

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Carrollton, TX
8:00 a.m. Central Time
January 29, 2023

Board

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Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC – *sent proxy*
Michael Moll, MEd, LAT, ATC – *District 11 proxy*

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Guests

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, NATA President-elect
Katherine Dec, MD, FAAPMR, FAMSSM, BOC Liaison
Gary Hanna, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE Liaison
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President, NATA Foundation
Doug Casa, PhD, ATC, CEO, KSI
Joe Greene, MS, ATC, TPRI
Gretchen Schlabach, PhD, ATC, Chair, PRAT
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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 other guests. She noted minor changes to the agenda.

PROXY APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR RYAN WILKINSON

President Dieringer informed the Board that Director Ryan Wilkinson will not be joining until later in the afternoon and had sent Michael Moll as his proxy.

**VOTED: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MICHAEL MOLL, MED, LAT, ATC, AS THE PROXY FOR DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR AS A VOTING PARTICIPANT IN THE MEETING.
(4,1) PASSED 10-0-1 (ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 11)**

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

President Dieringer referenced the antitrust statement provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(1,5) PASSED 11-0-0**

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session and returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC) REPORT

BOC Liaison Katherine Dec reported that the BOC has a new mission, vision and values statement; more information can be found on the website. She said the January 2023 exam results will be posted between February 4-18. Dec then provided an update on the Continuing Professional Certification (CPC).

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION (CAATE)

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna reported that the next CAATE Town Hall is on March 1. He said the 2021-2022 Annual Report data shows a 9.3% increase in student enrollment from 2021. CAATE is cohosting two residency and fellowship workshops at ATPPS Conference February 23-25. Lastly, the Professional Accreditation Council is seeking one clinical and public member volunteer; details and the application can be found on the website.

NATA FOUNDATION REPORT

Foundation President Cameron reported that the 2023 Research Award winners were announced in January. The 2023 Professional and Doctoral level research grant proposals will be accepted through February 15 and the Masters level research grants will be accepted through August; the Student Writing Contest submissions are due February 1; Faculty Mentor Program applications are due on March 15 for the 2023-2024 cycle; Scholarship Program window closed on January 15 and the awardees will be announced in March. Cameron then reported that Mike Van Bruggen was elected vice president of finance and Joe Whitson was elected as the District 11 chair; both terms will begin in June 2023.

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) UPDATE

KSI CEO Doug Casa provided an update on Athletic Training Locations and Services (ATLAS). He reported that there has been a 10% decrease to access to AT services in the last 2 years; 4% decrease in full-time services and 6% decrease in part-time services. Casa then provided an update on Innovate and on Team up For Sports Safety (TUFFS), including states visited and new policy changes. NATA partners with KSI on ATLAS and TUFFS.

THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

Joe Greene updated the Board on the Third Party Reimbursement Initiative (TPRI). He reviewed strategic activity, shared the 2023 strategic priorities, and data and manuscript goals.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ATHLETIC TRAINING (PRAT) PROFESSIONAL VALUES WORKGROUP

PRAT Chair Gretchen Schlabach presented a proposal to create a Professional Values Workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to examine the efficacy of an oath for athletic training and make a recommendation to the Board if NATA should create and adopt one. She then reviewed the workgroups deliverables and projected timeline.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING’S PROPOSAL TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL VALUES WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE THE EFFICACY OF AN OATH FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING. (2,4) PASSED 10-0-0 (ABSENT: DISTRICT 3)

STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Director Galloway and Director-elect Lawrance presented the Best Practices for State Associations. Galloway said this is a collaborative effort between SAAC and the District Secretaries/Treasurers (DST). The purpose of this document is to provide benchmarks to help assess state associations, including policies and procedures and operations.

The suggestion was made for staff to give one final review and all agreed that days were enough time to review.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S BEST PRACTICES FOR ASSOCIATIONS AS PRESENTED, PENDING REVIEW OF DIRECTOR LEVEL STAFF WITHIN 30 DAYS. (6,11) PASSED 11-0-0

President Dieringer asked Callender to disseminate the document upon review.

STATE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING DOCUMENT “AT SHORTAGE”

Associate Executive Director Tamesha Logan provided an update on the State of Athletic Training “AT Shortage”. She said the data provided by the BOC and CAATE indicate there is not an AT shortage but an increase in market demand, which is providing more options to athletic trainers. According to data collected by NATA and ICSM, compensation, organizational culture, work-life balance and the ability to practice in accordance to their license are ranked among the highest importance. Compensation and work conditions are critical to the sustainability of the profession, these are the top two reasons ATs leave the profession and are likely key deterrents for potential new entries. Supply and demand directly influence compensation. Logan then shared next steps including, releasing an official statement, paid promotion targeting key stakeholders, press release of ICSM white paper and hosting a Timely Topic targeting key stake holders – such as governing entities and employers.

MARCOM

LaNell Armour, department director, provided an update on National Athletic Training Month (NATM), NATA-Cast and the State of Athletic Training statement release. She also introduced a new website dedicated to students.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Amy Callender, department director, provided an overview on 2023 federal and political issues. She reviewed NATA’s legislative priorities and the bills currently being tracked.

KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES

Anita James, department director, provided an update on the JAT Educational Journals, Cannabinoid Task Force, and COPA Con 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

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Len Mitchell, CFA, Meritage Portfolio Management

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OPENING REMARKS

President Dieringer noted minor changes to the agenda due to weather conditions.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

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VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(1,2) PASSED 11-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Appropriate information on the following items was provided to the board through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions.

VOTED:

TO APPROVE:

- MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2022 BOARD WEB CONFERENCE (ALL)
- APPROVE STACEY RITTER, MS, ATC, ITAT, (D8), AS THE COPA REHABILITATION CLINIC COMMITTEE MEMBER BEGINNING JANUARY 2023.
- APPROVE STEPHANIE SINGE, PHD, ATC, FNATA, (D1) AS THE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF BEGINNING JULY 2023.

(1,2) PASSED 11-0-0

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 8:04 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC

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Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors