

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**DRAFT Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**7:00 am CDT March 28, 2013**

Directors

Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, CES  
Paul Ullucci, DPT, ATC, SCS  
Michael Goldenberg, MS, ATC  
Martin Baker, MS, ATC  
Julie Rochester, EdD, ATC  
Eric McDonnell, MEd, ATC, LAT  
Kathy Dieringer, EdD, ATC, LAT  
Bart Peterson, MSS, ATC  
Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC  
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, ATC, LAT  
Russ Richardson, EdD, ATC

Incoming Directors

Pat Aronson, PhD, ATC, PTA, D3  
Tory Lindley, MS, ATC, D4

Absent

Cari Wood, ATC, D10

Staff

David Saddler  
Cate Brennan, MBA, CAE  
Kathy Crelly  
Anita James, CMP  
Kandy Cefoldo  
Ruth Riggan

Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, President-elect NATA Foundation  
Rachael Oats, CAE, Director NATA Foundation

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Thornton welcomed Pat Aronson, incoming District III director, and Tory Lindley, incoming District IV director, and encouraged them to comment.

**LIABILITY AND MALPRACTICE INSURANCE FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

Many ATs do not have appropriate liability insurance coverage from their employers or by themselves. This is possibly either because the employer decides not to provide coverage or because the AT is perceived by the employer as outside the scope of practice after an incident occurs and the employer subsequently refuses coverage. Director Peterson suggested forming a workgroup to educate ATs about the scope of liability insurance and what communication they should have with their employers to ensure adequate coverage. The workgroup should include representatives from CUATC, CEPAT, and SSATC, as well as input from legal counsel or an insurance company. Directors Peterson, Dieringer, and McDonnell will formulate the workgroup's mission and composition.

**VOTED: TO FORM A WORKGROUP TO ENSURE ADEQUATE LIABILITY AND MALPRACTICE INSURANCE FOR EACH HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.  
(10, 9) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**SPORTS SAFETY FOR YOUTH COACHES**

Cate Brennan presented a proposal to offer the concussion module of the NATA Sports Safety for Youth Coaches course for free to any kind of youth coach or school administrator. This offer will continue to position NATA and ATs as experts in sports safety and improve NATA's ability to compete with other organizations' educational materials. The board believed

that the module should be more user-friendly, use the most up-to-date information and be consistent with all current practice and concussion laws. The new learning management system could improve the course's user-friendliness. Staff will update the content and Tamara McLeod, PhD, ATC, FNATA, will review it for accuracy.

**VOTED: TO ALLOW NATA'S SPORTS SAFETY FOR YOUTH COACHES CONCUSSION MODULE TO BE OFFERED FOR FREE TO ALL YOUTH, MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COACHES AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, AND TO ALLOW THE MODULE TO BE RENAMED, REBRANDED AND UPDATED TO REFLECT ITS BROADER AUDIENCE AND PURPOSE.  
(5, 4) PASSED 10-0-0.**

#### **EVE BECKER-DOYLE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Director McDonnell presented a proposal for an NATA Foundation scholarship endowment funded by the districts. District executive committees can choose how much to contribute and on what schedule. The Foundation will not award the scholarship until it is fully endowed, although the districts can fund one year's scholarship at a time until then.

**Moved: To establish the Eve Becker-Doyle Service Scholarship award and endow it in the NATA Foundation.  
(1, 5) Motion withdrawn.**

While in favor of the concept of the endowment, the board did not want to establish it until the directors talked it over with their executive committees. The item was tabled, and staff was directed to find out if a corporate-sponsored scholarship could be renamed instead of creating a new one.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER SELECTION**

Director Richardson suggested following the committee member selection process used in District 10: 1) the committee chair notifies NATA and the district director of the vacancy; 2) the district communicates the opening to its members while the departing committee member recruits for the replacement; 3) interested candidates send a CV and letter of intent to the director; 4) the director reviews the application and sends the top 1-2 candidates to the committee chair; 5) the chair approves one or both candidates; 6) the director makes the final decision. David Saddler noted this process matches what is in the P&P manual and said he thought it was important to get everyone on the same page about these processes. It was suggested that a memo explaining this process be sent to all committees except NATSC and YP, whose chairs recommend candidates to the directors as part of their leadership development, and International, which includes international members.

#### **COMMITTEE ON REVENUE (COR) PROPOSAL FOR DISTRICT-BASED REPRESENTATION**

Director Dieringer reported that COR has proposed to meet the district-based representation recommendation by retaining the chair and 5 other members, establishing an at-large member, and suggesting current members as potential district representatives.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE COR PROPOSAL TO MOVE TO DISTRICT-BASED REPRESENTATION BY EXTENDING THE CHAIR'S TERM FOR ONE YEAR; ESTABLISHING ONE AT-LARGE MEMBER BASED ON SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE REGARDLESS OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATION; RETAINING CURRENT MEMBERS REPRESENTING DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, AND 5; AND CONSIDERING WORKGROUP MEMBERS AS POTENTIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.  
(6, 5) PASSED 10-0-0.**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE - INVESTMENT POLICY GUIDELINES**

Director Ullucci reported the Finance Committee had a productive meeting with the investment firm to update the investment policy guidelines. The new policy was presented for approval.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
(1, 7) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) MAILING**

Director Ullucci informed the board that the Finance Committee also supports a request from the Korey Stringer Institute to help fund an informational mailing to coaches and athletic administrators.

**VOTED: TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE'S MAILING TO COACHES AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.  
(1, 10) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS (NCSL)**

Director Ullucci asked Director McDonnell to present a proposal to support the NCSL symposium by renting a suite at the Atlanta Braves Game. This will help improve ATs' relationship with legislators and show support for current legislative efforts in states like California and Georgia. The Finance Committee supports this proposal.

**VOTED: TO ALLOCATE \$2,500 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND AND SAVINGS TO SUPPORT THE NCSL SYMPOSIUM.  
(1, 6) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**NATA BUILDING**

Saddler reported that NATA has hired a project manager who is helping vet space planners, mechanical engineers and general contractors. Addressing code issues will cost more than anticipated, but those costs will go into the depreciation schedule, and the renovations will create significant operational savings. A ribbon cutting and dedication is planned for the board meeting in May.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Appropriate information on the following items was provided to the board of directors through background materials, e-ballots, or previous discussions. The board requested the Pronouncements Committee or the Pre-Participation Examination (PPE) workgroup chair be asked why PTs were included and if the statement could be updated to reference the 2012 Zurich guidelines instead of those from 2008.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE**

- **MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE.**
- **POSITION STATEMENT: PRE-PARTICIPATION EXAMINATIONS AND DISQUALIFYING CONDITIONS.**
- **INTER-ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS IN DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR RECOGNITION AND REFERRAL OF STUDENT ATHLETES WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL CONCERNS AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL: A CONSENSUS STATEMENT.**
- **JAMES BERRY, EdD, ATC, NREMT (D3) AS CHAIR OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE.**
- **RATIFY E-BALLOT APPROVING NED BERGERT, MS, ATC (D8) TO RECEIVE THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARD.**

**(5, 9) PASSED 10-0-0.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE) WHITE PAPER ON ENTRY-LEVEL DEGREE**

Director Rochester reported that as part of the workgroup on the entry-level degree, she would be contacting the directors asking how each thought the final decision should be made between NATA and the strategic partners. She agreed to provide an outline of the guiding questions and a list of workgroup members along with the inquiry and let ECE Chair Sara Brown know the information was being shared with the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board welcomed David Saddler as NATA's new Executive Director. After appropriate thank yous, President Thornton adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.