

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**11:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**November 20, 2023**

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Leslie Scantlebury, MBA  
Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE  
Jessica Porter

Guests

Brian Conway, BS, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison  
Gary Hanna, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE 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  
Christina Emrich, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, SAAC  
BJ Maack, LAT, ATC, Chair, GAC  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 11.00 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 Liaison Brian Conway reminded directors that 2023 is a reporting year and the deadline for submissions is December 31. The next Orthopedic Specialty Exam is planned for February 2024; as of November 1, there are currently 43 BCS-O credential holders. The enhanced PGA is scheduled to be piloted at the beginning of 2024 and will last one year. He then reported that

the International Arrangement has 43 applicants to date; 45 evaluations reports have been issued and 28 applications are in process.

CAATE

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna reported that the CAATE Board voted to reaffirm the CAATE’s commitment to DEIA and the DEI Standards. In addition, the CAATE Board charged the DEIA & Leadership Development and Education Committees to develop additional resources to support accredited programs in this area. The Comprehensive Review Workshop took place on October 28 for programs going through the process in 2024 and 2025; he said the workshop was well attended. The next CAATE Town Hall is scheduled for November 30. Lastly, as of October 31, ATCAS applicants were up 53% from the same period in 2022.

NATA FOUNDATION

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported that there is an open call through December 1 for several volunteer positions. The Educational Resources Committee issued the November Research to Clinical Practice Newsletter; the November issue focuses on Telehealth. The scholarship application window is open from November 15 through January 15. The Student Writing Contest is now accepting applications through February 2024. He then announced new Foundation board appointments; Don Emerson was elected Vice President of Professional Development of Educational Development of Programs, Diane Sartanowicz will be the incoming District One Chair, Tamerah Hunt will be the District Nine Chair, Sam Johnson will be the incoming District Ten Chair and Lee Wise was elected as the At-Large Director. Lastly, Kathryn LaLonde was selected as the new Foundation Director.

STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S (SAAC) REVISED PURPOSE

Director Graham reported that the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) were charged with reviewing and updating their committee purposes as part of the strategic plan realignment due to some overlap.

Chair Christina Emrich commented that the proposed purpose clearly outlines what the committee does for state leaders.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S REVISED PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) IS TO SERVE STATE LEADERS BY RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING ISSUES IMPACTING STATE ASSOCIATIONS, PROVIDING TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND ADVICE TO DEVELOP AND HELP ADVANCE STATE LEADERSHIP, AND FACILITATING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AND STATE ASSOCIATIONS.  
(5,1) PASSED (11-0-0)**

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE’S (GAC) REVISED PURPOSE

Director Dargusch presented the Government Affairs Committee’s revised purpose. She said the GAC chair and SAAC chair met to review both purposes to ensure there were no redundancies between the two committees.

Chair BJ Maack said both committees will continue to collaborate moving forward.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE’S REVISED PURPOSE: THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WITH INTEREST OR EXPERTISE IN STATE LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY AFFAIRS. THE COMMITTEE ADVOCATES FOR STATE REGULATION FAVORABLE TO ATHLETIC TRAINING BY MONITORING LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY TRENDS IN STATES, BY PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR STATE LEADERS, AND BY REGULATORY COLLABORATING WITH STATE AND NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS ON A PROACTIVE BASIS.  
(2,3) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**ATS CARE COMMITTEE’S TERM REDUCTION PROPOSAL**

Director Wesley presented the ATs Care Committee’s term reduction proposal. She said reducing the volunteer term limits will make the committee more attractive to potential volunteers; it will also enhance the committee’s effectiveness, inclusivity, and adaptability.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE AMENDING THE ATS CARE COMMITTEE TERM STRUCTURE FROM 5 YEARS WITH A RENEWABLE TERM OF 3 YEARS TO 3 YEARS WITH A RENEWABLE TERM OF 2 YEARS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.  
(9,3) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**SAFE SPORTS SCHOOL AWARD PROCESS**

Katie Scott, association project manager, informed the Board that the Safe Sports School Award will now be housed under the Secondary School Athletic Training Committee effective January 1. She said the award process will remain the same.

**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 an update on state advocacy campaigns and legislative boot camps. She also announced that NATA is the recipient of the Institutional Public Service Award from the American Public Health Association Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section.

Meetings Department

Lori Marker, department director, reviewed the changes to the NATA 2024 schedule.

**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:

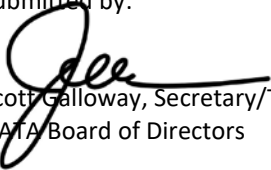
- **APPROVE OCTOBER 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE TREVOR BATES (D4) AS THE DEIA COUNCIL CHAIR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE REBECCA LOPEZ (D9) AS THE DEIA COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE JASON MIHALIK (D3) AS FELLOWS COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
- **APPROVE JOSEPH MYERS (D9) AS FELLOWS COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
- **APPROVE MARY HOUSEL (D2) AS COPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE ALLISON ROBINSON (D9) AS COPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE MEGAN DEHAVEN (D7) AS COPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023-JUNE 2024.**
- **APPROVE MICHAEL DONAHUE (D5) AS COPA PRIVATE & EMERGING PRACTICE CHAIR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE ANDY CARTER (D3) AS COUNCIL ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
- **APPROVE BRIAN BRATTA (D2) AS A CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
- **APPROVE ADAM ANNACCONE (D6) AS THE COPA ANALYTICS AND OUTCOMES COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE KATHERINE HARDEE (D6) AS THE COPA ANALYTICS AND OUTCOMES COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE JARED BROWN (D5) AS ICSM 2-YEAR INSTITUTION COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2023.**

- **APPROVE KIERRA WARD (D9) AS THE ATS CARE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
  - **APPROVE NANCY BURKE (D3) AS THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
  - **APPROVE KATHERINE BREEDLOVE (D1) AS THE MOST DISTINGUISHED AT COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.**
- (2,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors