

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
11:00 a.m. Central Time
March 18, 2024

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Guests

Brian Conway, BS, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President, NATA Foundation
Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, ATC, Co-Chair, DEIA Council
Rebecca Lopez, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Co-Chair, DEIA Council
Julie Alexander, MEd, ATC, Chair, DST
Pete Koehneke, MS, ATC, Incoming Chair, H&A
Melissa Montgomery, PhD, ATC, Chair, PDC
Sue Stanley-Green, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, H&A
Craig Voll, PhD, ATC, PT, Chair, Strategic Alignment Workgroup

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 11.01 a.m. Eleven of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Dienger 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

Board of Certification (BOC) Liaison Brian Conway shared the 2023 BOC Year in Review Statistics. The February 2024 Orthopedic Specialty Exam window closed on February 25; there are currently 43 BCS-O credential holders. The application

deadline for the September 2024 exam is August 15 and the registration deadline is September 3. The application fee for September is being waived. There will be an open call for candidates this spring for a new AT Director to begin onboarding January 2025 and will officially begin the first-year term January 2026. He said there are over 3,000 athletic trainers enrolled in the Pathfinder pilot program. All athletic trainers are invited to participate, and registration is open through March 28.

CAATE

President Dieringer reported that CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna was unable to attend, and a written report is available in the Dropbox.

Vice President Marshall asked if the ATPPS Residency and Fellowship Workshops could be made available to the districts.

President Dieringer asked staff to follow up with CAATE on the request.

NATA Foundation

President Ken Cameron of the NATA Foundation reported that the NATA Foundation event Pickleball N Pints will take place on June 25. He said that the Foundation entered into a partnership with Avive, and Avive will match donations to the Foundation for any purchase of their products. The 2024 Silent Auction will now take place in the Fall. He announced there were 68 scholarship award recipients this year. The Educational Resources Committee continues to put out the monthly Research to Clinical Practice Newsletter. Lastly, there are several open volunteer positions that can be found on the Foundation website.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AWARD

Melissa Montgomery, chair, reported that proposed changes to the award's criteria and scoring rubric would allow for more people to qualify. The scoring rubric had previously been geared towards academics and researchers, but the committee wanted to ensure that the award would be open to a broader range of members. Sue Stanley-Green, Honors and Award Committee chair, was also present during the meeting to answer any questions.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE, APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AWARD DESCRIPTION AND SCORING RUBRIC OF THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S AWARD.
(11,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Craig Voll, workgroup chair, said that the workgroup had completed its charge and the two proposals presented today are the last of the workgroup's recommendations.

Director Graham reported that she and Director Lawrance met with the chairs of the District Secretaries/Treasurers (DST) and Connection and Engagement Committee (CEC) to discuss revising the purposes of the committees to avoid overlap between them. The overlap was identified primarily in the areas of membership recruitment, retention, and renewal. The proposed changes provide a clear and concise outline of the specific scope of work for each committee. Julie Alexander, DST chair, was present during the meeting to answer any questions.

District Secretaries/Treasurers (DST) Revise Purpose

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT SECRETARIES/TREASURERS' (DST) REVISED PURPOSE: THE DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURERS' COMMITTEE (DST) IS COMPOSED OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED BY THE 11 NATA DISTRICTS. THE COMMITTEE FACILITATES COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE NATA DISTRICTS AND THE NATA PROVIDING A PIPELINE FOR INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. THE DST SUPPORTS THE NATA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT IN THE RECRUITMENT AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE CREATES AND PROVIDES FIDUCIARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES, AND ENSURES BEST PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT GOVERNANCE OF THE DISTRICTS AND MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES.
(1,2) PASSED (11-0-0)**

Connection and Engagement Committee (CEC) Revised Purpose

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CONNECTION & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE’S (CEC) REVISED PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS TO DEVELOP AMBASSADORS AND PROGRAMMING TO FOSTER COMMUNITY WITHIN NATA. THIS INCLUDES BRINGING AWARENESS TO MEMBERS ABOUT RESOURCES, INFORMATION, AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE. (5,8) PASSED (11-0-0)

DEIA COUNCIL UPDATE

DEIA Council Co-Chairs Trevor Bates and Rebecca Lopez said that they have filled several open positions on the council and reported that the council is working to combine efforts on committee service projects for upcoming conventions.

PRESIDENT REPORT

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

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield is going to start accepting payment claims for athletic trainers in Virginia. She also confirmed that verbal agreements have been made with United Healthcare and Aetna. She announced that COPACon registration is now open and her department will announce additional engagement sessions soon, including a keynote speaker and three live panel discussions. She reminded directors that the \$150 credit could be used towards COPACon registration. State Leadership Forum registration will open later this week and directors were asked to encourage their states to participate. She shared that several employers have reached out to the association, inquiring about state practice acts. They have expressed their frustration about being unable to hire athletic trainers to fill certain positions due to state practice acts not being updated. She then introduced the NATA BeAT Newsletter, a new resource for members providing updates on government affairs initiatives. Lastly, the Occupational Heat Task Force will meet in person in October, and the location is still being determined.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, department director, provided an update on COPACon, informing the directors that twelve sessions have already been recorded. Currently, 12 CEUS are being offered, but that number may slightly increase. The live session will take place on April 26 and will include one CEU session. She said that 57 registrants have signed up so far, and 19 of them have used their \$150 credit towards the registration. The Cannabis Task Force has completed their work, which can be found online, and is now working on infographics. The Executive Council for Education realignment is underway, and the open call for vacancies recently closed, with 18 applicants showing interest.

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:

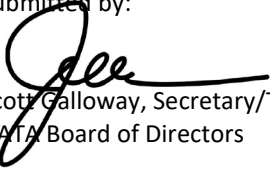
- **APPROVE JANUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE DESTINEE GROVE (D5) AS DEIA COUNCIL AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024.**
- **APPROVE THOMAS ABDENOUR (D8) AS A DEIA COUNCIL AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024.**
- **APPROVE JAMES MURDOCK (D1) AS THE DEIA COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY WORKGROUP CHAIR EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024.**
- **APPROVE SADIE MARTIN (D10) AS COPA PHYSICIAN PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024.**
- **APPROVE KARLI COLLINS (D6) AS COPA PHYSICIAN PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024.**

(5,2) PASSED (11-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Galloway", written over the typed name.

Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors