

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**October 18, 2021**

Board

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David Saddler  
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Incoming District Directors

Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC

Guests

Patrick Sexton, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, BOC  
Rene Shingles, PhD, AT, ATC, Vice President, BOC  
Anne Minton, MBA, CEO, BOC  
Sharon Robson, Chief Staff Officer, BOC  
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President-elect, NATA  
Foundation  
Roger Kalisiak, AT Ret, Chair, HC  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. Ten of the ten 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 President Sexton reported that the BOC is hosting a CPC webinar on October 20th. The webinar will be recorded and shared on the BOC website. Sexton announced the appointment of Christopher Ashton, MS, LAT, ATC, as Athletic Trainer director to the BOC board. Ashton will take office in January 2023. He stated the IDEAS Committee has an open call for volunteers. The Orthopedic Specialty Exam has 15 athletic trainers registered for the first window in October, the next exam opening will be in February 2022. The BOC October exam results will be available mid-November. He concluded that the 2022 exam dates and deadlines are posted on the BOC website.

**NATA Foundation**

NATA Foundation President Cameron said the Free Communications Abstract portal is open through November 1st. The scholarship application window opens in November and will close in January 2022. He said the Foundation is looking to give out over 60 scholarships this year. He encouraged directors to share this information with their districts and to encourage them to nominate well deserving students. Cameron said there is an open call for a new Scholarship Committee chair as well as vacancies in District 2, District 6 and District 10, additional details can be found on the NATA Foundation website. He stated that the Foundation will hold their annual elections in November and those positions will be filled in January 2022. Current vacancies are for District 2, District 4 and District 6. The application window closed in September and the announcements will be made in November. Cameron then announced the Second Annual High Five for Athletic Training Profession Campaign is underway, which also includes the 5K race.

**FINANCE**

**Investment RFP**

Crely reviewed the investment request for proposal process including what factors are considered and who received it. Crely summarized the findings and recommendation to maintain Meritage as our investment services provider.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, APPROVE TO KEEP MERITAGE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AS THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FIRM.  
(1,3) PASSED (10-0-0)**

**Audit RFP**

Crely reviewed the audit and tax services request for proposal process including what factors are considered and who received it. She summarized the findings and recommendation to select Clifton, Larson, Allen as our audit and tax services provider.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, APPROVE TO CHANGE AUDIT AND TAX PROVIDERS TO CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP.  
(1,2) (10-0-0)**

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION ORAL HISTORY PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Meredith Daniels, Director of Membership, presented the Publishing Concepts (PCI) Oral History Project proposal to the Board. The project provides three key opportunities including, continue adding to the NATA history and archives at no cost to the association, to generate non-dues revenue, and to provide a touchpoint for past NATA members to share their stories and encourage membership renewal at the same time. Members and past members would be invited to participate through different marketing channels and would be directed to call a toll-free phone number to share their stories. PCI will transcribe, curate, and publish a print and digital compilation of these stories. The compilation will be offered to NATA members and past members for purchase and NATA will receive \$10 per order. In addition, NATA will have full copyright on all the recordings and can use them in any other capacity as desired. Daniels stated the project is estimated to take six months following data collection completion. Historical Commission Chair Roger Kalisiak was available to answer questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PCI, PENDING SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.  
(1,10) (10-0-0)**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

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

*The board went into Closed Session at 10:38 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.*

**UPDATES/INFORMATION**

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, Director of Government Affairs, reported on a successful boot camp for Florida. She said the Advocacy Florida Campaign for ATAF sent out 303 emails and has reached 49 out of the 50 senators. The Government Affairs Department has been doing a lot of prep work to get the states ready to go back into legislative session in January. She announced that South Carolina and New York are moving towards licensure language, leaving Hawaii as the only state that does not have licensure. Callender reported an updated federal tracking chart has been added to the Dropbox. She then provided updates on the Energy and Commerce hearing on compensating collegiate athletes, Even Playing Field Act, American Academy Pediatric Bright Futures open comment, State Association Advisory Committee’s (SSAC) Atlas/Tuffs Webinar, Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Legislative Webinar and Council of Practice Advancement (COPA) vacancies.

Membership Services

Meredith Daniels, Director of Membership, provided a Year End Membership Report update. She presented the 2021 membership renewal statistics by district and noted the percentages shown reflect paid certified athletic trainers only. She then provided a snapshot of the 2022 membership renewal percentages to date. Daniels announced there has been an internal discussion around creating a website that will show lives updates on renewal statistics by district and hopes this could create a friendly competition among the districts.

**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:

- **MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETINGS (ALL)**
- **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF ASHLEY CROSSWAY, DAT, ATC, (D2), LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LGBTQ+AC) MEMBER TO SEPTEMBER 2023.**
- **CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**
  - **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF JOHNA REGISTER-MIHALIK, PHD, LAT, ATC, CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC) MEMBER TO JUNE 2023.**
  - **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF JESSICA BARRETT, PHD, LAT, ATC, (D1), CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC) MEMBER TO JUNE 2024.**
  - **APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TRACEY COVASSIN, ATC, (D4), CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC) MEMBER TO JUNE 2024.**

**(1,2) PASSED (10-0-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer  
NATA Board of Directors