

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**11:00 a.m. Central Time**  
**September 18, 2023**

Board

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David Saddler  
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Amy Callender  
Drew Caffey  
Kathy Creilly  
Anita James, CMP  
Lori Marker, CMP, CEM  
Jessica McCabe

Guests

Katherine Dec, MD, FAAMPR, FAMSSM, BOC Liaison  
Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, ATC, Co-Chair, DEIA Task Force  
Rebecca Lopez, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Co-Chair, DEIA Task Force  
Len Mitchell, CFA, Meritage Portfolio Management

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 11.01 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.

**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 Katherine Dec informed directors that the BOC Nominating Committee submitted two candidates to the BOC Board of Directors for consideration for the Athletic Trainer position; the appointment will be made in late October. The September Orthopedic Specialty exam registration deadline was August 28 and there are 16 registered.

**PRONOUNCEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Chair Susan Yeargin provided an update on the committee’s initiatives. She reported this past year the committee developed appendices for their P&P manual including email templates, standard rubrics and several forms. The committee is working to reorganize the NATA and NATA Foundation websites; all NATA position statements will be organized by practice domains. In addition, both websites will have a standard disclaimer at the bottom as well as language that informs the reader that the committee reviews the statements on an annual basis for accuracy. She then reviewed the updated Author Packet and new Position Statements that are currently underway.

**NATA DOCUMENT STORAGE**

Drew Caffey, department director, reported that all NATA committees should be using a Dropbox folder for file sharing. If your committee is currently using anything other than Dropbox, those documents need to be moved to a Dropbox folder that is created by an NATA staff member. He said if any committee members are having problems with Dropbox storage, please have them contact their staff liaison.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION (ECE) CHAIR**

President-elect Duffy reviewed the extensive process for selecting the new Executive Council for Education (ECE) chair. He stated the selection committee included Sara Long, PhD, AT, ATC, ECE member, Michelle Boling, PhD, LAT, ECE member, Rebecca Lopez, PhD, ATC, CSCS, FNATA, DEIA Task Force co-chair, as well as Directors Hildenbrand and Lawrance. David Saddler and Brian Vesci, DAT, LAT, ATC, current ECE chair, also provided support but were not voting members. President-elect Duffy presented Michelle Odai, PhD, LAT, ATC, as the committee’s selection. The Board was reminded that the term of the ECE chair runs parallel of the term of the NATA President.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE MICHELLE ODAI AS THE CHAIR FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION (ECE)  
BEGINNING JUNE 2024.  
(10,4) PASSED (11-0-0)**

**UPDATES/INFORMATION**

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, reported that Iowa is undergoing a deregulation process for over 200 professions and athletic training is one of them. She said NATA sent a letter in opposition to the deregulation. Her department provided talking points to the state and offered for President Dieringer to testify at the hearing if they so choose. She said Kansas had a rule change on who needs temporary license in the state. Lastly, she reported that the Department of Labor proposed a new rule that \$55,000 is the basis for paid overtime. The rule affects some members positively and others negatively. The comment period is open for 60 days and the final rule will not be concluded until sometime in 2024. In the meantime, her department created a fact sheet for members on the proposed rule.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

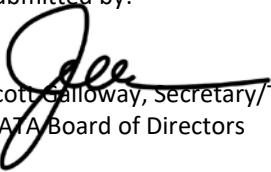
Appropriate information on the following items were provided to the Board through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions. With no objections raised, the consent agenda was approved. It included:

- **APPROVE AUGUST 2023 BOARD MINUTES (ALL)**
- **APPROVE MONICA SMITH (D6) AS THE COPA OCCUPATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2023.**
- **APPROVE JENNIFER BRODEUR, MS, LAT, ATC, (D1), AS THE DISTRICT SECRETARIES’ TREASURER (DST) CHAIR EFFECTIVE JULY 2024.  
(3,2) 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