

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Web Conference Minutes
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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 expressed sympathy for Director Duffy on the passing of his father. He also commented on the high number of recent football injuries, which highlight the importance of NATA's work toward improving the plan of care for spine-injured athletes. President Sailor welcomed representatives of the AT strategic alliance to the call.

FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer Dieringer reported NATA's financial situation continues to be positive, although investments have been impacted by recent volatility in the stock market.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (ECE) TRANSITION TO PRACTICE WORKGROUP

Treasurer Dieringer presented a request from the Executive Committee for Education (ECE) to fund the Transition to Practice Workgroup's attendance at the 2016 Joint Committee Meeting (JCM). She noted co-chairs for the workgroup would be approved on the next board call.

VOTED: PER THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW, APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION'S (ECE) FUNDING REQUEST OF UP TO \$5,000 FOR THE TRANSITION TO PRACTICE WORKGROUP TO ATTEND THE 2016 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING USING FISCAL YEAR SAVINGS OR RESERVES. (1, 9) PASSED 10-0-0

Treasurer Dieringer noted a change to the format of board minutes going forward to accurately represent the role of the finance committee in vetting requests. Going forward, items will be stated as being “reviewed” by the finance committee rather than “recommended.”

SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS’ COMMITTEE (SSATC) FOUNDATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE CURRICULUM

President Sailor reviewed the role of the ECE in the process of creating the Foundation of Sports Medicine Curriculum. During the ECE’s dialogue with the Secondary School Athletic Trainers’ Committee (SSATC), it was agreed that the SSATC should have responsibility for the curriculum since its members have firsthand experience teaching these topics in the secondary school setting, while the ECE’s expertise is in collegiate education.

**Moved: To approve the Secondary School Athletic Trainers’ Committee (SSATC)’s Foundations of Sports Medicine Curriculum.
(10, 2) Motion withdrawn.**

The board requested edits to further emphasize that students will not provide patient care and that this is a sports medicine course rather than a sports medicine program. Rachael Oats stated she would review the board’s comments with SSATC Chair Larry Cooper, MS, ATC, LAT and bring it back to the board for approval, perhaps by electronic-ballot.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON CARDIOVASCULAR CARE OF COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES

President Sailor presented the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Inter-Association Consensus Statement on Cardiovascular Care of College Student-Athletes. He noted the statement has been reviewed by College/University Athletic Trainers’ Committee (CUATC) Chair Randy Cohen, ATC, DPT, and Timothy Neal, MS, ATC, Chair of NATA’s Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The NCAA made some of the changes in response to their comments. The board requested NATA’s logo be updated and that other NATA resources be listed in the document’s references, particularly the Inter-Association Recommendations on Emergency Preparedness and Management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest in High School and College Athletic Programs.

**VOTED: PER THE NCAA’S REQUEST, ENDORSE ITS INTER-ASSOCIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON CARDIOVASCULAR CARE OF COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES.
(8, 4) PASSED 10-0-0**

DRINKER, BIDDLE & REATH, LLP (DBR)

Amy Callender reported that the contract with Drinker, