

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**11:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**December 18, 2023**

Board

Kathy Dieringer, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, *Absent*  
A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, President-elect  
Rob Marshall, ATC, Vice President  
Scott Galloway, MBA, LAT, ATC, Secretary/Treasurer  
Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC  
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Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC  
Donna Wesley, MS, LAT, ATC  
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David Saddler  
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Amy Callender  
Drew Caffey  
Kathy Crelly  
Anita James, CMP  
Lori Marker, CMP, CEM  
Kelly Carlin  
Leslie Scantlebury, MBA  
Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE  
Jessica Porter

Guests

Brian Conway, BS, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison  
Gary Hanna, 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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dieringer could not attend; therefore, Vice President Rob Marshall conducted the meeting. Vice President Marshall called the meeting to order at 11.01 a.m. Eleven of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Vice President Marshall welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call.

**PRIDE POINTS**

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

**AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES**

**BOC**

BOC Liaison Brian Conway reminded directors that 2023 is a reporting year and the deadline for submissions is December 31. The BOC Board of Directors appointed Bonnie Van Lunen as the newest AT Director. He said that the International Arrangement has 73 applicants to date; 47 evaluations reports have been issued and 26 applications are in process.

CAATE

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna announced the 2024 CAATE award winners - Dr. Bonnie Van Lunen received The Pete Koehneke Award; Dr. Ryan Krzuzanowicz received the Bob and Lynn Caruthers Service Award; and Dr. Rick Valachovic received The President's Award. CAATE held their Town Hall on November 30; a recording of the event can be found on their website. He reported as of November 30, ATCAS applicant were up 30% from the same period in 2022 and Duquesne University joined the 2023-24 cycle. Lastly, CAATE hosted a webinar on accommodations in clinical learning environments on November 16; a recording of the webinar can be viewed on the website.

NATA FOUNDATION

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported the Research Grants Program application window will open in January and will close February 15. The scholarship application window is open through January 15; the Foundation anticipates awarding 65 or more scholarships in 2024. The Student Writing Contest is now accepting applications through February 1.

PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE EXTENSION

Director Graham reported that the Public Health Task Force is requesting another extension to complete the work on the survey that was distributed last week. She said the survey will run through February 6 and the task force will need time to analyze the data before submitting it to the *NATA Journal of Athletic Training*.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE NATA ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE  
TIMELINE AND STAFF SUPPORT UNTIL DECEMBER 2024.  
(9,2) PASSED (11-0-0)**

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, reported to date her department has sent 5,795 emails to legislators. She provided an update on state advocacy campaigns and legislative boot camps. The 2024 Advocacy Calendar is expected to be finalized in the upcoming weeks and will be distributed to the states. She reported NATA has submitted letters of support for ongoing legislative efforts in New Jersey and Vermont. Lastly, she reported at the request of the BOC, NATA has joined the ASAE Tomorrow's Workforce Coalition; the coalition supports the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act, which would expand qualified expenses under 529 savings plans to include postsecondary training and credentialing.

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:

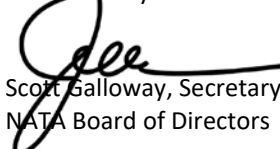
- **APPROVE NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE JESSE CHAVEZ (D9) AS ICSM NAIA COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE ASHLEY THRASHER (D3) AS THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**

**(3,4) PASSED (11-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, Vice President Marshall adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Submitted by:



Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors