

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**February 21, 2022**

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Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS  
  
Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC – *District 11 Proxy*

Guests

Mike Carroll, MEd, LAT, ATC, BOC Vice President  
Gary Hanna, CAATE Liaison  
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President-elect, NATA Foundation  
Julie Alexander, MEd, ATC, Vice-chair, DST  
Darryl Conway, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair, EDAC  
Amy Culp, RD, CSSD, LD, CEDRD  
Joe Greene, MS, ATC, TPRI  
Mark Hoffman, PhD, ATC, Co-chair, Public Health Task Force  
John Schrader, AT Ret., Co-chair, Public Health Task Force  
Anna Sedory, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, GAC  
Jennifer Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC Incoming Chair, LGBTQ+ AC  
Brian Vesce, DAT, ATC  
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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.

### **PRIDE POINTS**

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

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

#### **BOC**

BOC Vice President Carroll introduced himself and said that Dr. Singles and Neil Curtis would not be on the call. He reported the BOC board will meet in-person March 3-5 in Omaha. The board will discuss the environmental scan to learn about industry trends as well as developing competencies for the BOC Nominating Committee to consider for the selection process moving forward. He announced the work to research and develop the Continuing Professional Certification (CPC) concept continues to move forward. Volunteer recruitment for the focus groups will begin March 1 and is putting emphasis on athletic trainers from a wide range of diversity in practice settings and non-practice settings, geographic location, race/ethnicity, gender, and experience. The focus groups are scheduled for mid-April. Following the focus groups, work groups will be formed to develop recommendations on a specific aspect of CPC that will help share the program's development and will be presented to the CPC Task Force. The task force will then present a recommendation to the BOC board later this year. He reported that results from the January/February ATC exam will be posted between February 19 - March 5. The application deadline for the March/April exam is February 22. The Orthopedic Specialty Certification had their first class, 26 athletic trainers earned the first BCS-O credential. The second Orthopedic Specialty Certification exam closed on February 20, results are expected March 20 - April 4. The next exams are scheduled for August 2022 and February 2023. He then provided updates on Practice Analysis 8th Edition, IDEAS Task Force, BOC360 and the International Arrangement.

#### **CAATE**

CAATE Liaison Hanna reported the CAATE board will meet next week in Washington, DC and will work on strategic planning. The next Town Hall is on March 10 and topics include new Accreditation Councils, strategic initiatives, ATCAS updates, a CHEA update and a Q&A session. He stated there continues to be a record number of prospective student applications through the ATCAS system. Applications were up 15% year-over-year as of 1/31/22. He announced that CAATE has added a few new online educational programs on the website to help programs better understand the new CAATE standards and learn best practices. He then reported on the updated Pass Rate Algorithm that will be in place for the next two years.

#### **NATA Foundation**

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported out of the 292 applications received for the 2022 scholarship cycle they anticipate to award 65 scholarships; awardees will be notified by the end of March. The Faculty Mentor Program is currently accepting applications and also looking for faculty mentors, more information can be found on the website. He announced the Student Research Grants application window closed on February 15. The applications are currently under review and anticipates the announcement of awardees will be made in June. The Silent Auction will be from June 1 to July 1 and will be held online. He concluded that the Foundation will be sponsoring Philadelphia Freedom Event at Convention which will be held June 30 at Howl at the Moon.

### **THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE**

Joe Greene provided an update on the 2022 strategic priorities, shared new developments on billing and new strategic considerations.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF EDUCATION (ECE) UPDATE**

Chair Brian Vesci shared some highlights from each committee. He reported the ECE is working to operationalize the Reshaping Education document. The document was shared with leadership at JCM and will be spotlighted in the NATA News March edition. He reported the EducATionalists Cabinet has their Specific Interest groups up and running. The Education Advancement Committee (EAC) is working with their Educators' Toolkit that will assist in the DEIA initiatives. The Professional Education Committee (PEC) is working on how to deliver the Master Preceptor Level 3 and is currently championing the Clinical Education Coordinator Development. The Post Professional Education Committee (PPEC) is focusing their efforts on the athletic training post professional educational pathways. He stated the Professional Development Committee (PDC) is working on three lecture series, Strategic Issues in AT Lecture Series: Sexual Harassment, Diagnostic

Testing Series and Manual Therapy Certificate. He then reported that the ATEC 2022 virtual meeting will focus on DEI and the 2023 meeting will focus on Public Health.

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES/TREASURERS (DST) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL**

Treasurer Sartanowicz and Vice-Chair Julie Alexander presented a proposal for discussion regarding endowment of the NATA Memorial Scholarship. The unrestricted scholarship can be endowed at a cost of \$50,000. This is to be split between eleven NATA districts at a cost of \$4550.00 per district over two or three fiscal years. In order for the proposal to be approved, each district director would need to bring the proposal back to their executive council and go through the district's budgeting process. Participation must be unanimous. Other options explored include, participation from the NATA Board of Directors - splitting the cost twelve ways rather than eleven, and district fundraising efforts. There was Board consensus for Alexander to gather information on alternate payment plans to disseminate to the district directors so they can bring it to their executive councils.

**NATA ATHLETIC TRAINING PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE**

Director Gallegos reported that the Athletic Training Public Health Task Force has been working to connect how public health and athletic training could look like in 2030. Some of the documents presented today have been previously approved and a few other new resources have been created for educators as well as athletic trainers interested in public health. He stated that the task force is seeking approval to approve the newly created resources and to broadly share all documents to internal and external audiences. Co-chairs Mark Hoffman and John Schrader were available to answer questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE NATA ATHLETIC TRAINING PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE DOCUMENTS AS PRESENTED.  
(7,10) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON SPORTS NUTRITION MODELS FOR THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION SERVICES**

Vice President Fitzpatrick presented the revised Inter-Association Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition Models for the Provision of Nutrition Services for endorsement. Authors Amy Culp and Dana White were present to answer questions.

There was consensus to revise the title in Figure 3 to include "nutrition-related" and revise the reporting structure in Figure 5 to show the Head Athletic Trainer reports directly to the Medical Director prior to board endorsement. The motion to endorse was withdrawn.

**Voted: To endorse the externally produced inter-association consensus statement on Sports Nutrition Models for the Provision of Nutrition Services from Registered Dietitians Nutritionists in Collegiate Athletics.  
(10,4) motion withdrawn**

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) GRANT AND STATE FORMS**

Director Dargusch presented the committee's updated grant and state forms to the Board. She stated the committee updated these documents to improve the reporting process and to allow feedback from the states. Chair Anna Sedory was present to answer questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S UPDATED GRANT AND STATE REPORT FORMS AS PRESENTED.  
(2,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**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, department director, reported that Government Affairs is spending a majority of their time on state government affairs because so many state legislators are in session. Illinois has an advocacy campaign underway with over 600 advocacy letters sent to state legislators. They had 304 people sign-up to opposition their bill and they successfully got 588 people to register in favor of their bill. She reported California is not planning on introducing a licensure bill this session as they have changed their strategy; the earliest California would be able to introduce a licensure bill would be in 2023 which means it would not be implemented until 2025. She announced that her department provided the states a legislative briefing on how to manage their lobbyists, things to look out for and how to be active this year. The briefing was well attended, 30 participants from 17 states. She then reported that a letter was sent to the Department of Labor regarding an armed forces issue on how they calculate the contractor rate for athletic trainers. House Energy and Commerce Committee reached out in regards to their Modernization Subcommittee on a Healthy Future Task Force for comments on telehealth issues for athletic trainers and wearable devices. She then announced registration for COPA Con is now open.

### MARCOM

Associate Executive Director Tamesha Logan provided an update on National Athletic Trainers' Month (NATM). She informed directors that all NATM promotional resources can be found on the website. She then reported that there will be an additional NATM theme on the working conditions for the athletic trainer.

## 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 THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF "SPORTS SCIENCE"  
DRAFTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON SPORTS SCIENCE, HEALTH AND DATA ANALYTICS.  
(10,9) PASSED (11-0-0)**

## ADJOURNMENT

President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

*Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC*

Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors