

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Irving, Texas
10:30 a.m. CST January 24, 2016

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Kandy Cefoldo
Ruth Riggan

Guests

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Mark Merrick, PhD, ATC, FNATA, President CAATE
LesLee Taylor, PhD, LAT, ATC, President-Elect CAATE
Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE, Executive Director BOC
Susan McGowen, PhD, ATC, EMT, President BOC
Anne Minton, MAM, Associate Executive Director BOC
Douglas Casa, PhD, ATC, FNATA, Korey Stringer Institute
Randy Cohen, ATC, DPT, Chair CUATC
Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT, Chair SSATC
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Larry Leverenz, PhD, ATC, President WFATT
Bart Peterson, MSS, ATC, Incoming Chair SSATC
Gretchen Schlabach, PhD, ATC, LAT, Chair Professional
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CALL TO ORDER

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Sailor welcomed the board, representatives of the AT Strategic Alliance and other guests. He commended the important work accomplished over the weekend at the Joint Committee Meeting (JCM). President Sailor noted that Jim Mackie, MEd, ATC, LAT, had resigned his position as District IX Director-Elect and another election would be held.

ANTITRUST GUIDELINES

David Saddler referenced the antitrust statement provided to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

**VOTED: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATA ANTITRUST GUIDELINES.
(9, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Saddler noted most new funding requests now come through the Finance Committee, but contingency and board designated requests that arise during the meeting will be recorded and voted on at the end.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKGROUP (PRWG)

President Sailor welcomed Gretchen Schlabach, Professional Responsibility Workgroup (PRWG) chair, to the meeting. Schlabach thanked the board for the opportunity to present. She reviewed the initial charge of the group and current status of its work. Schlabach explained the methodology of a planned membership survey and shared the proposed questions.

To ensure anonymity, the board recommended less specificity in the demographic questions, as well as a differentiation between early and late responders in the results. The board approved the survey by consensus.

PHYSICIAN EXTENDER TERMINOLOGY

Treasurer Dieringer presented a proposal to eliminate the term “physician extender” as a job title for ATs, in order to reinforce that, regardless of setting, members of the profession are all ATs. This change is supported by the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) Terminology Workgroup, the AT Strategic Alliance and members who originally introduced and supported the term. President Sailor also noted the trend toward AT-first terminology, e.g., using “AT in the secondary school setting” as opposed to “secondary school AT.”

**VOTED: TO ELIMINATE THE TERM “PHYSICIAN EXTENDER” FROM NATA’S NOMENCLATURE, INCLUDING ALL MARKETING AND BRANDING MATERIALS, AND RECOMMEND STATE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS DO THE SAME.
(6, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

ASSOCIATION BENCHMARKING

President Sailor thanked Saddler for his benchmark report presentation to JCM attendees. Saddler reviewed a more detailed version of the report for the board. He noted many positives in how NATA compares with like associations. He indicated the most concerning detail from a risk perspective is a heavier reliance on dues for revenue, as compared to like organizations. Rachael Oats added the data show growth opportunities in areas such as education. She also noted NATA’s education revenue increased from \$180,000 at the end of the last reporting term to \$430,000 at the end of this cycle.

LIAISONS TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Director Aronson presented liaison reports and provided an update on the current appointments and the planned timeline for filling vacancies. She encouraged board members to review the list of representatives and consider involving them in relevant projects being undertaken by their liaison committees.

SAMPLE GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS MEDICINE COURSE

President Sailor welcomed Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC) chair Larry Cooper and incoming chair Bart Peterson. Cooper reviewed the changes made since the board had last considered the concept of a sample secondary school sports medicine course. The revised document provides topic suggestions without teaching skills or patient care. Cooper noted there is high demand for this document in the secondary school setting. Vice President Horodyski stated the Executive Committee for Education (ECE) has reviewed the document and supports a course exposing students to the profession, but does not support students learning and demonstrating skills. She suggested looking at a formal system from the SSATC to monitor the course and any inappropriate use of the course or of students, if approved. Both Cooper and Peterson said that would not be feasible.

The board discussed the document extensively. President Sailor recommended that the committee appropriately communicate the purpose of the course outline, remind members about NATA's position on the use of students, and encourage members to report violations they discover. He thanked Cooper, the committee and the board for the deliberations on this topic.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE SAMPLE GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS MEDICINE COURSE.
(2, 3) PASSED 7-3-0 (NO 5, 7, 9)**

SERVANT'S HEART AWARD PROPOSAL

Cooper presented a proposal for a new award to recognize ATs in secondary schools for their service to the profession, schools and communities. He reviewed the goal of the award, the nomination process and the funding needs. Director Weston noted this award will be administered and budgeted through SSATC, not the Honors & Awards (H&A) committees, in a process similar to other committee awards.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE SERVANT'S HEART AWARD PROPOSAL.
(2, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: TO ALLOCATE \$500 FROM BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS TO FUND THE SERVANT'S HEART AWARD IN FY2016-17. THE AWARD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SSATC BUDGET MOVING FORWARD.
(1, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

WORLD FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND THERAPY (WFATT)

World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) President Larry Leverenz and Vice President Greg Gardner thanked the board for the opportunity to meet at JCM to work on WFATT's strategic plan. He reviewed the new mission and vision of WFATT and the five goals of its strategic plan. The board thanked Leverenz and Gardner and commended WFATT leadership on its work. The board encouraged WFATT to continue to evaluate WFATT's financial sustainability and potential new membership models in different countries.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC)

Randy Cohen, College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC) chair, provided a report on the committee's recent activities. The Best Practices for Appropriate Health Care for Intercollegiate Student-Athletes Summit is being planned and the committee is investigating strategies for engaging other stakeholders. The Guidelines for AT Documentation Workgroup has begun to meet and the *Risk Management, Liability & Regulatory Toolkit* is under NATA legal review. The CUATC is also considering the development of member education resources on the recent NCAA Autonomous Five ruling on independent medical care.

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) PARTNERSHIP

Douglas Casa, Chief Executive Officer of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), reviewed his background, the history of KSI and recent successful NATA/KSI collaborations. He introduced a proposed multi-year partnership between

NATA and KSI and outlined the benefits to NATA. It was noted the proposed \$100,000 annual contribution was included in the draft FY2016-17 operating budget, which would be considered by the board on the following day.

2016 LEGISLATIVE PLAN

Amy Callender presented the 2016 Legislative Plan. She reviewed issues being monitored by government affairs staff, including recent progress on the Safe Play Act, upcoming concussion studies by government agencies and state legislative issues in Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Callender reported on the 2016 Youth Sports Safety Summit (YSSS) and thanked board members for their support of the NATA Political Action Committee (NATAPAC) and state legislative grant program.

NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) UPDATE

Callender reviewed the results of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) contest and the NPI requirement for volunteer positions. The proportion of members with NPI numbers increased to 54.8%, with the largest increase among students. The board discussed the possibility of requiring all members to have an NPI. It was mentioned that, while registration is easy and a requirement would dramatically increase the number of ATs with NPIs, the drawback is that it could be perceived the wrong way, as a mandate, potentially impacting membership. In addition, existing non-members of the profession would not be required to have an NPI. This created discussion about the Board of Certification (BOC) requiring an NPI for certification. BOC President Susan McGowen reported that the BOC is increasing education regarding the NPI.

**Moved: To require that new and renewing NATA members have an NPI.
(6, 2) Motion withdrawn.**

The board agreed to continue educational efforts. The board also agreed to ask about the possibility that the NPI be a requirement for certification during the BOC's March meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session, after which it was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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(7, 2) PASSED 10-0-0

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC)

Board of Certification (BOC) President Susan McGowen provided a report on the end of the Continuing Education (CE) reporting cycle and expanded Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) opportunities. She noted the Maintenance of Competence (MOC) Task Force, co-chaired by John Parsons, PhD, ATC, and Jim Kinderknecht, MD, has begun its work.

BOC Executive Director Denise Fandel provided a report on ATs who resigned their credential or allowed it to expire in 2015, including the number of resignations by year of certification and the most common reasons for resigning. She noted that some of the smaller CE providers might not renew due to the new standards, but added the BOC will provide resources and opportunities to assist those wishing to retain provider status. Fandel also provided the number of new certified ATs and noted the percentage of new graduates who took the BOC exam.

