

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. Central Time
September 19, 2022

Board

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Incoming District Directors

Vicky Graham, DAT, LAT, ATC
Scott Lawrance, DHSc, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS - *District 4 proxy*
Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC
Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC

Guests

Neil Curtis, ATC, BOC Liaison
Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President-elect, NATA Foundation
Darryl Conway, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair, EDAC
Jennifer Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC Incoming Chair, LGBTQ+ AC
David Berry, PhD, MHA, ATC, Chair, ATEJ

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10.01 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.

PROXY APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR CRAIG VOLL

President Dieringer informed the Board that Director Craig Voll will not be on the call and had sent Incoming District 4 Director Scott Lawrance as his proxy.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SCOTT LAWRENCE, DHSC, LAT, ATC, MSPT, CSCS, INCOMING DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR, AS THE PROXY FOR DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR AS A VOTING PARTICIPANT ON THE CALL.
(11,2) PASSED (10-0-1) (ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 4)**

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 Neil Curtis reported that the “Cert Update” publication is going digital in 2023. Subscribers who opted for the printed version were notified of the change on August 4; subscribers will continue to receive the printed version through the rest of the year. The AT Exam registration for the October exam closes on September 19. He said to date there are 33 BSC-O credential holders. The application deadline for the February 2023 exam is January 16. He reported that the International Arrangement to date has 35 applicants that have entered the International Consultants of Delaware (ICD) applicant portal to begin the application process.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron reported there is an open call for vacant board seats that will close on October 6; those positions include, Director of Finance, Vice President of Research Programs, District 11 Chair and two At-Large positions. He said the award nominations are now open through October 1; more information can be found on the website. The portal for Free Communications Abstracts for the annual meeting in 2023 is now open and will close on November 1. Lastly, the Education Resource Committee released a research to clinical practice memo focused on exertional heat illness in August and their September focus was on concussion management and return to play; memos can be located on the Foundation website.

NATA SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS SCORECARD

Athletic Training Educational Journal Editor-in-Chief David Berry provided the Board with an NATA Scientific Journals Scorecard update. Data metrics for submissions, acceptance rates and turnaround time for publication of overall manuscripts was reviewed with the Board. He reported that the December 2022 issue will focus on DEIA and there will be a special series on LGBTQIA and Inter-professional Education and Collaborative Practice (IPECP) that will run through July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. He shared the new author guidelines including, adding scoping reviews, requiring methods flow chart and requiring consultation of study design requirements. He reported that the NATA 2023 Journal Committee Session titled “Active Learning Strategies: What does the data show and how are educators implementing to improve student outcomes.” This interactive session will examine how educators implement active learning strategies to teach some of the latest and more difficult topics within athletic training. Lastly, he announced that his term will end in June 2023 and recommends appointing the new editor-in-chief by December 2022 so they can start the onboarding process in January 2023.

GROUP TAX EXEMPTION

Treasurer Sartanowicz reported that all eleven districts fall under NATA for the group tax exemption. An email communication will be distributed to the district directors and the District Secretaries/Treasurers (DST) requesting tax returns from each of the districts. All tax returns need to be submitted in order to keep the group tax exemption status.

THE ATHLETIC TRAINING WORKFORCE

Associate Executive Director Tamesha Logan provided an update on the Athletic Training Workforce. She said staff focused on two key questions:

1. Is there sufficient supply to support the demand in the market?
2. Is there sufficient supply to support the demand for athletic training in ten years?

Logan reviewed the data on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website. Based on the BLS data, there is enough supply to support the demand for athletic training today, however, the future outlook is still unknown. She said next steps is for the Strategic Alliance presidents to meet and to discuss the work presented by staff. Once consensus is reached, a communication plan will be developed by the Strategic Alliance and will be distributed to key stakeholders, members and employers.

ABLEISM AUDIT AND WORK

Logan provided an update on the NATA Ableism Audit. The goal of this project is to utilize resources from governmental and other non-profit organizations to create a mechanism or tool to identify areas of strength and growth within the association. She said the best approach is to simply ask the question “what accommodations does an individual need to be provided the

same opportunities to succeed and meet as a person without a disability?" NATA has a personalized, one-on-one, tailored approach to answering this question by providing more opportunities to gather information from individuals who may have a disability. She then reviewed what NATA currently does for ableism and what opportunities NATA can approve on according to the ADA.

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, reported that Legislative Boot Camp 2.0 is coming soon and Minnesota will be first the state to participate. Pennsylvania's Advocacy Campaign is underway; over seven hundred letters have been sent to legislators. She reported that Deanna Kuykendall has sat in on the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA) interviews for a new lobbyist; they are currently in the final stages of negotiating to get a new lobbyist under contract. The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) had their webinar series on legislative goal setting. The quarterly state reports to the GAC were due last week. Only Twenty-eight states had submitted reports. The GAC plans to discuss potentially moving the reporting back to a bi-annual basis. California is moving forward with their legislative bill language and anticipates that it will drop by the end of the year. She then reported on new bills introduced to the Senate including a Youth Athlete Injury Study bill. Lastly, the NATAPAC Sweepstakes raised over nine thousand dollars.

Knowledge Initiatives

Anita James, department director, reported that her department welcomed two new staff members. V-A TEC is scheduled for November 4; registration will open soon. The conference will have fourteen hours of educational content and a chance to earn seven CEUs. One of the areas of focus this year will be around recruitment. She reported that the theme this year is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Promoting Resilience and Collaboration in Athletic Training Education, Research and Practice. On-demand sessions will be available through December 5.

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 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
 - **APPROVE THE AUTHOR ROSTER FOR THE WHITE PAPER ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AS PRESENTED:**
 - **DAVID COHEN**
 - **ASHLEY CROSSWAY**
 - **TAMMI GAW**
 - **BENITO VELASQUEZ**
- (3,2) PASSED (11-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC

Submitted by:

Diane Sartanowicz, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors