

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. Central Time
October 22, 2024

Board

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT, President-absent
Rob Marshall, ATC, Vice President
Scott Galloway, MBA, LAT, ATC, Secretary/Treasurer -
absent
Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC
Tanya Dargusch, LAT, ATC
Ray Davis, Jr., MSS, LAT, ATC
Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS
Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC
Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC
Donna Wesley, MS, LAT, ATC
Kasee Hildenbrand, PhD, LAT, ATC
Ryan Wilkinson, EdD, LAT, ATC

Staff

David Saddler
Tamesha Logan, MBA
Michael Anto, PHR, SHRM-CP

Amy Callender
Drew Caffey
Kathy Crelly
Robin Grossfeld
Anita James, CMP
Lori Marker, CMP, CEM
Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE
Jessica Porter

Incoming Directors

Christina Emrich, MS, LAT, ATC
Rusty McKune, ATC

Guests

Brian Conway, BS, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison
Gary Hana, 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
David Gallegos, MA, ATC, Cert. MDT
Jamie Mansell, PhD, LAT, ATC, Co-Chair, Sexual Misconduct in
Athletic Training Workgroup
Dani Moffit, PhD, LAT, ATC, Co-Chair, Sexual Misconduct in Athletic
Training Workgroup
Ciara Taylor, EdD, LAT, ATC, Chair, SSATC
Colby Tegt, Chair, SLC
Tim Weston, MEd, ATC, Chair, PEOTF

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CALL TO ORDER

President Duffy could not attend; therefore, Vice President Rob Marshall conducted the meeting. Vice President Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ten of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

Vice President Marshall welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and guests to the call.

PRIDE POINTS

Vice President Marshall opened the floor for the Board and guests to share their recent highlights.

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

BOC

BOC Liaison Brian Conway shared the 2025 BOC Board of Director Strategic Partner liaison assignments: Lynne Young will serve as the liaison to NATA, Chris Ashton will be the liaison to CAATE, and Kelsey Rynkiewicz will liaise with the NATA Foundation. An open call for volunteer opportunities is available; more details can be found on the website under the “Explore Opportunities” tab. He reported that the Pathfinder Pilot had 1,645 users complete Q3 multiple-choice questions (MCQs), and participants will be asked to complete a comprehensive survey in Q4. He provided an update on the Athletic Trainer Compact, stating that the CSG assembled a Technical Assistance Group (TAG) that developed recommendations for the Compact Document Team. This Document Team has been formed and will meet in person next month; a comprehensive update on the Athletic Trainer Compact has been shared with NATA staff. Lastly, there are currently 49 BCS-O certified individuals, and the September/October exam results will be posted soon. The next Orthopedic Specialty exam is scheduled for February 2025, with the application deadline set for January 16.

CAATE

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna reported that the CAATE Board of Commissioners met in Washington, DC, in September for a board meeting and strategic planning. The final version of the 2025-28 Strategic Plan will be presented at their Town Hall in early 2025. He highlighted there is a 29% increase in ATCAS applications so far this year.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron announced that the Silent Auction is open from October 1 through November 15 and encouraged directors to promote participation on their social media accounts. The partnership with Avive is ongoing; buyers will receive a discount, and a portion of the proceeds will support the Foundation. Cameron reported that the Master Grant recipients were announced in late September, with six award winners. The Educational Resources Committee continues to publish the monthly Research to Clinical Practice Newsletter. Their focus over the next couple of months will be on a special series aimed at enhancing career skills, including work/life balance, salary negotiation, and mentorship. The Free Communication program opened the abstract submission window on September 15 and will close on November 1. The Scholarship application window will open on November 15 and close on January 15. Lastly, applications for the student writing contest will be accepted until February 1.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WHITE PAPER

Director Dargusch presented the Sexual Misconduct White Paper to the Board and gave a brief background on the project.

Co-Chair Dani Moffit explained that the purpose of the White Paper is to educate the athletic training community about the current cultural issues, aspects to be on the lookout for, and how to report incidents of misconduct. She noted that several subject matter experts in the field were involved as co-authors of the paper. Co-Chair Jamie Mansell was also present to address any questions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE WHITE PAPER: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN ATHLETIC TRAINING AS PRESENTED.
(2,1) PASSED (10-0-0) (ABSENT DISTRICT 6)**

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, the staff director of Government Affairs, reported that California has signed its title certification bill into law. Their leadership has contacted us about hosting a boot camp and working towards registration. Several states have completed legislative boot camps, including Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Kansas, and Tennessee. Arkansas is scheduled for December and Iowa for January. The Friends of Athletic Training Recognition Certificates will be distributed this week. Director-elect McKune will represent NATA on the Document Team for AT Compacts on November 12-13. She mentioned that efforts continue on NDAA initiatives to secure recognition for athletic trainers by Tricare. An update was

provided on TPRI; Virginia Elevance (BCBS) is currently reimbursing athletic trainers at 50% of physical therapy rates. Efforts are underway to contest this rate, as it does not align with their agreement. Lastly, the Occupational Heat Taskforce will meet later this week in Washington, DC.

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 AUGUST 2024 AND SEPTEMBER 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE JESICA BROWN (D9) AS THE COPA HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION PANEL CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2025 – JUNE 2029.**
- **APPROVE WILLIAM HENSON (D9) AS THE COPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH PANEL MEMBER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2024 – JUNE 2028.**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE NATA 2023 TAX RETURN.**
- **APPROVE FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) AWARDS (11,3) PASSED (10-0-0) (ABSENT DISTRICT 6)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, Vice President Marshall adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Submitted by:


Scott Galbraith, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors