

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes**  
**12:00 p.m. CDT October 19, 2015**

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Guests

Denise Fandel, AT Ret, CAE, Executive Director BOC  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, CSCS, President NATA Foundation

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sailor called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Ten of the ten voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Sailor welcomed the AT Strategic Alliance members to the call and expressed appreciation to the Board of Certification (BOC) for hosting the recent AT Strategic Alliance meeting in Omaha, NE. He commended the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) on a great Accreditation Conference and welcomed Shelley Tims as the new Director of the NATA Foundation.

President Sailor shared a note from Illinois Athletic Trainers Association (IATA) President Mike "Sully" Sullivan, MS, ATC, thanking NATA for its financial support of the IATA's legislative activities. President Sailor commented on a recent catastrophic death at the secondary school level. He said that because of this and other recent events, staff has been looking at implementing the "AT Cares" program, which was brought to the board in 2013 by past president Jim Thornton, MA, ATC, CES, following the Boston marathon bombings. Past president Thornton and Rachael Oats are working on an implementation plan.

**FINANCE UPDATE**

President Sailor applauded Treasurer Dieringer on her work stewarding NATA's finances. Treasurer Dieringer noted investments continue to be impacted by volatility in the stock market and August expenditures were higher than anticipated, but overall NATA continues to be ahead of budget.

**NATA FOUNDATION OUTCOMES GRANT**

Rachael Oats provided background on the NATA-funded Outcomes Grant RFP and on the proposal before the board today. She noted the final proposal was reviewed by Vice President Horodyski. In addition to funding the proposal, the NATA Foundation is also requesting that NATA release the restriction on the funds remaining in the Outcomes Grant account.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR SURPLUS, TO APPROVE THE NATA FOUNDATION OUTCOMES GRANT PROPOSAL, *THE IMPACT OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS ON THE INCIDENCE, MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES FOR SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSION INJURIES IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS* FOR \$373,990; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REMAINING GRANT PAYABLE AMOUNT OF \$89,010 BE RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION AND DESIGNATED TO THE NATA FOUNDATION'S UNRESTRICTED FUNDS.  
(6, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

Oats and NATA Foundation President R.T. Floyd thanked the board for NATA's support.

**U.S. BONE AND JOINT INITIATIVE (USBJI) YOUNG INVESTIGATOR INITIATIVE**

President Sailor presented a request from past District I Director Paul Ullucci, Jr., PhD, ATC, DPT, who currently serves as NATA's liaison to the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI). Since many ATs receive grants from USBJI's Young Investigator Initiative, Ullucci requested NATA make an annual contribution to the program. Treasurer Dieringer stated the Finance Committee's recommendation is to fund a one-time contribution and consider future contributions based on a report from Ullucci.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR SURPLUS, TO APPROVE A \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE U.S. BONE AND JOINT INITIATIVE (USBJI) YOUNG INVESTIGATOR INITIATIVE IN FY2015-16 AND ASSESS FUNDING FOR FUTURE YEARS FOLLOWING A REPORT BY USBJI LIAISON PAUL ULLUCCI, PhD, ATC, DPT.  
(9, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**NATA/KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) 2016 YOUTH SPORTS GOVERNANCE MEETING**

President Sailor presented a request for NATA to fund the second annual Youth Sports Governing Bodies Meeting hosted by NATA and the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI). Oats reported on the first meeting and stated the goal of the second meeting is to develop a consensus statement providing guidelines for youth sports governing bodies to enhance the safety of their athletes. Funding is only recommended for the 2016 event.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR SURPLUS, TO APPROVE FUNDING OF THE NATA/KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE (KSI) 2016 YOUTH SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES MEETING FOR UP TO \$15,000.  
(2, 1) PASSED 10-0-0**

**MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA (MHA) FUNDED LIAISON REQUEST**

President Sailor presented a proposal for a funded liaison relationship with Mental Health America (MHA), submitted by Timothy Neal, MS, ATC, who chaired the writing groups for NATA's consensus statements on psychological concerns in collegiate and secondary school athletics. Oats provided background on how the decision to fund current liaison relationships was made. The board discussed the strategic value of funding this relationship and whether other mental health organizations would be a better fit. Following discussion, the board agreed to proceed with Neal's request.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO APPROVE A FUNDED LIAISON RELATIONSHIP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA (MHA) AS PRESENTED.  
(2, 3) PASSED 10-0-0**

**INCOMING CHAIRS FUNDING FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM)**

President Sailor presented a request to fund incoming committee chairs to attend the Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) to help orient them to the work expected of a committee chair. This year, five committees have incoming chairs, two of whom are current members of their committees and already funded to attend. To fund the incoming chairs of the Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA), Honors & Awards (H&A) Committee and Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC), the JCM budget would increase by \$4,500. Staff anticipated the number would be similar in future years and could be included in future budgets.

**VOTED: PER THE REVIEW OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR SURPLUS, TO APPROVE FUNDING UP TO \$4,500 FOR THE INCOMING CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT (COPA), HONORS & AWARDS (H&A) COMMITTEE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE (SSATC) TO ATTEND THE 2016 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM).  
(1, 8) PASSED 10-0-0**

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC) MAINTENANCE OF COMPETENCE TASK FORCE**

Denise Fandel, Board of Certification (BOC) Executive Director, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to host the AT Strategic Alliance leadership. She reported on the new Maintenance of Competence Task Force which will be officially announced in November's Certification Update. The task force will be co-chaired by John Parsons, PhD, ATC, and Jim Kinderknecht, MD. Invited steering committee members include Katherine Newsham, PhD, ATC, Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT, Doug Gregory, MD, Kent Scriber, EdD, ATC, PT, Kimberly Terrell, MS, ATC, Gail Samdperil, EdD, ATC, and Stacy Walker, PhD, ATC. Fandel noted the overview document provided to the board and presented information about the purpose and timeline of the task force. She added that the BOC would keep NATA updated on the task force's progress.

*Denise Fandel left the call.*

**EMERGING EDUCATOR AWARD PROPOSAL**

Vice President Horodyski presented a proposal from the Executive Committee for Education (ECE) to establish and present the Emerging Educator Award beginning in 2016. This award would be similar to awards overseen by other committees and the recipient would not be decided by the H&A Committees.

**VOTED: PER THE REQUEST FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE), TO APPROVE THE EMERGING EDUCATOR AWARD ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES.  
(9, 10) PASSED 10-0-0**

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON BEST PRACTICES FOR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL WELLNESS**

President Sailor presented the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) *Inter-Association Consensus Statement on Best Practices for Understanding and Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Wellness*. He noted Timothy Neal, MS, ATC, and College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee (CUATC) Chair Randy Cohen, ATC, DPT, reviewed the document and had not recommended any changes, although NATA staff suggested a number of minor, non-substantive changes to the NCAA.

**VOTED: PER THE REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA), TO ENDORSE THE INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON BEST PRACTICES FOR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL WELLNESS.  
(9, 2) PASSED 10-0-0**

**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 SEPTEMBER 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE (ALL).**
- **BRIAN VESCI, MA, ATC (D1), AND STEPHEN NORDWALL, ATC (D3), CO-CHAIRS FOR THE TRANSITION TO PRACTICE WORKGROUP.**

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

**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WORKGOU (PRWG)**

Director Lindley reminded the board to review the Professional Responsibility Workgroup (PRWG) update (in Dropbox) and requested board members contact him with any questions.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The board went into closed session and was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.