

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m. CST December 14, 2015**

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Guests  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Sailor commented on his attendance at the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers' Society (PBATS) board meeting and the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI). He also discussed a potential collaboration with the U.S. Department of Defense to hold a symposium on prevention of exertion-related sudden death.

**FINANCE UPDATE**

Treasurer Dieringer provided a report on NATA's financial position, including the mid-year forecast. NATA is in a strong fiscal position and is 10% ahead of budget.

**2016 YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY SUMMIT (YSSS)**

Jessica Henry reviewed plans for the 2016 Youth Sports Safety Summit (YSSS), including the proposed location, dates, theme, potential topics and the target audience. The goals of the event are to increase summit attendance and membership in the Youth Sports Safety Alliance (YSSA) and to expand YSSA's national media coverage. David Saddler noted board members are encouraged to attend and their travel would be funded.

*Jessica Henry left the call.*

**STATEMENT ON SUPPORT PERSONNEL (SERVICES) IN THE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Director Coberley provided background on the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC) statement on *Support Personnel (Services) in the College & University Athletic Training Department*, noting a previous version was reviewed by the board last year. The goal of the document is to highlight recommendations for the use of aides in the college/university setting. The board expressed concern about the use of "ATA" for "athletic training aide."

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC) STATEMENT ON SUPPORT PERSONNEL (SERVICES) IN THE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING DEPARTMENT, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE ACRONYM "ATA" FOR "ATHLETIC TRAINING AIDE."  
(9, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

**INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE ON PREHOSPITAL CARE OF THE SPINE-INJURED ATHLETE**

Vice President Horodyski provided an update on the status of this project. She will follow up with specific organizational representatives to determine if there is a consensus and then determine the project's next steps.

**PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY (PBATS)**

President Sailor reported on his and David Saddler's meeting with the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers' Society (PBATS). He discussed possible collaborations with PBATS, such as legislative visits in conjunction with the 2016 PBATS board meeting in Washington, D.C during the MLB winter meetings in December 2016. President Sailor announced PBATS will endow three scholarships with the NATA Foundation.

**GAVIN CLASS VS. TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

Saddler provided an update on the Gavin Class vs. Towson University Case. He said that the Class attorneys have filed a petition to have the case reheard in front of the judges of the fourth circuit. He said that the NATA attorney indicated this was not unexpected after the favorable appeal for Towson, which NATA supported with its amicus brief. NATA's attorney still believes Towson holds a strong legal position in the case but could not make any predictions.

**STAFF UPDATE**

Saddler announced Meredith Daniels had been hired as NATA's new Director of Membership and will be starting in February. He also commended Katie Scott on her work as the Athletic Trainer in Residence and congratulated Rachael Oats on her upcoming award from the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI).

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Amy Callender reported on progress on the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act and an upcoming meeting with the House Judiciary Committee. President Sailor thanked her for her work.

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM)**

Oats reported on the development of the agenda for the 2016 Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) and requested input from board members on potential topics.

**KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI)**

Oats reported on the KSI board meeting she and Director Weston attended with President Sailor. Director Weston added that NATA was recognized for its support of KSI's initiatives. Oats stated at the meeting they learned that Lackland Air Force Base recently hired six ATs. Director Dieringer added that the funding came from a grant written by ATs at the University of the Incarnate Word and that the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) has been providing assistance.

**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 NOVEMBER 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE (ALL).**
- **EXTEND THE TERM OF HEATHER HARVEY, MA, ATC (D8), AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE (YPC) TO 2017.**
- **EXTEND THE TERM OF NATALIE TROTTER, ATC (D6), AS A MEMBER OF THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) TO 2017.**
- **CHARLES THOMPSON, MS, ATC, AS CHAIR OF THE BEST PRACTICES FOR AT DOCUMENTATION WORKGROUP.**

**(2, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

**OTHER**

Director Duffy commented on possible legislative action in Delaware potentially allowing non-ATs to provide health care at games.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After appropriate thank yous, President Sailor adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.