

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes
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Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, President NATA Foundation
Denise Fandel, CAE, Executive Director BOC
Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC, Executive Director CAATE
Chuck Kimmel, MA, LAT, ATC, Chair Honors & Awards
Committee

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CALL TO ORDER

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Nine of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Thornton welcomed the board to the call and congratulated everyone on the successful convention, noting he had received many compliments from members. He welcomed Chuck Kimmel, Honors & Awards Committee Chair, to the call.

CRAMER

Dave Saddler announced that Tom Rogge, who has been a strong supporter of the association and the AT profession, is retiring as President and CEO of Cramer. Saddler encouraged the board to congratulate him and welcome the new General Manager, Robert Mogolev.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) CONCUSSION SETTLEMENT

Rachael Oats updated the board about potential new NCAA requirements affecting ATs resulting from the concussion settlement. Members have raised concerns about the terms “medical personnel” and “diagnosis” and the requirement for medical personnel to be present at all competitions, which may have an adverse impact on Division 3 ATs. The College/University Athletic Trainers’ Committee (CUATC) is discussing the requirements with John Parsons, PhD, ATC, Director of NCAA Sport Science Institute.

Director Mathewson joined the call.

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chuck Kimmel provided further information on the Honors & Awards Committee motions the board had tabled in June.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE MOTION:
THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE (HOF) WILL SELECT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE INDUCTEES EACH YEAR WHILE THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS COMMITTEE (SCC) WILL SELECT A MAXIMUM OF TWO INDUCTEES. IF THE SCC DOES NOT ELECT TO INDUCT UP TO TWO INDUCTEES, THE HOF MAY OPT TO INDUCT ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN TOTAL INDUCTEES. THE SCC MAY SELECT ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES IF THE HOF DOES NOT SELECT FIVE CANDIDATES FOR A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN TOTAL INDUCTEES.
(9, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON COMPUTERIZED PROVIDER ORDER ENTRY (CPOE)

Amy Callender reported on the new requirements for Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Only medication, laboratory and radiology orders entered by eligible providers meet the criteria for a “meaningful use” of CPOE. Staff has drafted an official statement justifying ATs’ qualifications as eligible providers and a letter to members informing them of the requirement and their responsibilities.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE NATA’S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON COMPUTERIZED PROVIDER ORDER ENTRY (CPOE).
(6, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS (AAOS) MANAGEMENT OF ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT (ACL) INJURIES EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Oats presented the Management of Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Injuries Clinical Practice Guideline created by the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) for endorsement by NATA. Oats commended Sandra Shultz, PhD, AT, FACS, FNATA, who represented NATA on the writing group.

**VOTED: TO ENDORSE THE MANAGEMENT OF ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT (ACL) INJURIES EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS (AAOS).
(3, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

AAOS has also requested that NATA develop a consensus statement to address recommendations identified by the group but not included in the guidelines due to lack of supporting research.

VOTED: TO CONVENE A WORKGROUP TO EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS, WHICH WERE CITED AS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AAOS WRITING GROUP, BUT NOT INCLUDED IN THE GUIDELINES DUE TO LACK OF RESEARCH.

- ***WE RECOMMEND THAT PEOPLE WHO SUSTAIN A KNEE INJURY WITH SYMPTOMS (PAIN, SWELLING OR DIFFICULTY WEIGHT BEARING; A GIVING WAY EPISODE/POPPING SOUND) RECEIVE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BY A QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER INCLUDING NEUROVASCULAR EXAM AND IMMEDIATE TREATMENT WITH ICE, COMPRESSION, ELEVATION,***

IMMOBILIZATION, AND CRUTCHES AND BE REFERRED FOR FURTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL EVALUATION WITHIN X AMOUNT OF TIME.

- ***WE RECOMMEND PATIENTS WITH AN ABNORMAL NEUROVASCULAR FINDING OR GROSS DEFORMITY RECEIVE EMERGENT CARE.***

(5, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

TOP 25 STATES FOR YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY

Tamesha Kennerson presented a proposal to publish the top 25 US states for youth sports safety in order to increase awareness of best practices and encourage conversation and action. She explained the ranking criteria, the target audiences and the desired outcomes for each audience. Kennerson noted the entire list will be available to the public but only the top 25 states will be published to the media. This strategy has been discussed with the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and the Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC), as well as Doug Casa, PhD, ATC, FNATA, of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), to request their feedback and concerns. Staff is working on resources, tools and messaging that will accompany publication. The board requested input from the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) and asked that NFHS be notified before the list is published.

VOTED: TO APPROVE STAFF MOVING FORWARD WITH ANALYSIS OF CREATING AN ANNUAL LIST OF THE TOP 25 STATES FOR YOUTH ATHLETE SAFETY AS DEFINED BY ATHLETE SAFETY POLICIES AND NATA BEST PRACTICES.

(3, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS' (AND) SPORTS, CARDIOVASCULAR AND WELLNESS NUTRITION (SCAN) GROUP

Director Aronson presented a networking agreement with the Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition (SCAN) practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). Director Aronson and Ruth Riggan had made several changes to the original proposal by SCAN staff to align the agreement better with NATA's volunteer engagement and liaison policies.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE NETWORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS' (AND) SPORTS, CARDIOVASCULAR AND WELLNESS NUTRITION (SCAN) GROUP AND NATA.

(3, 8) PASSED 10-0-0

LIAISONS WITH DIABETES EXERCISE AND SPORT ASSOCIATION (DESA), NATIONAL ALLIANCE PROMOTING RESEARCH IN ALLIED HEALTH (NAPRAH) AND NORTH AMERICAN BOOSTER CLUB ASSOCIATION (NABCA)

Director Aronson presented a request to discontinue inactive liaison relationships.

VOTED: TO DISCONTINUE LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS WITH DIABETES EXERCISE AND SPORT ASSOCIATION (DESA), NATIONAL ALLIANCE PROMOTING RESEARCH IN ALLIED HEALTH (NAPRAH) AND NORTH AMERICAN BOOSTER CLUB ASSOCIATION (NABCA).

(3, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

VOLUNTEER TRAVEL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Treasurer Dieringer presented a request to purchase travel accident insurance for NATA volunteers from Chubb Insurance. She noted Chubb's bid was the most competitive, probably because NATA is a customer in other insurance lines.

VOTED: TO APPROVE CHUBB INSURANCE AS NATA'S TRAVEL ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROVIDER PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST.

(6, 2) PASSED 10-0-0

CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saddler reported on a situation in Charles County, Maryland, where a school board discontinued seven AT positions. Director Aronson brought the issue to NATA's attention. The association sent a letter from President Thornton to the school board, worked with local media and provided guidance to local members and the Maryland Athletic Trainers'

Association (MATA). Saddler thanked Aronson for bringing this forward and encouraged all board members to inform the association about ATs in jeopardy so the association can respond.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Oats reported on a group of members in the junior college setting who met in Indianapolis to discuss the setting's unique challenges, including appropriate medical care for athletes and representation on the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Health and Safety Committee. Staff is working with the group and with CUATC to discuss the formation of a committee or subcommittee for this setting.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) RULE ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PROSTHETICS, ORTHOTICS AND SUPPLIES (DMEPOS)

Callender and Director Dieringer provided an update on CMS's new proposed rule on Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS). President Thornton put together a task force to draft comments on behalf of NATA. The comments will be distributed to the board for e-ballot approval since they are due on September 2. NATA is working with partner organizations, including physician organizations, to ensure ATs are included in their responses. Staff is also working with key members of Congress on the issue.

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 THE JUNE 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (ALL).**
- **PROPOSED NEW MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC).**
- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVING THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE MOTION: ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THEIR AWARD (GENERAL SESSION OR HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY AT THE NATA CONVENTION) DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR SELECTION. DEFERRAL TO ANOTHER YEAR DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SUCH AS AN ILLNESS OR DEATH IN THE FAMILY WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

(6, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SECONDARY SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Oats provided an update on the NFL secondary school initiative providing ATs in underserved communities, noting the number of teams that are currently interested or applying. She reiterated that the program is being driven by the NFL and its teams and NATA is providing support to them. Staff is working with KSI in developing surveys for participants and with Datalys on providing injury surveillance so program results can be tracked and analyzed. She noted that NATA's financial contribution might be utilized to bring in additional teams, since the positive response from NFL clubs is increasing.

JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING (JAT)

The *Journal of Athletic Training (JAT)* will move to an electronic-only format and will be published monthly beginning in 2015. *JAT* Editor-in-Chief Craig Denegar, PhD, ATC, PT, FNATA, has written an editorial explaining the decision, which will be published in the September issue of the *JAT* and in the October issue of the *NATA News*.

ADJOURNMENT

After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.