The board thanked McGowen and Fandel for the report and requested information on how the attrition rate and other statistics compare to those of similar professions.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION (CAATE)

Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) President Mark Merrick thanked the board for the opportunity to meet and dialogue with NATA leaders. He reported on the proposed educational standard revisions and the public comment and implementation timeline. Merrick provided a report on professional, post-professional and residency programs and on the progress of the Professional Knowledge Steering Committee. The first draft of Professional Knowledge will be reviewed by all the Strategic Alliance boards before being released for open comment.

Merrick noted the high number of programs still not meeting the minimum pass rate standard. He reviewed the process for addressing these programs through probation and withdrawal and noted the process would be shared with programs and on CAATE's website. He also discussed issues related to the globalization of athletic training and considerations for a possible future international accreditation program.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE (NAM) GLOBAL FORUM ON INNOVATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Merrick presented a request from the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM), to support the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. CAATE has already agreed to sponsor the event, but requests the AT Strategic Alliance sponsor it together and share the cost equally. President Sailor noted an official proposal would be considered by the board at a later meeting.

Hunter Moorhead, Crossroads Strategies, joined the meeting via conference call.

SPORTS MEDICINE LICENSURE CLARITY ACT - CROSSROADS STRATEGIES PROPOSAL

Amy Callender presented a proposal to contract with a lobbying firm in order to move the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act forward in the shortened 2016 congressional session. The firm would only be focused on this bill. She introduced Crossroads Strategies, a firm specializing in networking with legislators and moving bills to completion. Hunter Moorhead reviewed his background and that of his staff and provided an overview of the firm's capabilities. He summarized the 2016 congressional agenda and the proposed strategy for getting the bill passed.

Hunter Moorhead left the meeting.

Callender noted this is a unique situation for NATA, although it is fairly common in the industry for additional lobbying firms to be hired for specific strategies. Saddle indicated he had done so in the past with previous organizations. Callender also noted the contract would not likely have a negative impact on NATA's relationship with Drinker, Biddle and Reath (DBR), its current lobbying firm, and that additional support, including financial, could be solicited from other groups supporting the bill, such as the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). Callender stated the contract funding for February and March was included in the proposal, and the funding for April through September was included in the draft FY2016-17 operating budget.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO APPROVE A SHORT-TERM CONTRACT WITH CROSSROADS STRATEGIES AT A RETAINER OF \$10,000/MONTH, THE FIRST TWO MONTHS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS.
(9, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

2016 REGULATORY PLAN

Callender provided an overview of 2015 activities and accomplishments, including meetings with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI); comments submitted to the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH);

and networking within the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations (NAACOS), the Collaborative for Effective Prescription Opioid Policies (CEPOP) and Friends of AHRQ. She reviewed 2016 goals, including relationship development with major insurance companies, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the National Physical Activities Guidelines Subcommittee; and continued monitoring of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) issues, national opioid addiction initiatives, National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) participation and AT student loan forgiveness investigation. The board commended Callender and the government affairs staff for their work.

NATA FOUNDATION

NATA Foundation President R.T. Floyd thanked the board and Strategic Alliance for their support of the NATA Foundation and recognized Rachael Oats for her years of service as NATA Foundation Director. He provided a summary of the NATA Foundation's finances and endowment investment status. He also reviewed plans for 2016 fundraising efforts related to the NATA Foundation's 25th anniversary and challenged each board member to establish a personal fundraising goal of \$2,500. Other activities for 2016 include the possibility of working with Boeing to expand access to research data in the industrial setting. Shelley Tims provided a flash drive with marketing kits and other materials for board members to use.

EXTERNAL MARKETING PROJECTS

Tamesha Logan presented the external marketing project plan. She reviewed the strategy for launching the new website and the new external marketing campaign - including targeted audiences, success metrics, stakeholder messaging, visual branding, support materials and data, engagement with other organizations - and the anticipated timeline. Saddler offered his opinion that this project could be one of most significant in NATA history. The board commended Logan and the marketing/communications staff for its sophisticated and well-developed plan.

NATA CONVENTION

Lori Marker provided a recap of the 2015 convention in St. Louis. She thanked Logan for leading a successful marketing campaign and noted attendees reported high satisfaction with the convention.

2016 Baltimore Convention

Marker commended the marketing/communications staff for promotion of the 2016 convention and website. She reported housing numbers to-date are similar to the 2010 convention in Philadelphia, and exhibit sales are going well. She noted that challenges related to the convention center layout and meeting spaces are being addressed. The board praised Marker and her team for their work.

2020 Convention Site Proposal

Marker provided an overview of the convention host city selection process and reviewed the details of the three finalists. She noted the main difficulty of getting into the most appealing destination cities is how early a contract would have to be signed.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2020 CONVENTION HOST CITY,
CONTINGENT ON A SUCCESSFUL SITE VISIT AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
(3, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

Marker requested the 2020 convention location remain confidential so it can be announced at the 2016 convention.

NATA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Anita James provided an overview of the NATA Leadership Academy, a revamped leadership education program based on StarTRACKS. The purpose of restructuring the former program was to improve branding, focus on association management and appeal to wider audiences with different learning styles. She reviewed the four modules, timeline for completion and the new application process. Callender noted that the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) will assist in promotion and content development. The board was very complimentary of the new program to the point it discussed the possibility of a nominal cost to participate, but agreed it should be free for at least the first year.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE NATA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROGRAM.
(8, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer Dieringer provided background about board designated funds and noted the amount still available. She commented on NATA's strong financial position.

2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET

Treasurer Dieringer presented changes from the FY2015-16 budget, including new committee expenses for the Education Advancement Committee (EAC) and the *Athletic Training Education Journal (ATEJ)* Committee, the contract with Crossroads Strategies and two Capitol Hill Days in the same fiscal year. Treasurer Dieringer thanked Kathy Crelly and the accounting staff for their hard work.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FY2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED.
(5, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

DATALYS/NATIONAL ATHLETIC TREATMENT, INJURY AND OUTCOMES NETWORK (NATION) CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Saddler presented an overview of the proposal to become a sponsor of Datalys. He felt that the document provided to the board about the benefits and costs to NATA made a compelling argument for sponsorship. Director Aronson suggested that NATA request EBP programming be developed from the research. Treasurer Dieringer noted the Finance Committee recommended reviewing the sponsorship after one year.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO SPONSOR DATALYS FOR ONE YEAR AT \$25,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS AND EVALUATE FUNDING FOR FUTURE YEARS.
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

COMMITTEE CHAIR REGISTRATION FEE REQUEST

Directors Weston and Duffy presented a proposal to provide complimentary convention registration to current NATA committee chairs in 2016 and in future years. This would not involve a direct cost, but a decrease in convention revenue. Providing the same benefit for committee members was discussed and Treasurer Dieringer noted complimentary registration would have an enormous impact on convention revenue, due to the large number of committee members.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE COMPLIMENTARY CONVENTION REGISTRATION TO CURRENT NATA COMMITTEE CHAIRS IN 2016 AND IN FUTURE YEARS.
(1, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

2016-17 CAPITAL BUDGET

Treasurer Dieringer presented the FY2016-17 capital budget, noting most of the items are for building upkeep and new equipment.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FY2016-2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED.
(2, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

INVESTMENT FIRM REVIEW

Kathy Crelly reviewed the process for selecting NATA's investment firm. She summarized the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and the fee structure, policies and performance of the three firms considered: Meritage, Concord Trust and RBC Wealth Management. Staff recommends renewing the contract with Meritage.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO RENEW NATA'S CONTRACT WITH MERITAGE.
(6, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT POLICIES REVIEW

Treasurer Dieringer presented Meritage's recommended changes to NATA's Financial and Investment Policies, noting the changes are purely editorial in nature.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT POLICY CHANGES.
(6, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) PARTNERSHIP

Oats provided more information on the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) partnership request. She noted that the funds would provide for a new KSI position that could be branded as an NATA Professorship, and that KSI offered to conduct external marketing research as part of the agreement, for which other firms quoted costs of up to \$90,000. Saddler also noted the intangible benefits resulting from KSI's connections. The board discussed the importance of ensuring KSI's projects continue to remain aligned with NATA's strategic priorities. It was noted the partnership will also entitle NATA to two seats on KSI's board of directors.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED THREE-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) AND APPROVE FUNDING OF \$100,000 PER YEAR.
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE)

Executive Committee for Education (ECE) chair Russ Richardson presented reports from the ECE and its subcommittees and workgroups, noting most of the recommendations from the 2012 Future Directions in Athletic Training Education document have been completed.

Doctoral Degree Workgroup

Richardson reported the draft of the Doctoral Education White Paper is expected to be ready for the board's review in June.

Inter-Agency Terminology Workgroup

Richardson reported that the Inter-Agency Terminology Workgroup is collecting input from other volunteer groups to create a list of terms to be defined. Due to the scope of the project, the group may take longer than the original nine to twelve months planned.

Professional Degree Transition

Richardson reported on webinars and other resources to assist members during the degree transition process, including presentations at the 2016 convention and at the 2017 Athletic Training Educators' Conference (ATEC).

Athletic Training Internship Workgroup

Richardson reported on surveys, educational materials and an *NATA News* article being developed by the Athletic Training Internship Workgroup. He also commented on the workgroup's efforts to communicate with other committees.

Board of Athletic Training Specialties (BATS)

Richardson reviewed the structure and responsibilities of the proposed Board of Athletic Training Specialties (BATS) and next steps based on the board's approval. He noted the BOC has provided assistance with the development of the BATS and will help with the practice analysis. Any expenses incurred or funding recommendations from BATS will be requested through the ECE and its chair.

**VOTED: TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF THE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING SPECIALTIES (BATS).
(4, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

MAY BOARD MEETING

The board discussed scheduling conflicts for the May face-to-face meeting and agreed to reschedule to May 13-14.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE

- **MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE (ALL).**
- **2014 TAX FORM 990 PER IRS REQUIREMENTS (CONFIDENTIAL).**
- **2014 TAX FORM 990T PER IRS REQUIREMENTS (CONFIDENTIAL).**

(6, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

Director Peters presented a request from the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) to dissolve the State Association Group (SAG) and communicate only with state presidents. The organization and structure of the divisions represented by the SAAC members would remain the same.

VOTED: TO DISSOLVE THE STATE ASSOCIATION GROUP (SAG).

(8, 10) PASSED 10-0-0

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

District V

Director Coberley reported on District V's new Bylaws and Policies & Procedures and announced the upcoming District V meeting in March.

District X

Director Wood reported on District X's upcoming meeting in March and announced student activities and fundraisers for the NATA Foundation and NATAPAC.

Directors Coberley and Wood left the meeting.

District I

Director Weston reported on the successful Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) meeting in Boston, MA, and challenged the other districts to beat EATA's NATAPAC fundraiser result of \$3,400.

District II

Director Duffy recognized past Director Michael Goldenberg, MS, ATC, on receiving the Jeff Stone Award for Service. He reported on District II National Athletic Training Month (NATM) efforts involving the Today Show and Good Morning America.

District III

Director Aronson announced the new District III Constitution and Bylaws and the district's upcoming meeting in Virginia Beach. She reported on legislative progress in West Virginia and North Carolina.

District IV

Director Lindley announced the District IV meeting in Chicago, IL, in March, with 27.5 CEUs and 15.5 EBPs. Director Weston congratulated Director Lindley on his induction into the DIV Hall of Fame.

District VI

Treasurer Dieringer reported record attendance at the 2015 District VI meeting. She announced the upcoming meeting in Arlington, TX, in July, which will include a NATAPAC fundraiser.

District VII

Director Mathewson announced the upcoming District VII meeting in April in Albuquerque, NM.

District VIII

Director Peters announced the District VIII meeting in Hawaii in July and commented on District VIII's commitment to the NATA Foundation and to encouraging its members to give.

District IX

Vice President Horodyski reported on the upcoming student meeting and educators' workshop in February and the District IX meeting in March. She also noted the district updated its bylaws and congratulated Director Peters on her deferred induction into the District VIII Hall of Fame.

ADJOURNMENT

After appropriate thank yous, President Sailor adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.