

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Meeting Minutes
12:00 p.m. Central Time
April 28, 2024

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Ken Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS, President, NATA Foundation
Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, ATC, Co-Chair, DEIA Council – *absent*
Rebecca Lopez, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Co-Chair, DEIA Council
Brant Berkstresser, MS, LAT, ATC, Chair, ICSM
Michelle Odai, PhD, LAT, ATC, Incoming Chair, ECE

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.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. Director Hildenbrand provided the board with some of her favorite inspirational quotes.

PRIDE POINTS

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

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER SCOOP

Incoming District 5 Director Rusty McKune gave a presentation introducing himself to the board.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

President Dieringer referenced the antitrust statement provided to the board of directors prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(2,3) PASSED (11-0-0)**

AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE PARTNER UPDATES

BOC

BOC Liaison Brian Conway reported that as of March 28 there are 49 BCS-O credential holders. The application deadline for the September 2024 exam is August 15 and the registration deadline is September 3. There will be an open call for candidates on May 1 for a new AT Director; applications are due by June 30. The Continuing Professional Certification enrollment window for the Pathfinder pilot closed on March 28. Preliminary reports show that over 3600 enrolled for the pilot. The BOC is looking for nominations for the Dan Libera Service Award, Denise Fandel Award of Excellence and the Paul Grace Leadership Award, nominations are due April 28. Lastly, the CARE Conference will be held July 9-10 in Omaha, Nebraska.

CAATE

CAATE Liaison Gary Hanna announced the CAATE Board granted 10 years of continuing accreditation to professional programs at Salem State University, California Baptist University, and University of St. Mary. He said the CAATE Board voted to increase the maximum length of Continuing Accreditation for residency and fellowship programs to 10 years. As of March, ATCAS applicants were up 23% from the same period last year and 60 application waivers were provided to potential students from low-income households. CAATE will host the second workshop on accommodations in clinical education on April 18. Hanna then responded to questions that Director Lawrance had sent before the meeting.

NATA Foundation

NATA Foundation President Cameron announced the recipients of the Foundation Service Award. The Educational Resources Committee continues to put out the monthly Research to Clinical Practice Newsletter, the April issue focuses on Relative Energy Deficiency (REDS) in Sport. He then encouraged directors to get their tickets for the Pickle N Pints event in New Orleans before it is sold out.

INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE (ICSM) – NEW HORIZON AWARD NAME CHANGE

Brant Berkstesser, chair, reported that the Council would like to rename the award in honor of Doug Boersma, former Senior Associate Athletic Director for Performance and Sports Medicine. He said Doug served on the ICSM at the time of his sudden passing in 2023. Doug was a highly respected collegiate athletic trainer whose service to various committees improved the health and well-being of collegiate student-athletes.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE RENAMING THE ICSM'S COMMITTEE AWARD FROM THE NEW HORIZON AWARD TO THE DOUG BOERSMA NEW HORIZON AWARD.
(2,5) PASSED (10-0-1) ABSTAIN: DISTRICT 4**

AT EDUCATIONALISTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

Michelle Odai, incoming chair of the Executive Council for Education (ECE), reported the Council is requesting the Board to strike the Educationalists Community Policies and Procedures to dissolve the Educationalists Cabinet. The Educationalist Community will continue to exist in its current form but will be under the ECE's umbrella. This is a step towards the realignment that the Board approved in January.

**VOTED: IN LINE WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION (ECE) REALIGNMENT APPROVED IN JANUARY 2024, THIS MOTION IS TO STRIKE THE EDUCATIONALISTS COMMUNITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ADDENDUMS. THIS SUPPORTS THE DISBANDMENT OF THE EDUCATIONLISTS CABINET. THE EDUCATIONALIST COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND BE SUPPORTED BY THE ECE AND NATA STAFF.
(7,11) PASSED (11-0-0)**

NATA COLLABORATE PROGRAM

United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) Liaison Request

Director Davis said the USADA proposal directly aligns with the NATA Strategic Plan of fostering professional growth and advancing ethical standards within the athletic training profession. This partnership would fulfill this strategic objective by providing access to comprehensive, evidence-driven anti-doping education to NATA members.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF AN UNFUNDED NATA LIAISON TO UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (USADA).
(3,1) PASSED (11-0-0)**

Sports Neuropsychology Society Affiliation Liaison Request

Director Davis said the Sports Neuropsychology Society has expressed interest in partnering with NATA on potential joint projects and position papers on concussion in sports. In addition, the SNS believes their educational offerings would be of interest to NATA members.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF AN UNFUNDED NATA LIAISON TO SPORTS NEUROPSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY AFFILIATION.
(3,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (PEOC) – NAME CHANGE

Director Lawrance requested feedback from the Board regarding the appropriate name for the PEOC according to the recently updated Policy and Procedures definitions. Additionally, he sought input on what the Presidential Nominating Committee should be called, given that it is also a temporary group that is disbanded once the charge is met.

After a discussion, the Board agreed that the PEOC should be the Presidential Election Oversight Task Force and the Presidential Election Nominating Committee will remain as a committee due to the group being predetermined.

UPDATES/INFORMATION

Government Affairs

Amy Callender, department director, updated on the department's ongoing work on the NDAA and Tricare recognition for athletic trainers. She shared some positive developments, including the upcoming H2F Symposium, and progress made on the Personal Health Investment Tomorrow (PHIT) Act. She announced the NATAPAC Lunch would be renamed the Chuck Kimmel Memorial NATAPAC Lunch, with Marisa Brunett as the keynote speaker. Karen Fennell was appointed as the new NATAPAC Chair. Lastly, the Occupational Heat Task Force meeting was scheduled for October 24-25 in Washington, DC, and requested help in identifying six athletic trainers impacted by heat regulations and two to four industrial hygienists working with athletic trainers.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

President Dieringer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eleven of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Dieringer welcomed the Board and guests to the call. She announced minor changes to the agenda.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

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VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(5,2) PASSED (11-0-0)

DISTRICT BUSINESS

District 11

Director Wilkinson thanked directors that attended the GLATA meeting in March.

District 10

Director Hildenbrand reported that the district had two Bylaws changes including electronic voting and an increase in dues. The electronic voting was approved at the district meeting; the dues increase is currently out for an electronic vote.

District 9

Director Wesley announced that Patty Tripp will be the next district president; current Treasurer Gerard White was elected as the new vice president; and the new treasurer is Eric Fuchs; SEATA will celebrate its 50th anniversary in March in Atlanta.

District 8

Director Clivio reported on a successful district meeting and said the district is seeing an overall increase in students.

District 7

District Herzog said the district is seeing a significant decrease in meeting attendance. In response, the district is scaling back on the conference. The next district meeting will be held in Wyoming. She said the district is exploring hosting meetings with other districts to help with costs. Lastly, the district approved legislative grants for states.

District 6

Director Galloway reported that the SWATA meeting will be held in Hot Springs, AK in July and said the district is projecting a forty-thousand-dollar loss. The district recently had an election and the results are still pending.

District 5

Director Marshall reported that the district is starting to see a rebound in membership. He then invited directors to the Nebraska meeting in June.

District 4

Director Lawrance announced that the GLATA board voted to disburse ten thousand dollars to each state for strategic initiatives. He said Jennifer Pop is the new district president and Kevin Park is the new president-elect.

District 3

Director Davis reported the district meeting will be held May 17-19 in Virginia Beach, VA. He said Matt Gage is the new district president and an election for district director will be in July. He then said the district is looking at providing advocacy grants to the states.

District 2

Director Dargusch reported the district resource bank has been successful. The district public relations group highlights a different topic each month and has been quite successful and noted that this is an NATA membership benefit only. The Student Ambassador program is doing well and is seeing an increase in student applicants for the district scholarships. She then reported that the district director-elect will be announced on May 3.

District 1

Director Graham reported the district conducted a student focus group to learn how to better connect with students. The district is working on a strategic plan and hopes to have it completed by June. She said Dr. Rebecca Lopez has been invited to attend their meeting next week to discuss DEIA issues and how to best serve members in the district. She then provided an update on a bill in Connecticut that aims to form a group to investigate the shortage of athletic trainers in secondary schools.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Appropriate information on the following items were provided to the Board through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions. A request was made to remove a candidate for further discussion due to a potential conflict of interest. With no other objections raised, the consent agenda was approved. It included:

- **APPROVE MARCH 2024 BOARD MINUTES (ALL)**
 - **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING NATA ISSUING A DEIA STATEMENT.**
 - **APPROVE LEKYNDRA SMITH (D6) AS COPA: HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE THE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN SPORT POSITION STATEMENT.**
 - **APPROVE JEREMY BUSCH (D11) AS INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE DIVISION I CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 2025.**
 - **APPROVE MARY VANDER HEIDEN (D9) AS INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL FOR SPORTS MEDICINE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 2025.**
 - **APPROVE CASSANDRA HEALD (D5) AS LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE JOHN VARDIMAN (D5) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE RAMONICA SCOTT (D6) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE JOSHUA BOWLES (D6) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE ADAM ROSEN (D5) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE JOHN ROBERTS (D2) AS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE BRIAN NEWMAN (D6) AS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 2024.**
 - **APPROVE TANYA MARQUEZ (D11) AS ATS CARE COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 2025.**
 - **APPROVE MICHAEL FERRARA (D1) AS THE HALL OF FAME SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 2025.**
 - **APPROVE WILLIAM COBURN (D3) AS COPA OCCUPATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2024.**
 - **APPROVE MATTHEW SMITLEY (D10) AS CAREER ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025.**
 - **APPROVE KEVIN MILLER (D6) AS CONVENTION PROGRAM CHAIR EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025.**
 - **APPROVE CHRISTINA CARRILLO (D3) AS STATE ADVISORY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE DIVISION 1 MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.**
 - **APPROVE PHILLIP SHAW (D9) AS STATE ADVISORY ASSOCIATION DIVISION II MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.**
 - **APPROVE SHAKETHA PIERCE (D6) AS STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MENTOR EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025.**
 - **APPROVE AMANDA BROWN (D11) AS COPA ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE MEMBER EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.**
- (7,3) PASSED (11-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session, President Dieringer adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Galloway", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors