

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Minutes
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CALL TO ORDER

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Thornton thanked the board for its hard work the previous month and commented on achievements made over the past two years.

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**

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Saddler reported a balance of \$5,000 in the contingency account and \$8,000 in the board discretionary account.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Jim Twaddell from Drinker Biddle Reath and Amy Callender provided a legislative and regulatory update. Callender reported on current legislation being promoted and tracked by NATA. She commented the NATA's top three legislative priorities are: the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights, the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act and the SAFE PLAY Act. The White House Concussion Summit, attended by Executive Director Saddler, was a great opportunity to speak to White House staffers and get support for ATs.

Callender reviewed current state legislative activities. Alaska recently signed its state practice act, becoming the 49th state to have some type of regulation or licensure for athletic trainers. Opposition is high for states revising their practice acts. More than 60 athlete safety bills have been passed.

Several district-based competitions will begin following convention. The district with the highest percentage of Safe Sports School Awards, the district with the largest percentage increase in NPI numbers and the district with the highest percentage of members with NPIs will win awards.

Callender reported on findings from the George Washington University study, *The Value of ATs to Physician Practice, Patients and Health Care Systems*. Those physicians who employ ATs as physician extenders are very satisfied with the work done by ATs. Involving more non-orthopedic physicians with ATs will be the next step.

President Thornton thanked Callender and Twaddell for their ongoing work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Message to Members

Treasurer Ullucci reviewed the finance report for the General Session. The suggestion was made and accepted to use the word "position" instead of "shape" as a better financial descriptor.

"I am pleased to report that NATA continues to be in good financial position. The diligence and conservative approach of our board and staff together with record attendance in Las Vegas plus excellent investment performance resulted in performance better than our budget, with a net gain for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2014. Overall our investment portfolio increased 8% over this time last year, despite completing renovations on our new National Office and funding key strategic initiatives to move our great profession forward. Look for more details in the August issue of the *NATA News*."

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE GENERAL SESSION.
(6, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

2014 Audit Report

Treasurer Ullucci reviewed the audit report and noted NATA continues to perform above budget for income and below budget for expenses.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AUDIT REPORT.
(1, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

President Thornton and Executive Director Saddler thanked Ullucci for his work as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair for the past two years.

Treasurer Ullucci thanked the board and said it was a privilege to serve as Treasurer.

April 2014 Financial Performance

Saddler reported good economic indicators one month into the current fiscal year with revenue tracking ahead and expenses below budget. Dues collection is going well and the numbers for the annual convention were good.

Convention Travel for Committee Chairs

Director Aronson requested NATA committee chairs be funded for one room night to attend Committee Day during the annual convention. Currently districts assist committee chairs with funding for this one night. Finance Chair Ullucci stated this expense could be covered in the next budget cycle.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ONE STANDARD ROOM NIGHT SO COMMITTEE CHAIRS MAY ATTEND COMMITTEE DAY AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION. THIS EXPENSE WILL BE ADDED TO FY16 BUDGET AND MOVING FORWARD.
(3, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

Note for brevity: This motion was later amended to include the word "standard" as written above.

Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award

Districts give Bobby Gunn Award winners a minimum of \$500 to assist with costs related to attending the convention. The Gunn Award is district-based and the amount given varies by district. Following discussion, the board decided to make no suggestions for the amount given to the winners, but it should not be lower than \$500.

Professional Degree Discussion

After further study, the Knowledge Initiatives staff believes the amount needed for the professional degree consultants will be different than the \$20,000 allocated in the FY15 budget. Staff agreed to come back to the board with more specifics and ask for the exact amount needed.

Executive Committee for Education (ECE) Chair Contract Accounting

To be transparent, staff reported the expense booked for the ECE chair contract will not all be used. According to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the entire expense must be recognized in the fiscal year the contract is signed. In this case, the contract was signed in a prior year, so the entire contract expense was recorded at that time. Payments will be made per the terms of the contract. During the FY15 budgeting process, the contract payment relating to FY15 was included and should not have been. As a result, an expense was budgeted and may not be used. Any FY15 amendments to the original agreement specifying additional amounts be paid out will be expensed in FY15.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session and was called to order again at 10:30 am.

