CALL TO ORDER
President Thornton 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 Thornton welcomed the board members to the call. He congratulated District IX on a great meeting and noted the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) sessions received good reviews.

FINANCE UPDATE
Treasurer Dieringer reported NATA continues to be in a good financial position due to solid investment results, higher than budgeted revenue and lower than budgeted expenses. She noted staff is still waiting for a few more Joint Committee Meeting expenses to come through.

ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMIT
Rachael Oats presented a request to sponsor the Athletic Training and Public Health Summit at Oregon State University in August 2015. NATA and the NATA Foundation will share recognition as title sponsors if both organizations approve. NATA will provide the funding.
VOTED: TO FUND THE ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMIT FOR $5,000, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
(5, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA) POSTER PROJECT
Oats presented a request from Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) to sponsor a poster introducing the athletic training profession to students in HOSA chapters.

VOTED: TO SPONSOR A POSTER WITH THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA) FOR $8,000, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
(9, 2) PASSED 10-0-0

ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICE AWARD (ATSA)
Director Weston presented a request to increase the FY16 funding for the Athletic Training Service Award (ATSA) to upgrade the award piece and provide NATAGEAR vouchers to recipients in an effort to increase the award’s prominence.

VOTED: TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICE AWARD (ATSA) BY $1,575 TO UPGRADE THE AWARD PIECE AND PROVIDE NATAGEAR VOUCHERS TO RECIPIENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
(5, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PROPER SUPERVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT AIDES
President Thornton introduced a request, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee, from Secondary School Athletic Trainers’ Committee (SSATC) Chair Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT, to present at upcoming district meetings on the appropriate use of student aides. He noted SSATC has been working on an appropriate care curriculum for secondary school sports medicine classes.

VOTED: TO FUND UP TO $10,000 IN FY16 FOR STUDENT AIDE PRESENTATIONS AT THE DISTRICT MEETINGS.  
(8, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) FOUNDATION AT INITIATIVE
David Saddler provided a proposal to increase NATA’s funding for the National Football League (NFL) Foundation’s AT Initiative. The program has received excellent feedback and a great deal of interest from teams who did not participate this year, and all signs indicate the NFL Foundation will fund it next year at a higher level. Oats also noted that the NFL Foundation is considering funding for similar initiatives, including one in partnership with Gatorade. Oats stated a full report on the results of this year’s program is forthcoming.

VOTED: TO FUND THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) FOUNDATION’S AT INITIATIVE FOR 2015 AT $250,000, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
(2, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Amy Callender thanked the board for participating in Capitol Hill Day (CHD). She shared the number of participants and the support generated for the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act, the Safe Play Act and the Secondary School Athletes’ Bill of Rights.

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE (H&A) CHAIR
Director Weston recommended Charlie Thompson, MS, ATC, as the next chair of the Honors & Awards Committee (H&A). Current Chair Chuck Kimmel, LAT, ATC, indicated his support and President Thornton and President-elect Sailor have approved the appointment.
VOTED: TO APPROVE CHARLIE THOMPSON, MS, ATC (D2) AS CHAIR OF THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE (H&A) BEGINNING JUNE 2016. 
(1, 8) PASSED 10-0-0

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) SECONDARY SCHOOL BENCHMARK STUDY
Oats provided talking points created by the SSATC on the results of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) secondary school benchmark study. The talking points will be shared with district and state leaders.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE (IC)
Oats presented a request from the International Committee (IC) to extend the terms of three members who have been instrumental in the committee’s recent progress and its strategic plan development.

VOTED: TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE (IC) MEMBERS PATRICIA TRIPP, PhD, ATC, CSCS (D9), JAY MELLETTE, ATC (D8) AND PAUL NEWMAN, MS, ATC (D4) TO JUNE 2016. 
(9, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

CONVENTION HONORARIA POLICY CHANGES
Anita James provided an update to the Convention Honoraria Policy and reviewed the proposed changes. These updates have been reviewed by the Convention Program Committee (CPC), the Professional Development Committee (PDC) and the chair of the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA), as well as staff.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE UPDATES TO THE CONVENTION HONORARIA POLICY. 
(3, 8) PASSED 10-0-0

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
President Thornton stated the Historical Commission is up and running and is starting to develop a plan to organize the archives.

STRATEGIC PLAN
Oats stated she would send the draft of the Strategic Plan today and requested the board’s comments by Monday. The plan will be distributed to committees for comment and will be ready to approve in May.

COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SAFETY IN SPORT (CSSS)
Oats announced that the Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport (CSSS) event will have representation from all fifty states, plus Washington, DC. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline will be one of the keynote speakers and a pre-event press briefing will be held at the NFL Headquarters the morning before the meeting. She commended staff on their work planning the meeting.

STAFF UPDATE
Saddler welcomed Kandy Cefoldo back to the office. He provided an update on open staff positions.

2015 WINTER EVENTS
Saddler commended staff and the board on the success of Capitol Hill Day (CHD), the Athletic Training Educators’ Conference (ATEC), iLEAD and the Youth Sports Safety Summit (YSSS). He noted the excellent contributions of Vice President Horodyski and President-elect Sailor, who filled in for President Thornton at ATEC, iLEAD and YSSS.

2015 CONVENTION
Saddler stated convention registration is off to a good start, partly because members can now pay for registration at dues renewal, and that staff has developed some exciting branding initiatives for NATA 2015.

OTHER
President Thornton gave a brief update on the Japan Athletic Trainers’ Organization (JATO) meeting and commented on how NATA can support JATO’s efforts.
President-elect Sailor congratulated Director Lindley on the successful District IV meeting that he attended.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE
- MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (ALL).
  (6, 5) PASSED 10-0-0

ADJOURNMENT
After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.