

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
Carrollton, Texas
September 20, 2017

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Incoming district directors

Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC, *absent*
Craig Voll, PhD, ATC
David Gallegos, MA, ATC, Cert. MDT
Lyn Nakagawa, MS, ATC, CSCS

Invited guests

Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC, Executive Director, CAATE
Kathy Dieringer, EdD, ATC, LAT, NATA Presidential Candidate
Brian Conway, ATC, President, NATA Foundation
Len Mitchell, CFA, Meritage Portfolio Management
Pat Aronson, PhD, ATC, PTA, Chair, Diversity & Inclusion
Workgroup

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CALL TO ORDER

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Sailor welcomed to the call the Strategic Alliance members in attendance, NATA Presidential Candidate Kathy Dieringer, EdD, ATC, LAT, Len Mitchell, CFA, from Meritage Portfolio Management and Pat Aronson, PhD, ATC, PTA, chair of the Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Workgroup. President Sailor also congratulated Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC, on her recent election as District One Director-elect. Treasurer Weston indicated that Sartanowicz would begin joining calls in October.

FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer Weston informed the board that the Finance Committee unanimously approved forwarding the following items to the board for financial approval. If approved, funding would come from of fiscal year savings or board-designated funds from the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year budget.

June 2017 Financial Statements

Treasurer Weston noted the June financials were not ready due to the year-end close. All expenses have been submitted from convention and statements are being finalized.

Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training Committee (PRAT) Award Funding Request

Amy Callender presented a request from the PRAT Committee for two PRAT Awards of Distinction, one of which would honor an NATA member and the other a non-member. Funding would cover recognition items for the winners. NATA member nominees would be required to have NPI numbers. Callender noted these awards were approved by the Honors and Awards (H&A) Committee.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETIC TRAINING (PRAT) COMMITTEE AWARDS USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR BOARD-DESIGNATED FUNDS.
(2, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup Funding Request

Pat Aronson, Chair of the D&I Workgroup, presented a proposal with an attached funding request to transition the D&I Workgroup to a standing NATA committee. Aronson mentioned that a member survey was not conducted, but it is one of the proposed committee's deliverables. The board discussed other projects, which include identifying current perceptions of the LGBTQ community within NATA, establishing a mentoring program, reevaluating the name of the potential committee and collaborating with the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC), all of which provided rationale for transitioning the workgroup to a standing committee.

Aronson reviewed the financial proposal with the board, elaborating on the Safe Space Training provided by The Resource Center in Dallas, Texas that would occur during the 2018 Joint Committee Meeting.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORKGROUP (D&I WORKGROUP) TO A STANDING NATA COMMITTEE, TENTATIVELY NAMED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LGBTQ+ INCLUSION (ACI).
(6, 2) PASSED 7-3-0 (NO 3, 7, 10)**

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO APPROVE \$14,875 IN FUNDING FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LGBTQ+ INCLUSION COMMITTEE (ACI).
(3, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

Pat Aronson left the call.

Meritage Investment Update

Len Mitchell from Meritage Portfolio Management reviewed the recent portfolio performance of NATA's investments. He recommended the board increase the international exposure limit to its current investments.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, APPROVE MERITAGE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE NATA'S INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMIT FROM 15% TO 20%.
(1, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

Len Mitchell left the call.

JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING: JAPAN ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ORGANIZATION (JATO) REQUEST

Director Peters presented a proposal on permitting the Japan Athletic Trainers' Organization (JATO) to translate *Journal of Athletic Training* articles into Japanese. Peters noted there is no cost requested of NATA and that JATO will cover all costs. Director Lindley requested a disclaimer to provide "lost in translation" protections.

VOTED: TO APPROVE JATO'S REQUEST TO TRANSLATE ARTICLES TO WHICH NATA COPYRIGHTED JOURNAL ARTICLES INTO JAPANESE TO POST ON THE JATO WEBSITE AS OPEN ACCESS MATERIALS, WITH IT CLEARLY STATED THAT THE DOCUMENTS ARE TRANSLATED AND REPRODUCED WITH THE PERMISSION OF NATA. A DISCLAIMER WILL BE INCLUDED THAT ASSURES TRANSLATION VALIDITY AND ACCURACY, PROTECTING NATA FROM ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE ENGLISH VERSION.

(3, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

MARKETING UPDATE

Tamesha Logan updated the board on recent external marketing business. She announced that the National School Boards Association (NSBA) recently accepted a proposal for an NATA At Your Own Risk presentation for its convention in April 2018. Jason Cates, LAT, ATC, will present at this conference.

Logan also announced collaborative efforts with the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research (NAIER) to provide a webinar for its membership (risk managers) about how athletic trainers mitigate risk. Logan stated the group is in preliminary stages of discussing the course outline and content, and that Randy Cohen, DPT, ATC, has been providing feedback on content.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Amy Callender updated the board on Federal Legislative matters. She announced there are 21 co-sponsors of S. 808, the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. Callender announced her department recently attempted to add a second-degree amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, including ATs as covered providers under Tricare Health Insurance. This attempt was deemed unsuccessful, but Callender mentioned a member of the Conference Committee may also have an opportunity to add ATs to the bill as covered providers.

Callender noted the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is reviewing applications for the State Legislative Grant program. Selected states are expected to be notified in November. She announced a final report on the Third Party Reimbursement Pilot Study will be presented to the board in November.

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTED: TO APPROVE:

- **MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2017 BOARD MEETING (ALL).**

(8, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

OTHER

Tamesha Logan announced plans for communicating the Board of Certification (BOC) certification maintenance fee increase were discussed between NATA and BOC and that information would be shared with the board soon.

Directors Brunett and Hall thanked the board for its support to their districts during the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The ATs Care Committee (ATsC) was thanked for its ongoing efforts providing peer support to athletic trainers during critical times.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Sailor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.