USA FOOTBALL

Scott Hallenbeck, Executive Director of USA Football, spoke to the board regarding the mission and philosophy of USA Football and the Heads Up Football program. Heads Up Football is USA Football's initiative to make football better and safer

for youth and amateur athletes. Youth football organizations and high schools are participating in the program. Each team appoints a Player Safety Coach who is then certified in Heads Up tackling techniques, concussion recognition and response protocols and proper helmet and shoulder pad fitting.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS)

Bob Colgate, Director of Sports and Sports Medicine, and Bob Gardner, Executive Director, spoke to the board and thanked them for the care ATs give students in secondary schools. NFHS believes involvement in sports is the number one dropout prevention mechanism in America and sports helps prepare students for a lifetime of service. NATA has a liaison to the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Gardner stated NFHS has a strong commitment to NATA.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA)

Brian Hainline, MD, NCAA Chief Medical Officer, and John Parsons, PhD, ATC, Director of the Sports Science Institute, thanked NATA for its participation on three upcoming inter-association consensus statements. The board discussed the importance of NATA's involvement and ensuring that the consensus statements were clear about being an inter-association collaboration. Topics of mutual concern include mental health issues, practice guidelines, concussion management and overuse injuries. The NCAA is working with the Department of Defense on a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) study since the physiology of concussion is similar to injuries occurring in the military.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Len Mitchell, NATA's investment counselor from Meritage, reviewed the market and performance of NATA's portfolio, Meritage's perspective and decision factors and current environmental trends impacting investment strategy. Mitchell recommended several adjustments be made to the investment policy.

**VOTED: TO ADJUST THE INVESTMENT POLICY TO A 70/30 SPLIT (70% SHARED ASSET ALLOCATION AND 30% FIXED INCOME) AS RECOMMENDED BY LEN MITCHELL.
(1, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: TO STRIKE THE FIRST SENTENCE FROM PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS IN THE INVESTMENT POLICY, "ASSETS MUST BE OF INVESTMENT GRADE" AND REPLACE IT WITH "NATA WILL LOOK AT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS) PUBLICLY TRADED ON THE DOMESTIC STOCK EXCHANGE."
(1, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

President Thornton thanked Mitchell for coming and for his work on behalf of NATA.

ATHLETES AND THE ARTS

Randall Dick, FACSM, gave the board an overview of Athletes and the Arts, an initiative focused on linking the sport athlete and the musician/performing artist through the collaborative exchange and application of wellness, training and performance research. Dick asked the board to sign a Memorandum of Collaboration with the organization.

**VOTED: TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION WITH ATHLETES AND THE ARTS.
(8, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

COMMITTEE APPROVALS

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SAMUEL V. ZUEGE, MS, ATC, LAT (D9) AS CHAIR OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' COMMITTEE.
(10, 4) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE BENJAMIN J. STRUEMPH (D5) AS CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS' COMMITTEE.
(8, 9) PASSED 10-0-0**

ATHLETIC TRAINING OUTCOMES AND COST CONTAINMENT WITHIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES RFP

Directors Horodyski, Dieringer and Ullucci will be connecting with representatives from the NATA Foundation to form a workgroup to decide a future direction for this effort.

INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE FOR THE SPINE INJURED ATHLETE

Detailed information on an inter-association task force was presented to the board by Director Horodyski. Approximately 30 people will be involved in the task force. The task force will kick off with a two-day meeting followed by conference calls and email.

**VOTED: TO DEVELOP AND FUND UP TO \$50,000 FOR AN INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE FOR THE SPINE INJURED ATHLETE. STAFF IS TASKED TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM FY15 SAVINGS OR RESERVES.
(9, 7) PASSED 10-0-0**

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY (PFATS)

PFATS president, Rick Burkholder, MS, ATC addressed the board. Burkholder complimented NATA on its partnership with PFATS and the NFL to place ATs in high schools. The NFL Foundation and NFL teams will provide up to \$1 million to place an AT in underserved high schools in NFL cities during the coming football season. Burkholder briefly discussed a potential collaboration with NATA on the PFATS display at the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.

GATORADE

Molly Matson and Jennifer Schmit announced Gatorade will again give an award to a secondary school athletic trainer in each district. ATs who have practiced six years or fewer are not aware of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI). GSSI will make a concerted effort to introduce itself to young professionals. Gatorade is looking forward to a great year and will be participating more in district meetings. The board thanked Matson and Schmit for their continued support individually and that of Gatorade. President Thornton thanked Gatorade for its outstanding and continued support of NATA and the AT profession.

US BONE & JOINT INITIATIVE (USBJI) REPORT

Director Ullucci gave a report on the USBJI Board of Directors meeting. NATA is a founding member of USBJI. The main areas of focus are education and research in musculoskeletal health. USBJI offers grant opportunities for athletic trainers doing research. The key initiatives for 2014 are Burden of Musculoskeletal Injuries in the US (BMUS), Young Investigators, Chronic Osteoarthritis Management Initiative (COAMI) and Fit to a T (F2T).

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA)

The purpose of COPA is the advancement of the AT profession in business and employment opportunities, compensation and brand recognition of athletic trainers as health care professionals. The committee recently developed five strategic objectives. It continues to improve resources for members and is streamlining and organizing its web content. Lisa Kluchurosky, MEd, ATC, COPA Chair, reviewed the recent practice setting workgroup's achievements.

Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC)

GAC Chair Michael Chisar, MPT, ATC, CSCS, thanked the board for bringing the Bill Griffin family to Indianapolis to see the first presentation of an award in Griffin's name. Approximately half of the states are working on updating practice acts. Ten states have some sort of high school athletic trainer mandate. About 50% of the states receive some type of funding from NATA each year. The committee is pushing for states to become more self-reliant.

Executive Committee for Education (ECE)

Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC, ECE Chair, reported all districts, except District VI, have received presentations on the professional degree white paper. The District VI meeting will be in July. A Member Interest Group (MIG) will be launched soon and several additional workgroups will begin work.

Professional Education Committee (PEC)

Chair Jolene Henning, EdD, ATC, LAT, stated the PEC is developing a master preceptor certificate of completion that will launch in 2015 at ATEC. The PEC is looking forward to collaborating with CAATE to develop the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs). PEC is moving toward district-based representation.

Post Professional Education Committee (PPEC)

PPEC Chair "Buz" Swanik, PhD, ATC, FNATA commented on the committee's three primary objectives this year: a new mission and objectives, specialty certifications and analysis of the doctoral degree in athletic training. The PPEC is working with the BOC on job analyses/test creation.

Professional Development Committee (PDC)

Chair Kasee Hildenbrand, PhD, ATC, LAT, said the PDC surveyed members on what they want in continuing education. The results show that members are interested in stand-alone workshops not tied to the convention or district meetings, courses targeted at ATs in different stages of their career and an app that could be used for quick tips and reference information. Pre-planning is being done for ATEC 2015. Content has to be developed for the BOC's EBP category. The PDC's goal is to continue to be the major provider for professional development of athletic trainers.

Athletic Training Education Journal (ATEJ)

Kimberly Peer, EdD, ATC, FNATA, editor-in-chief of the *ATEJ*, reported the major accomplishments this year include a new advisory panel and editorial board term limits, collaboration with the *Journal of Athletic Training (JAT)* for manuscript referrals and a new cover which includes a new logo. The editorial staff is now located at Saint Louis University. Ongoing projects are the webpage restructure, keyword redesign, expansion of the journal page limits and pre-release access.

Convention Program Committee (CPC)

This year's convention includes 140 sessions and 233 presenters, not including Free Communications or poster sessions, stated incoming CPC Chair Eric Swartz, PhD, ATC, FNATA. Two sessions are being piloted – a point/counterpoint session and grand rounds. Attendees at convention can earn 4.5 EBP home study course credits. Proposals for presenting at the 2015 convention will be accepted until July 15, 2014.

Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC)

A revised student aide statement was sent to the membership, reported Chair Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT. The SSATC is working on a nationwide student aide curriculum. A secondary school case study workbook was released.

District Secretaries/Treasurers' Committee (DST)

Incoming Chair Tanya Dargusch, ATC, LAT, said the DSTs will have leadership training on professional burnout and stress management. The committee is working on strategies for membership recruitment, such as member benefits by job setting.

Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)

Jim Berry, EdD, ATC, MREMT, COPE Chair, stated the committee's purpose is to ensure NATA's Code of Ethics is being enforced. The committee is reviewing the Code of Ethics and COPE's Policies and Procedures. A final document will be given to the board for approval. District directors were asked to encourage their members to report unethical behavior. Board members should avoid being involved in any way with a potential ethics complaint in case they are asked to serve on an Appeals Panel.

International Committee (IC)

IC Chair Mark Gibson, MS, ATC, PT, announced the International Committee is developing an educational plan that focuses on members' needs and cultural competency in exchange situations. The International Committee's webpage has been updated and includes a member tool kit to aid in developing programs. Jake Resch, PhD, ATC, is the new CATA liaison.

World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT)

Larry Leverenz, PhD, ATC, remarked WFATT's primary initiative is global program recognition with minimum standards and criteria for the development and implementation of recognized athletic training/therapy education programs. The

Federation is coordinating with the BOC on a global certification effort. The 2014 WFATT World Congress will be held in Dublin, Ireland, September 4-6.

Young Professionals' Committee (YPC)

Young professionals account for 27,718 NATA members under the age of 35, stated incoming YPC Chair Sam Zuege, MS, ATC. The committee is working on programming for issues unique to YPs: their first leadership position, financial advising and personal and career firsts.

2014 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Executive Director Saddler presented an overview of the Nominating Committee procedures. Candidates will have seven minutes for presentations and a two-minute Q&A session.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

President Thornton presented recognition plaques to Directors Ullucci, Rochester, Peterson and Sailor and thanked them for their service and accomplishments. He officially welcomed Directors Weston, Lindley, Mathewson and Peters and encouraged them to participate actively and thoughtfully.

Directors Ullucci, Rochester, Peterson and Sailor gave their proxy votes to incoming Directors Weston, Lindley, Mathewson and Peters for the following two motions.

2015 SECRETARY/TREASURER

**VOTED: TO APPROVE PRESIDENT THORNTON'S SELECTION OF DIRECTOR DIERINGER AS 2015
SECRETARY/TREASURER.
(9, 3) PASSED 9-0-1 (6 ABSTAIN)**

2015 VICE PRESIDENT

Incoming Director Weston nominated Michael Goldenberg, Director Dieringer nominated MaryBeth Horodyski and Director Peters nominated Tory Lindley, for Vice President. MaryBeth Horodyski was elected vice president by a sealed ballot majority vote.

FACE TIME '14

Saddler asked the board to review the agenda for the Face Time meeting on Friday.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, President NATA Foundation
Denise Fandel, AT, CAE, Executive Director BOC
Mark Laursen, MS, ATC, President CAATE

CALL TO ORDER

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Thornton welcomed the board and guests from the Indiana and Alaska state associations.

Scott Lawrance, DHS, ATC, MSPT, District IV president-elect and past president of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association (IATA), welcomed the board to Indianapolis. He gave each member a book celebrating the history of IATA and its 30th anniversary. He noted District IV is working on a similar project for its 50th anniversary.

President Thornton congratulated Alaska on becoming the 49th state with regulation of athletic training. Christopher Dean, ATC, president of the Alaska Athletic Trainers' Association (AATA), thanked the board for NATA's support and presented President Thornton with a commemorative plate. Lynne-Marie Young, MEd, ATC, Secretary/Treasurer of AATA, recognized District X leaders for their support and presented a commemorative plate to GAC Chair Michael Chisar, MPT, ATC, CSCS.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

The board thanked Jack Weakley for Johnson & Johnson's dedication to NATA. Weakley thanked the board for the productive relationship and stated that it keeps improving every year. President Thornton expressed gratitude to Weakley for his and for J&J's unwavering support of the NATA and the AT profession.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Donna Wesley, MS, ATC, LAT, outgoing SAAC chair, provided an overview of the structure and responsibilities of SAAC and its accomplishments so far in building local AT leaders. She thanked the board for its support and for SAAC's inclusion in the 2015 Joint Committee Meeting. She announced a proposed biannual leadership meeting to be held in opposite years from the BOC's regulatory conference.

Journal of Athletic Training (JAT)

Craig Denegar, PhD, ATC, PT, FNATA, *JAT* editor-in-chief, thanked the board for its support in building a more effective and efficient journal. He reviewed the current numbers of manuscripts submitted and published and noted the extra funding has helped to reduce the backlog. Denegar reviewed the factors influencing the *JAT* to transition to an electronic-only format, including the increased number of submissions, the cost of printing and mailing and changes in the scientific publishing industry. The electronic-only format will allow the *JAT* to increase content by 50% without increasing costs and position it to remain the world leader in scientific publishing in sports medicine. It was noted the cost savings in the long term will be absorbed with the increase in content and sharing of resources with the *Athletic Training Education Journal (ATEJ)*.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION THE *JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING (JAT)* TO AN ELECTRONIC-ONLY FORMAT.
(9, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

National Athletic Training Students' Committee (NATSC)

Derek Dewig, outgoing NATSC chair, thanked the board for the opportunity to share an update. Erin Harrelson, ATC, NATSC D9 representative, led the international service learning trip this year. She provided a report on the trip and thanked the board for its support, adding the committee would love the opportunity to return next year.

Dewig reported on NATSC events at the convention and the committee's activities in outreach to students and other members. Benjamin Struempf, incoming NATSC chair, will be working with President Thornton on a proposal to appoint student liaisons to all NATA committees. President Thornton commended the committee for its hard work and accomplishments.

THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROJECT

Clark Simpson, MBA, ATC, LAT, thanked the board for its support of this project and welcomed the pilot state leaders in the audience. He reviewed the purpose and strategic objectives of the project, its metrics of success, a breakdown of the budget and the timeline for the implementation of the first phase. The state leaders will report results to Simpson who will report regularly to the board. Treasurer Dieringer noted that \$250,000 had already been allocated for the project from reserves, and funding for the rest will be discussed at the beginning of the next budget cycle. Saddler thanked Simpson and the pilot state leaders for their work in support of the project.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROJECT.
(2, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

NATA FOUNDATION

R.T. Floyd, NATA Foundation President, thanked the board for its support. He reviewed the NATA Foundation's fundraising progress in endowments and the Triple D Challenge, plans for reorganization of its volunteer structure, the events at the convention and the scholarships and grants funded in 2014. He also recognized the Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) for its involvement in the Pinky Newell Leadership Breakfast. Rachael Oats noted that NFL Charities is no longer funding four annual scholarships but that the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society (PFATS) has agreed to pick them up for the next two years. The board thanked Floyd and Oats for their work.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION

President Thornton presented the proposal for the History & Archives Commission, which will be chaired by Matt Webber, MA, ATC, and include seven other individuals. Floyd noted that Webber will also be assisting with a history of the NATA Foundation for its 25th anniversary.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION.
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

David Saddler commented on the success of the convention and the great work done by staff. He commented on NATA's developing relationships with several other organizations including the NFL and NCAA. Saddler recognized NATA's Toastmasters Club for achieving Distinguished Club status and communications staff for receiving awards for publication excellence and feature writing in the Boston Marathon story. He added that NATA won a silver Power of A Award from ASAE for the Safe Sports School Award program. President Thornton noted he was honored and touched to work at the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

NATA NATION STUDY

Thomas Dompier, PhD, ATC, Datalys Center, provided an update on the NATION project. The purpose of the project is to document and conduct a value analysis of non-time loss and time loss injuries and associated treatments in the secondary school setting. He reviewed results from the third year of collection and noted the Center plans to collect treatment data for another year to fulfill the original agreement. The Center is currently developing plans for how the results will be published and used. The data will be shared with the NATA Foundation and will also be available for external researchers to study. Dompier stated that the Center plans to continue injury and treatment surveillance in perpetuity and would like NATA to sponsor it going forward. A written proposal will come to the board in June 2015 after other sponsors have been identified.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE (YPC)

Director Wood reported on the YPC's discussion on the age group of its constituency. The YPC represents two distinct groups of members, those who have been practicing for less than five years and need assistance with the transition to practice, and those who have been practicing for five to ten years and need assistance with work/life balance. The YPC feels it is important to keep the age limit at 35 and continue working with both groups, and carry out a needs assessment if and when the professional degree changes. Director Wood added the committee is excited to work with the NATA Foundation on the Pinky Newell Breakfast.

NATA STRATEGIC PLAN

Saddler and Oats reviewed the proposed process and timeline for the Strategic Plan update, which will be done mostly electronically this time. The board approved the process by consensus.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE)

Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC, ECE Chair, discussed the structural needs of the ECE in order for it to sustain its work into the future, noting that many of the current projects have moved fast and generated a great deal of momentum. He reviewed the progress made on the first specialization and some of the lessons learned from the process. Richardson provided an update on the discussion about the future of the doctoral degree and the research and development workgroup, which will be co-chaired by Kimberly Peer, EdD, ATC, FNATA, and Carl Mattacola, PhD, ATC, FNATA. Floyd noted that the NATA Foundation will support and assist with the research and development group's work.

BOARD WORKGROUP ON COMMITTEE TERM LIMITS

Director McDonnell reported on the results of the committee term limits survey and the workgroup's recommendation. He noted the workgroup's decision was not unanimous and that there had been some concern about neutralizing Involve & Evolve. Director McDonnell expressed appreciation to all the members for their input. The workgroup recommends increasing the total term limit for members by one year and adding shadowing on conference calls and emails for a year for new chairs and six months for members. The workgroup is willing to continue to meet to develop structures and materials for orientation of new members. Director Lindley suggested that demographics of volunteers be tracked.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE WORKGROUP'S RECOMMENDATION AND ITS CONTINUED WORK.
(5, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE (H&A)

Director Weston brought forward a document recommending updates to awards requirements. The board discussed the first two motions and requested clarifications on whether the first included all awards or just the Hall of Fame. The board felt the second motion may be too restrictive.

**Moved: 1) All award recipients will be expected to accept their award at the General Session or Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the NATA convention during the year of their selection, barring an emergency situation such as an illness or death in the family. Any exception(s) will require approval by a majority vote of the Honors & Awards Committee.
(2, 9) Motion withdrawn.**

**Moved: 2) The Hall of Fame Committee will select a maximum of five inductees each year while the Special Considerations Committee will select a maximum of two inductees. If the Special Considerations Committee does not select to induct up to two inductees, the Hall of Fame Committee may opt to induct additional candidates for a maximum of seven total inductees. The Special Considerations Committee may select additional candidates if the Hall of Fame Committee does not select five candidates, for a maximum of seven total inductees.
(3, 2) Motion withdrawn.**

The discussion was tabled for input from Chuck Kimmel, LAT, ATC, Honors & Awards Committee Chair.

2014 CONVENTION

Lori Marker reported on-site convention registration statistics. This year is the sixth largest convention to date, the eighth largest in terms of AT attendees and the second largest trade show in terms of square footage sold. She reported on some of the positive feedback received and the unique challenges faced by staff this year. Saddler complimented Marker and staff for a spectacular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session.

Director Peters left the meeting, with past director Scott Sailor proxy voting.

REVISITING HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE (H&A)

Director Weston provided clarification that the first motion refers only to award recipients who want to defer the award to a later year. If they do not attend the convention, they will still receive the award and it will be accepted on their behalf, but they will not be able to accept the award at a later convention without the committee's approval. Director Lindley suggested removing "at the General Session or Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the NATA convention." The board agreed to return the first two motions to the committee.

**VOTED: 3) THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REQUESTS A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT (INSTEAD OF SEVEN) INDUCTEES IN 2015. A HALL OF FAME CANDIDATE REQUESTED DEFERMENT TO 2015. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WISH TO AVOID THE ELIMINATION OF ONE OPPORTUNITY DUE TO THE DEFERMENT.
(2, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

VOTED: 4) THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INCREASING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICE AWARD FROM 15 YEARS TO 20 YEARS. THE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICE AWARD IS THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR STATE AND LOCAL SERVICE AND THE COMMITTEE FEELS

**THAT A 20-YEAR REQUIREMENT IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. (NOTE: ATSA IS NOT A "STEPPING STONE" OR PREREQUISITE FOR ANY OTHER AWARD.)
(9, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: 5) THE HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS OFFICIALLY BEGINNING THE TERMS FOR THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND MEMBERS IN JUNE 2016. IN JUNE 2017, MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 2, 6 AND 8 WOULD END THEIR TERMS. IN JUNE 2018, MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS 3, 5 AND 9 WOULD END THEIR TERMS. IN JUNE 2019, MEMBERS REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 1, 4, 7 AND 10 WOULD END THEIR TERMS.
(9, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

**VOTED: 6) CANDIDATES WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A RESUME OR CV. ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ONLINE CANDIDATE PROFILE.
(6, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY (AAN) SPORTS NEUROLOGY SECTION

Ruth Riggan presented a proposal for a funded liaison to the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Sports Neurology Section.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE A FUNDED LIAISON TO THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY (AAN) SPORTS NEUROLOGY SECTION.
(3, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH IN SPORTS MEDICINE (PRISM)

Ruth Riggan reviewed the proposal for a liaison to the Pediatric Research in Sports Medicine (PRISM) organization, which the board previously reviewed in May. She clarified the request was for an unfunded liaison, although funding requests and/or other opportunities for collaboration may come to the board in the future.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE AN UNFUNDED LIAISON TO THE PEDIATRIC RESEARCH IN SPORTS MEDICINE (PRISM) ORGANIZATION.
(3, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

NCAA CONSENSUS STATEMENT: FULL CONTACT PRACTICE

President Thornton presented the NCAA Consensus Statement on Full Contact Practice, which has been endorsed by several other medical organizations and NCAA stakeholders. The document itself will not include branding or logos of the endorsing organizations, however additional communications will. The document will be released on July 7 and will be disseminated to NCAA institutions.

**VOTED: TO ENDORSE THE NCAA CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON FULL CONTACT PRACTICE.
(3, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON COLLEGIATE SUPERVISION OF STUDENT AIDES

Director Lindley presented a draft statement on Collegiate Supervision of Student Aides based on the approved statement for secondary schools. The CUATC will work on the statement and bring it back to the board for approval.

**VOTED: TO SEND THE DRAFT STATEMENT ON COLLEGIATE SUPERVISION OF STUDENT AIDES TO THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (CUATC) FOR ITS INPUT.
(4, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

OTHER

President Thornton announced that Regis Turocy, PT, DHCE, has offered his services as a chaplain to NATA and the AT Cares Program to provide counseling to ATs if needed.

Directory Lindley requested more time for member Q&A at Face Time. Director Dieringer asked if the Quiz Bowl could be moved earlier in the day so the winners could get their trophy at the General Session. The board also discussed the timing of the district meetings.

President Thornton recognized the leadership of the CAATE and BOC and thanked them for attending.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

District II

Director Goldenberg stated nominations for director have opened and two candidates have come forward.

District III

Director Aronson commended District III for having 50% of the Safe Sports School Award winners so far and for fully funding the NATA Foundation DIII Research Endowment. She announced several states will be working on their practice acts and invited the board to the 2015 meeting in Virginia Beach.

District IV

Director Lindley announced the NATA Leaders "Saddler Up" Initiative challenging each district's Executive Council or board to initiate 100% participation in National Provider Identifier (NPI) registration, NATA Foundation giving and NATA PAC giving by individual council or board members. This initiative has begun in District IV and D IV has achieved these goals.

District V

Director McDonnell announced a student exchange to share ideas between state organizations.

District VI

Director Dieringer announced District VI's 60th meeting in July. Southwest Conference ATs will be honored at an NATA Foundation fundraiser.

District VIII

Past director Sailor announced Michael West, MS, ATC, will be District VIII's new treasurer. District VIII looks forward to future contributions from American Samoa.

District IX

Director Horodyski announced nominations have opened for District IX's president and treasurer. She announced the Chuck and Patty Kimmel Endowment is fully funded and suggested the NATA Foundation put on a 5K volunteer relay.

District X

Director Wood reiterated commendations of the state leaders in Alaska.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE

- **MINUTES FROM MAY 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS (ALL).**
- **APPROVE JEFF MCKIBBIN, EdD, ATC, LAT (D5) AS CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) BEGINNING JUNE 2015.**
- **RATIFY BOARD E-BALLOT TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE NATA POSITION STATEMENT ON EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESSES: AN UPDATE TO THE 2002 GUIDELINES.**
(4, 5) PASSED 10-0-0

ADJOURN

After appropriate thank yous, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.