

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

Board

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Gina Hethcock
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Incoming District Directors

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC
Ray Davis, Jr., MSS, LAT, ATC – *District 3 proxy*

Kasee Hildenbrand, PhD, LAT, ATC
Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS
Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC – *District 11 proxy*

Guests

Sharon Robson, Chief Staff Officer, BOC
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President-elect, NATA Foundation
Darryl Conway, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair, EDAC
Jennifer Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC, Incoming Chair, LGBTQ+AC
Adam Annaccone, EdD, LAT, ATC, Co-Chair, Sports Science & Data Analytics Workgroup
Mark Coberley, MS, LAT, ATC, Co-Chair, Sports Science & Data Analytics Workgroup
Meghana Deshmane, McKinley Advisors
Murphy Grant, MS, ATC, PES, Co-chair, AT Compensation Task Force
Matthew Kutz, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Chair, International Committee
Ankur Ponda, McKinley Advisors
Brian Zeller, PhD, LAT, ATC, Past Chair, International Committee

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. Ten 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.

PROXY APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR KATIE WALSH FLANAGAN

President Dieringer informed the Board that Director Katie Walsh Flanagan will not be on the call and had sent Incoming District 3 Director Ray Davis, Jr. as her proxy.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE RAY DAVIS, JR, MSS, LAT, ATC, INCOMING DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR, AS THE PROXY FOR DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR AS A VOTING PARTICIPANT ON THE CALL.
(10,5) PASSED (9-0-1) (ABSENT: DISTRICT 7) (ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 3)**

PRIDE POINTS

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

Director Gallegos joined the meeting.

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

BOC

BOC Chief Staff Officer Sharon Robson introduced herself and said that Neil Curtis would not be on the call. She reported the BOC board met in-person March 3-5 in Omaha. There will be a call for new directors in May 2022. The BOC has been giving state and district presentations on BOC updates and Continuing Professional Certification (CPC), virtually and in-person. She reported the CPC concept continues to move forward. There was a call for volunteers last month, approximately 300 individuals expressed interest in participating in either a Focus Group, Work Group or the Power Panel. The March/April 2022 ATC Exam window is March 19-April 2. She said the BOC has put out a call for award nominations for Dan Libera Service Award, Denise Fandel Award of Excellence and the Paul Grace Leadership Award. All award recipients will be honored at the BOC Volunteer Reception at the NATA Convention. The BOC will be following the 31 Board Certified Specialists in Orthopedics to learn more during their first year of holding the credential. They will be surveyed and interviewed on a recurring basis to learn how the certification distinguishes them, how this value can be shared with potential employers, and how it may draw more ATs to the specialty. She then requested that the Board or anyone who wants more information on the process of determining the BCS-O pass rate to contact Nathan Burns, BOC Exam Manager. Lastly, the BOC will have a booth in the NATA Convention exhibit hall, sponsorship and attendance at the NATA Foundation Philadelphia Freedom event, and will host the Volunteer Reception.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported the 2022 scholarship cycle will award 55 scholarships; attendees will notified mid-March. More information on the scholarships can be found on the website. He announced the Student Research Grants applications are under review and anticipates the announcement of awardees will be made in June. He said the Athletic Training Research Committee has initiated a social media campaign #ATsKnowWhy, the goal is to engage both clinicians and researchers to answer the questions “Why do you participate in research for the athletic training profession?” and/or “Why do you conduct research in the athletic training profession?” The Silent Auction will be in conjunction with the NATA Convention but will remain completely online due to costs. Lastly, the Philadelphia Freedom Event will be held on June 30 at 7:30 pm at Howl at the Moon piano bar.

SPORTS SCIENCE, HEALTH AND DATA ANALYTICS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Co-chairs Adam Annaccone and Mark Coberley provided the Board with a Sports Science, Health and Data Analytics Steering Committee update. Annaccone provided a brief background for new directors as well as a status update on working recommendations outlined in the committee’s White Paper. Coberley reiterated the importance of sports science for NATA, individual ATs and the profession.

NATA COLLABORATE PROGRAM UPDATE

Vice President Fitzpatrick presented the report on NATA liaisons to external organizations and announced moving forward, both the liaison reports and the CollaborATE report will be provided in June.

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 the DC lobby team, Faegre Drinker, has transitioned their government affairs division to another law firm, Venable, which happens to be NATA's legal firm. NATA has resubmitted Joe Greene and Karen Fennell as NATA's advisor and alternate advisor to the AMA HCPAC Committee; the appointments are every three years and there are no term limits. She reported that the district directors have been notified of NATAPAC Board vacancies. Indiana and Mississippi have expressed interest in having a legislative boot camp. Callender announced Georgia Bill H.B. 627 has died due to too much opposition. As a result, Georgia has been encouraged to host a legislative camp to work on different strategies. The Maryland Dry Needling Bill (S.B. 711 & H.B. 1016) is still moving forward. The Louisiana bill (H.B. 858 & H.B. 197) is changing sponsors; NATA has helped identify a legislator that is more proactive. Callender stated the State Leadership Forum is scheduled for July 19 and will be held virtually. A save-the-date will be sent out to all state leaders once the planning team has had a chance to meet.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, department director, reported on a successful launch for the CDC Heads Up course that was done in conjunction with NATA. As of last week, 39 people received CEUs, 69% of those said that the course will increase their competence and approve patient outcomes. She said the Cannabinoid resource webpage is near completion, an announcement will go out in Range of Motion either this week or next. She added that Jeff Konin has continued to make updates to the resources as more information comes available. She concluded that the position statement on Reducing Intentional Head First Contact Behavior in American Football Players dropped in the February edition of the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT).

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 JANUARY 2022 AND FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF DEENA KILPATRICK, MS, LAT, ATC, CHAIR, COPA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO JUNE 2023**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING TO JOIN THE ABBOTT AND THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN CONCUSSION EDUCATION COALITION**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE EXTERNALLY PRODUCED INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON SPORTS NUTRITION MODEL FOR THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION SERVICES FROM REGISTERED DIETITIANS NUTRITIONISTS IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS**
- **POST-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE EXTENSIONS:**
 - **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF LEIGH WEISS, MS, DPT, PT, ATC, (D2), POST-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER TO JUNE 2023**
 - **APPROVE A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF BRADY TRIPP, PHD, LAT, ATC, (D9), POST-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER TO JUNE 2024.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC

Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors