

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**DRAFT Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**7:00 am CDT August 8, 2013**

Directors

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Incoming Directors

Tory Lindley, MS, ATC, D4  
Chris Mathewson, MS, ATC, CSCS, D7  
Carolyn Peters, MA, ATC, CSCS, D8

Absent

Julie Rochester, EdD, ATC

Staff

David Saddler  
Cate Brennan, MBA, CAE  
John Honaman, CFRE  
Kandy Cefoldo  
Kathy Creilly  
Anita James, CMP  
Ruth Riggan

Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, President NATA Foundation  
Rachael Oats, CAE, Director NATA Foundation  
Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC, Executive Director CAATE

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. Nine of the ten voting members were present, with Director-elect Tory Lindley acting as a proxy for District 4. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Thornton thanked the board for their hard work at the convention and commented on how successful it was and the high number of first-time attendees. He welcomed incoming District 7 Director Chris Mathewson to the call and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

**PrivIT AS AN NATA PREFERRED PROVIDER**

John Honaman presented a proposal for PrivIT, a provider of online pre-participation exams, to be an NATA Preferred Provider. He noted an agreement with this company had been signed in 2010, which was never implemented due to numerous challenges. Honaman stated the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey (ATSNJ) would vet the product during the trial year, and revenue would be shared between NATA and ATSNJ. Agreements with other states will follow assuming trial program success and interest.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE PrivIT AS AN NATA PREFERRED PROVIDER.**  
**(2, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**STRATEGIC ALLIANCE JOINT STATEMENT AND NATA SUB-STATEMENT ON UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING**

President Thornton presented the statement drafted by the strategic alliance addressing unlicensed practice and the related NATA sub-statement. It was pointed out that the NATA Foundation was not included in the opening of the statement.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE AT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE JOINT STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING BY UNLICENSED PROVIDERS WITH THE NATA FOUNDATION ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE STATEMENT, AND THE NATA SUB-STATEMENT.  
(9, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON CALLING CROWN OF THE HELMET VIOLATIONS – PRESENTATION FUNDING REQUEST**

David Saddler and Ruth Riggan requested reimbursement for volunteers to give presentations on crown-of-helmet contact to local football officials' organizations. President Thornton noted this is an outgrowth of his meeting with the NFHS and other efforts publicizing the Official Statement on Calling Crown of the Helmet Violations. Volunteers are being recruited through the Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) and the State Leadership Forum (SLF). The board requested that this be included in the budget for next year if there are plans to continue the effort. Riggan stated she would share the list of volunteers with the board. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposal and recommends approving it.

**VOTED: TO REIMBURSE VOLUNTEERS FOR CROWN OF HELMET PRESENTATIONS TO STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS UTILIZING UP TO \$7,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.  
(5, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

**"ATHLETIC TRAINERS CARE" PROGRAM**

President Thornton presented a proposal to provide assistance for ATs who have experienced traumatic events such as the Boston Marathon bombing. Tim Neal, MS, ATC, author of the recent consensus statement on psychological concerns, worked together with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) to develop a draft plan for the program. The ICISF will assist with training and provide counselors until NATA's members are trained. Director Aronson requested that the final plan include more references to evidence-based documents. Director-elect Lindley suggested the program should also coordinate with state or district groups to have their volunteers trained.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ATHLETIC TRAINERS CARE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF A CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT.  
(8, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

**HONORARIA POLICY CHANGES**

Anita James presented proposed changes to the 2014 Honoraria Policy, eliminating complimentary registration for non-member lab assistants and clarifying the limits for advanced track courses.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC) RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE 2014 HONORARIA POLICY: PROVIDE A GIFT TO NON-AT LEARNING LAB ASSISTANTS RATHER THAN COMPLIMENTARY CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND SET A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER SPEAKER OR A TOTAL OF \$2000 FOR EACH ADVANCED TRACK SESSION.  
(1, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

**UPDATES**

**Heads Up Video**

Riggan presented an update on the Heads Up video. Due to delays in obtaining footage, the video will not be finished until January. Riggan also noted a minor wording change in the Official Statement on Calling Crown of the Helmet Violations, and noted the statement would be released next week. The board approved the change by consensus and requested that a reference to the statement be included in the Heads Up video.

**Strategic Activities Updates**

Cate Brennan provided reports on the Congressional Postcard Campaign, the Secondary School Benchmark Study, and the Secondary School Value Model. Director Horodyski requested a by-state report on the postcard campaign.

**NATA BUILDING UPDATE**

Saddler reported the design plans for the new building have been completed and signed, and will be submitted to the city. He also reported the current building has been sold again and the new owners have approved a lease extension through November and are willing to extend longer if needed. President Thornton stated he is donating his Boston Marathon jacket to NATA to be displayed in the new building.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Appropriate information on the following items was provided to the board of directors through background materials, e-ballots, or previous discussions.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE**

- **MINUTES FROM JUNE 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION).  
(3, 5) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**OTHER**

Saddler reminded everyone to include incoming Directors Lindley, Mathewson and Peters in board correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 a.m.