

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. Central Time
March 20, 2023

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Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS
Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC
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Guests

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, President-elect, NATA
Sharon Robson, Chief Staff Officer, BOC
Eric Sauers, PhD, ATC, FNATA, President, CAATE
Gary Hanna, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE Liaison
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President, NATA Foundation
Darryl Conway, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair, EDAC
Jennifer Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC, Chair, LGBTQ+ AC
Madelyn "Midge" Peterson, MS, LAT, ATC, Member, PRAT
Emily Mulkey, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, EPC

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10.01 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 Chief of Staff Sharon Robson reported that the BOC will soon have an open call for a Corporate/Educational Director to begin in July 2023. Candidates should have knowledge of business and strategic operations and experience in advocating for Athletic Trainers. She asked the Board to direct anyone who is interested in applying to the BOC website; applications will be accepted through April 28.

CAATE

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna announced the election of new CAATE officers, Kysha Harriell as vice president and Eric Lippincott as treasurer/secretary; the new officers begin their terms in September 2023. CAATE has developed a new Standards Video Library that can be found on the website. There is an open call for Commissioners; applications will be accepted through April 27. Lastly, the new CAATE Foundation was announced on February 28. The Foundation will have a limited scope with three focus areas: student recruitment, diversity, quality improvement and innovation. CAATE President Sauers was in attendance to help answer questions.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported the Athletic Training Research Agenda Committee is launching the Research Cares Program on March 30. The program's goal is to bring researchers and clinicians together to discuss how to better translate research findings into clinical practice. Free Communications Abstracts Award winners were notified earlier this month. The Foundation will award 64 scholarships this year valued at \$155,000. Lastly, the Foundation will have a few key events at NATA including, annual silent auction, Indianapolis Indians Game on Friday, and a fitness event on Saturday morning.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING (PRAT) UPDATED AWARD PROCESS

PRAT Chair Madelyn "Midge" Peterson reported that a minor change to the timeline at the end of December was made to match the Honors and Awards timeline. The proposed changes to the grading rubric will allow a more streamlined process for the individuals grading. She said these changes only pertain to the NATA member grading award rubric, the non-member grading award rubric remains unchanged.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE UPDATED GRADING RUBIC AND TIMELINE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING AWARD FOR DISTINCTION IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF LEGAL, ETHICAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES AS PRESENTED.
(2,5) PASSED (11-0-0)**

Director-elect Graham joined the meeting.

EARLY PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE (EPC) SHADOWING PROPOSAL

EPC Chair Emily Mulkey reported A Day in the Life proposal is a mentorship program where the Board gets paired with an EPC member at the 2023 NATA Clinical Symposium and AT Expo. Committee members will shadow and assist the Board at events, meetings, and sessions throughout the Convention. All opportunities for mentoring would be at the Board's discretion. She said the goal of the program is to provide an in-person opportunity for future leaders to learn what it is like to be on the Board. At the conclusion of the Convention, a feedback survey will be distributed to everyone who participated.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE EARLY PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE A DAY IN THE LIFE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.
(7,4) PASSED (11-0-0)**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Dieringer provided an update on the projects she has been working on since the last meeting.

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, provided updates on licensure bill statuses, Legislative Boot Camps offered to the states, Advocacy Campaigns, bills endorsed by NATA, and Third-Party Reimbursement. She then reported on successful introductory meetings with the high priority targets in the congressional freshmen class and noted that she has a meeting with the Senate’s Armed Forces Committee next week. Lastly, the NFL is fully engaged on the sudden cardiac arrest issue and NATA has signed on as a partner; a potential press release could be rolled out next week.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, department director, provided updates on the Journals. She reported that the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT) January issue is out, but the February and March issues are behind. The JAT expects to get back on track after March and workflow enhancements are being addressed. New Athletic Training Education Journal (ATEJ) editor-in-chief starts June 2023 and the JAT open call for editor-in-chief will be for June 2024. She announced that Allen Press was acquired by KnowledgeWorks Global Ltd, no changes have been made to the production team. There is a request for a contract extension through 2024 with the publisher, the last contract was extended through 2023. KnowledgeWorks confirmed that there will not be a price increase for extending through 2024. The reason for the ask is that the Journals would like to hire a consultant to examine the workings of the Journals and identify areas for improvement. The learnings from the consultant will help to inform the upcoming RFP process, resulting in a stronger RFP. She anticipates bringing forth a financial request for the consultant at the April/May board meeting.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH KNOWLEDGEWORKS GLOBAL LTD. THROUGH 2024
(7,2) PASSED (11-0-0)**

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 JAMES SPENCER, DC, ATC, (D9), AS THE COPA PRIVATE AND EMERGING PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MARCH 2023.**
- **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR LISA SWEETERMAN, MHA, MED, ATC, (D4), ON THE COPA HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO JUNE 30, 2024**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE EARLY PROFESSIONALS’ COMMITTEE NATIONAL DISTINCTION AWARD PROCEDURE.**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE STATE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT.**
- **APPROVE COREY TREMBLE, LAT, ATC, CSCS, AS THE CHAIR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANNABIS-RELATED RESOURCES FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER TASK FORCE EFFECTIVE MARCH 2023.**
(7,5) PASSED (10-0-0) (ABSENT: DISTRICT 6)

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by:



Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors