

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**10:00 a.m. CST March 7, 2016**

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David Saddler  
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Shelley Tims  
Amanda Muscatell  
Lathan Watts  
Katie Scott, MS, ATC, LAT  
Kandy Cefoldo  
Ruth Riggan

Guests

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, CSCS, President NATA Foundation  
Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC, Executive Director CAATE  
Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE, Executive Director BOC

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Sailor welcomed Meredith Daniels as the new NATA Director of Member Services. He reported on his and Dave Saddler's recent meetings with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society (PFATS), the Professional Football Chiropractic Society (PFCS) and the Joint Commission on Sports Medicine and Science (JCSMS). He also reported on the Safety in College Football Summit hosted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the College Athletic Trainers' Society (CATS). He noted that the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) selected its new board member from the two individuals nominated by NATA, and asked the board members to keep the selection confidential until the official announcement by CAATE.

**FINANCE UPDATE**

Treasurer Dieringer reported that NATA continues to be in a strong financial position even with the absorption of additional projects into the current budget.

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

President Sailor updated the board about a face-to-face meeting of the chair and key members of the Inter-Association Task Force on Appropriate Care of the Spine Injured Athlete. Due to scheduling challenges and the importance of finalizing the task force statement in a timely manner, the meeting was arranged before approval was requested from the board. Saddler noted that executive staff avoids bypassing approval procedures in this manner whenever possible but needed to react quickly in this case.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, TO ENDORSE THE DECISION TO HOLD THE MARCH 2016 MEETING OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE ON APPROPRIATE CARE OF THE SPINE INJURED ATHLETE.  
(9, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

**INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (IOM) GLOBAL FORUM ON INNOVATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

President Sailor presented a request from CAATE to support the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education presented by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). CAATE is managing the Alliance's involvement with the ongoing activity and requests the AT Strategic Alliance members, excluding the NATA Foundation, share the cost of sponsorship equally. President Sailor commended CAATE for taking the lead on this effort and noted that effective March 15, the IOM will change its name to the Health and Medicine Division (HMD).

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS, TO APPROVE FUNDING ONE THIRD (\$5,000) OF THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON INNOVATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION. FUNDING FOR FUTURE YEARS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.  
(3, 5) PASSED 10-0-0**

**HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKGROUP**

Treasurer Dieringer presented a proposal to form a workgroup to evaluate the profession's strategic position in health care and discuss potential future threats and opportunities. She noted the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) and government affairs staff would be involved to avoid duplication of efforts. The workgroup would report back to the board in January 2017.

**VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS, TO APPROVE FUNDING UP TO \$20,000 FOR AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKGROUP.  
(6, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC)**

Director Wood presented a request for outgoing Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC) chair Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, to remain on the committee for one year as the District II representative to ensure continuity on the committee and avoid an abbreviated recruitment process for the recently-vacated District II position. Board approval is requested since this is an exception to NATA policy requiring a one-year hiatus from a committee for outgoing members. Director Duffy stated he approved the appointment.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC) REQUEST FOR OUTGOING CHAIR LARRY COOPER, MS, ATC, TO BECOME THE REPLACEMENT SSATC D2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR ONE YEAR BEGINNING IN JUNE 2016.  
(10, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

**NCAA INTER-ASSOCIATION CONCUSSION GUIDELINES AND INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE GUIDELINES**

Rachael Oats presented a request to endorse two guidelines produced by the NCAA in 2014. The guidelines were based on NATA's Best Practices for Sports Medicine Management Consensus Statement and were presented to the NATA board at the same time as the NCAA Consensus Statement on Full Contact Practice, but were not ready for outside approval at that time. Staff is requesting the board endorse the guidelines formally so that NATA's support is noted for the record.

**VOTED: TO ENDORSE THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) CONCUSSION GUIDELINES AND THE NCAA INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE GUIDELINES.  
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION'S DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) ARTHRITIS RESEARCH PROGRAM SUPPORT LETTER**

Oats presented a request for NATA to sign on to the Arthritis Foundation's letter to the Department of Defense (DoD) requesting an arthritis research program, and to share the organization's resources with NATA members in the military setting. No financial request is associated with this request.

**VOTED: TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT SAILOR TO SIGN THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION'S DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) ARTHRITIS RESEARCH PROGRAM SUPPORT LETTER ON BEHALF OF NATA.  
(4, 6) PASSED 10-0-0**

**ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE BY ATs**

Director Weston raised the issue of the role of ATs in the treatment of opiate abuse, specifically in administering naloxone, and suggested NATA convene a task force to discuss this and possibly issue a statement or develop guidelines.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Appropriate information on the following items was provided to the board of directors through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions. Vice President Horodyski requested that the January board minutes be removed from the consent agenda to clarify the section on the Guidelines for Developing a Secondary School Sports Medicine Course.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE**

- **RATIFY THE E-BALLOT APPROVAL OF NATA OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NEW NCAA AUTONOMOUS 5 (AKA POWER 5) CONFERENCES' INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE RULES.**
- **A SECOND EXTENSION OF ARTURO R. FLORES, MS, ATC (D2), ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) MEMBER TO JUNE 2017.**

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

*Director Wood left the call.*

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) SECONDARY SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

Oats stated the winners of the NFL Secondary School Initiative grants will be announced at the Youth Sports Safety Summit (YSSS). She thanked SSATC for reviewing the applications and providing feedback to enhance the program.

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Amy Callender provided an update on the agenda and speakers for YSSS, advocacy work on the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act (SMLCA) and state licensure issues.

**NATA FOUNDATION 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Shelley Tims provided an update on the NATA Foundation's 25th Anniversary fundraising initiatives. More than \$15,000 was raised through the dues renewal process and more than \$4,500 through the #ThankAnAT campaign. She thanked the board members who promoted the campaign through social media.

**STATE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)**

Director Peters presented a proposal from the State Association Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the creation of the Emerging Leader and Excellence in Leadership awards, for members who have provided service to at the state level. The awards would be funded through a \$100 addition to the annual SAAC budget beginning with the FY16-17 budget, and the winners would be recognized at the State Leadership Forum (SLF).

**VOTED: TO APPROVE CREATION OF THE EMERGING LEADER AND EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS.  
(8, 1) PASSED 9-0-0 (10 Absent)**

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board went into a closed session and an executive session, after which it was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.