

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes
Web Conference
May 7, 2021

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Incoming Directors

Scott Galloway, MBA, LAT, ATC - absent
Donna Wesley, MS, LAT, ATC
Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC

Guests

Patrick Sexton, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, BOC
Anne Minton, MBA, CEO, BOC
Jennifer Yoder, Director, NATA Foundation
Jeff Konin, PhD, ATC, PT, FACM
Briana Lawry, AT Student
Emily Mulkey, ATC, Young Professional

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CALL TO ORDER

President Lindley called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Lindley welcomed the board, guests and the AT Strategic Alliance. He introduced Ryan Wilkinson as the District 11 Director-elect. He announced District 11 and Wilkinson will officially begin in June of 2022. Director Sartanowicz provided the board with some of her favorite inspirational quotes.

Our Best and Brightest

President Lindley invited Briana Lawry and Emily Mulkey to address the board. Lawry is a student at Old Dominion University where she is majoring in Athletic Training. She also has an undergraduate degree in Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. Lawry has a wide range of clinical experiences and currently serves as the president of the Graduate Athletic Training Organization. Mulkey received her undergraduate at Ohio State University then made her way to University of Pittsburgh to get her Masters in Sports Medicine. Mulkey currently serves as the Assistant Athletic Trainer at Virginia Commonwealth University and was recently selected to be the chair of the NATA Early Professional Committee. Both explained what led them to choose athletic training as a career. The board thanked Lawry and Mulkey for their presentations.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

President Lindley referenced the antitrust statement provided to the board of directors prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(10,3) PASSED (10-0-0)**

NATA CANNABINOID PROPOSAL

Vice President Brunett and Dr. Jeff Konin presented the NATA Cannabinoid Proposal to the board. Konin provided a brief background on the project. He presented the request to establish a task force to create resources to address the demand for information related to cannabis and cannabinoid. Konin then reviewed the process of selecting the recommended task force members that were presented in the proposal.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE NATA CANNABINOID PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.
(9,3) PASSED (10-0-0)**

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC) REPORT

President Sexton reported that the International Arrangement (IA) is in its final stages. The four international partners met and agreed on the final IA guidelines. The application process will be held on the BOC website. The International Committee welcomed two new members this week, Tony Carbonette from Canada and Hideyuki “E” Izumi from Japan. Sexton stated the Practice Analysis 8 is in its final content outline review and will go to the board for approval at the July meeting. The Practice Analysis 8 will be implemented into the Exam in April 2023 and Continuing Education will be aligned in January 2024. The BOC Board approved the recommendation from the Specialty Council on the name of the orthopedic specialty credential – Board Certified Specialist in Orthopedics (BCS-O). All future specialties will follow the same format. The Orthopedic Specialty Needs Assessment for the Orthopedic Specialty Certification is now on the BOC website. Sexton announced the BOC Central reporting function is scheduled to go live in June 2021. He then provided an update on the BOC board vacancies.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION (CAATE) REPORT

Interim Executive Director Chris Peck reported that CAATE is launching a call for commissioners next week. The CARE Conference will be held October 8-9 in Orlando. Peck announced the 2020 Residency and Fellowship Standards have been approved as of this week and will include the new DE&I standards. Peck reported that the DE&I standards for the professional programs will be implemented next summer.

NATA FOUNDATION

Foundation Director Jennifer Yoder reported in 2021 the Foundation awarded 65 scholarships valued at \$149,500. Since inception, 1,840 scholarships have been awarded valued at \$3.73 million. Yoder announced 295 Free Communications abstracts were accepted out of 440 submissions. Free Communications will have 9 live oral sessions and 8 on-demand sessions during VNATA 2021. The oral sessions include 153 abstracts. 142 of those will have poster presentation during VNATA 2021. The Foundation announced their 5 Free Communication Awardees for this year via social media and will be included in the VNATA presentation. Yoder thanked SEATA for sponsoring the Free Communication Program for the past 3 years. Yoder reported that the Foundation welcomed 11 new mentors/mentee pairs to the Faculty Mentor Program in 2021. Lastly, Yoder provided updates on the Student Writing Contest, research grants and fundraising.

VNATA 2021 UPDATE

Lori Marker, director of Meeting Management, gave an overview on VNATA 2021 including education program overview, pricing strategy, member benefit/renewal and marketing/messaging to members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Saddler reminded Directors to please notify staff of the outcome of their District's vote on the NATA Bylaw revisions. Once all Districts have voted, the Board will need to vote one more time as the final step. Saddler provided an update on the third-party subpoenas that NATA has been served involving concussion related cases. Saddler reported on a successful lease negotiation for one of NATA's tenants, QAM. He then thanked staff for all their hard work.

LIAISON PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Fitzpatrick presented the report on NATA liaisons to external organizations. He reported that 2 liaison reports were submitted. He encouraged Directors to read the reports that are provided in the Dropbox and noted that a more detailed report on the entire NATA CollaborATE Program will be provided in June.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

District IV

No report.

Districts I

Director Sartanowicz announced that EATA is scheduled to be in January in Foxwood, CT. As of right now, the conference is planned to be in-person.

District II

Director Dargusch announced that the district is in the final stages in completing their mobile application. The district expects the rollout to be at the district meeting on June 30.

District VIII

Director Nakagawa reported that the district resigned with Kona for the district meeting in 2023.

District VI

Director Hall announced the district has decided to hold their meeting this year virtually.

District VII

Director Gallegos reported that the district met virtually last month. The deadline for the NATA Bylaws vote is May 15. He announced the district is looking at options on how to better support their board and of the options explored is hiring a part-time executive director.

District V

Director Marshall announced that the district is thinking of moving over to the ICEU platform and asked directors to share their experiences if they have used them in the past. He then reported that the district is looking into hiring a part-time executive director to support their board.

District III

Director Flanagan reported that the district will vote on the NATA Bylaws during their virtual business meeting on May 15.

District X

Director Fitzpatrick reported that the district has a new treasurer-elect, Garth Babcock. The previous treasurer-elect accepted a new position out of state. He announced that the district approved the NATA Bylaws revisions. Fitzpatrick then stated that the district board will make a decision in September on whether or not they will have an in-person meeting in March 2022 in Portland, OR.

District IX

Director Brunett reported that the district approved the NATA Bylaws revisions. The district held a special election for a new secretary since Donna Wesley will be joining the NATA Board. She stated Danielle Platt will be the next SEATA secretary since she ran unopposed. She stated the current president and current treasurer are flipping roles, the transition will take place in June. She then reported that SEATA is looking to move the district meeting for 2023 and 2024 to Sandestin, FL.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into a closed session at 1:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lindley adjourned the meeting at 4:13p.m.

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Guests

Brant Berkstresser, MS, LAT, ACT, Incoming Chair, ICSM
Murphy Grant, MS, ATC, PES, Chair, ICSM

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**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(9,2) PASSED (10-0-0)**

INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE (ICSM) TRANSITION PLAN PROPOSAL

Director Nakagawa and Murphy Grant, chair, presented the ICSM Transition Plan Proposal to the board. The proposal would extend the current term limits for certain committee members to create a continuity across the committee moving forward. Incoming Chair Brant Berkstresser was also present to answer questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE TRANSITION PLAN PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.
(8,10) PASSED (10-0-0)**

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Callender provided an update on successful boots camps in South Dakota and Oklahoma. She reported on a positive meeting with lobbyists with the NFL and the California Athletic Trainers' Association leadership and noted that California's boot camp is scheduled for August. Callender provided updates on legislative bill statuses in Ohio and Colorado. She stated Illinois introduced a bill on dry needling that includes athletic trainers and Iowa also introduced a bill that added athletic trainers to a student loan payment bill. She announced that her department is currently running an advocacy campaign in Nevada and has received a great response so far. She then reported that NATAPAC just completed their first sweepstakes and exceeded their goal of five thousand dollars with just over nine thousand dollars.

Callender presented the Friends of Athletic Training Recognition proposal to the board. She stated if approved, this recognition will be given to legislators who support the athletic training profession.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE FRIENDS OF ATHLETIC TRAINING RECOGNITION AS PRESENTED.
(3,5) PASSED (10-0-0)**

KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES UPDATE

James reported on the Leadership Communication Webinar Series and reviewed the overall ratings of the series. James provided an update on Targeted Events. COPA Con's live and on-demand portions are now done, a full analysis will be brought to the board in June. The Education Research Series and ATEC have completed their live portions and Secondary Schools begins their live portion next week. She then provided an update on the Range of Motion Preceptor Chat Series and the VNATA 2021 Education Forum topics.

MARCOM UPDATE

Logan provided an update on the DEIA commitment and shared a one-page infographic that will be distributed to membership that outlines the DEIA response plan. Logan reviewed many initiatives that are underway that are designed to get member feedback including the salary survey and a member value survey. She then provided updates on MARCOM highlights and the ICSM Historically Black College and University (HBCU) seat.

Honey Hamilton, Public Relations Manager, shared a snapshot of 2021 Public Relations activity for Q1 and partial Q2.

COLLEGIATE STANDARD OF CARE INTER-ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

President Lindley provided an update on the Collegiate Standard of Care Inter-association Steering Committee. Lindley reviewed the makeup of the committee and announced that the committee's creative team is working on a preliminary draft on the 413 evidence-based standards. These standards are identified as foundational and are applicable to all levels of college athletics. Lindley stated the next step is for the steering committee to review the next draft submitted by the creative team and provide additional feedback.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER SCOOP

Donna Wesley, incoming District 9 Director, gave a presentation introducing herself to the board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lindley provided an update on the NATA official statements. He stated President-elect Dieringer and Logan are discussing next steps on how to deliver the message that the Association will only comment on events that relate directly to NATA's mission.

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 APRIL 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE (ALL)**
- **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF SHAKETHA PIERCE, (D6), ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY**

(1,10) PASSED (10-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT

After appropriate thank yous, President Lindley adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC

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Secretary/Treasurer
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