event for November 9-10. The event will offer four sessions over two days and a follow-up session for discussions with the speakers. The content is primarily focused on DEIA. James announced that her team is currently working on developing live webinars that will focus on hot topics.

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:

- **MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETINGS (ALL)**
- **APPROVE DUSTYN WALTON AS THE CHAIR OF THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE BEGINNING JUNE 2022.**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE WHITE HOUSE PPE VACCINE MESSAGING STATEMENT (2,10) PASSED (10-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.



Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors