

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**August 27, 2024**

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Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE-absent  
Jessica Porter

Incoming Directors

Christina Emrich, MS, LAT, ATC  
Rusty McKune, ATC

Guests

Brian Conway, BS, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison  
Gary Hana, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE Liaison  
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President, NATA Foundation  
Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, ATC, Co-Chair, DEIA Council  
Rebecca Lopez, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Co-Chair, DEIA Council-absent  
Nancy Burke, MS, AT (Ret.), Chair, HOF  
Rick Griffin, MS, ATC, ATC, Past Chair, HOF  
Jay Hertel, PhD, ATC, past Editor-in-Chief, JAT  
Ty Hopkins, PhD, ATC, Editor-in-Chief, JAT  
Pete Koehneke, MS, ATC, Chair, H&A  
John Schrader, HAS, AT-Retired, Co-Chair, ATPH Task Force  
Zack Shafran/Len Mitchell, CPF – Meritage Financial Mgmt  
Katie Sniffen, PhD, ATC, Education Chair, ATPH Task Force

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Duffy 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 Duffy welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call. He recognized the significant efforts of Jay Hertel, who recently ended his term as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Athletic Training (JAT)*.

**PRIDE POINTS**

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

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

#### **BOC**

BOC Liaison Brian Conway reported that BOC President Rene Shingles will complete her term as president on December 31, 2024; the newly elected officers for 2025 are listed in the report that was provided in the Dropbox. The BOC Board will appoint an AT Director and Physician Director to the board this week. The CARE Conference was held July 9-10 in Omaha with both in-person and virtual attendees. Lastly, the Council of State Governments (CSG), Department of Defense (DoD) and BOC held a kickoff meeting for the development of an interstate compact for licensed athletic trainers; the meeting recording can be found on the BOC website.

#### **CAATE**

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna announced the CAATE Board granted 10 years of continuing accreditation to Alvernia University and 5 years of initial accreditation to Atlantic Health Systems Residency. He said the application window for the Bobby & Lyn Caruthers Award and the Pete Koehneke Award are open through September 6. CAATE held the annual Peer Reviewer Development Workshop at the DC office for 40 peer reviewers in July. Lastly, new resident and fellow spotlights have been developed to attract new residents and fellows; more information can be found on the CAATE website.

#### **NATA Foundation**

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported the open call for vacant board and executive committee positions will open from September 3 through October 1. The Silent Auction will open from October 1 through November 15. He said the Pickleball n Pints event in New Orleans was a success and that they were able to meet their fundraising goal. The Educational Resources Committee continues to put out the monthly Research to Clinical Practice Newsletter, the September issue focuses on negotiation skills. The research grant pre-proposal window will close on September 1. Nominations for the research awards will be open from September 1 through October 1. Lastly, The Free Communication program will open the abstract submission window from September 15 through November 1.

### **JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING (JAT) SCORECARD**

Jay Hertel, the immediate past editor-in-chief, introduced Ty Hopkins as the new editor-in-chief of the JAT. Hopkins also recognized Hertel for his significant efforts. He then then reviewed readership statistics and publication submissions and provided an update on the consultant report.

### **AT PUBLIC HEALTH (ATPH) TASK FORCE**

#### **American Public Health Association (APHA) Abstract Presentation**

Director Lawrence reported that the AT Public Health Task Force seeks board approval to present the Certified Athletic Trainers Engage in Essential Public Health Services abstract at the APHA meeting. Chairs John Schrader and Katie Sniffen were present to answer questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS ENGAGE IN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ABSTRACT AS PRESENTED.  
(4,1) PASSED (11-0-0)**

#### **ATPH Committee Proposal**

Director Lawrence presented the ATPH committee's proposal to the Board. He highlighted two recent amendments to the proposal: first, current task force members would need to apply for the open committee positions, and second, the committee's composition would be reduced to eight members plus the chair. Additionally, the chair would have the ability to recruit additional subject matter experts to serve as project members to reduce the workload on the committee.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE NATA ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED.  
(4,11) PASSED (10-0-1) (ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 6)**

**STUDENT RECRUITMENT, ENROLLMENT, AND RETENTION WORKGROUP**

Director Lawrence reported that the workgroup was initially formed to investigate whether the shortage of athletic trainers was linked to the change in degree requirements. With the reorganization of the ECE, Chair Michelle Odai believes that this initiative falls under the purview of the ECE rather than a separate group of volunteers.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE DISBANDMENT OF THE STUDENT RECRUITMENT, ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION WORKGROUP.  
(4,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Duffy provided an update on the projects he has been working on since the last meeting.

**UPDATES/INFORMATION**

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, staff director of Government Affairs, reported that California’s AB 796 Registration bill passed the Senate last week and is now headed to the Governor’s desk for signature. She said her team is hosting an advocacy campaign for the Governor’s signature. She reported that the Compact Technical Advisory Group met virtually last week for 4 hours and will meet again on September 6. The Compact Document Team will meet after the September 6 meeting.

In the interest of time, President Duffy asked staff directors to email their updates to the Board.

**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 TAYLIN JEAN, LAT, ATC, (D3), AS A MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBILITY PANEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE LYN NAKAGAWA, MS, ATC, CSCS, (D8), AS A MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBILITY PANEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE ALEXANDRA BURCHAM, MSAT, LAT, ATC, (D7) AS A MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBILITY PANEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE NEAL STEPP, DAT, LAT, ATC, (D9), AS A MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBILITY PANEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE WILLIAM DILL, EDD, LAT, ATC, AS A MEMBER OF THE COPA PRIVATE AND EMERGING PRACTICE PANEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE KAYLA CULLERTON, MED, MS, LAT, ATC, (D1) AS A MEMBER OF THE ATS CARE COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR JENNIFER JOHNSON, MS, LAT, ATC, (D3), ON THE CONNECTION ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO JUNE 30, 2026.
- APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR CHRISTOPHER SMITH, MSAT, LAT, ATC, (D6), ON THE CONNECTION ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO JUNE 30, 2026.
- APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR LISA WALKER, LAT, ATC, (D7), ON THE CONNECTION ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO JUNE 30, 2026.
- APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR KYLE WILSON (D8) ON THE CONNECTION ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO JUNE 30, 2026.

**(2,5) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following a closed session, President Duffy adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Submitted by:



Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors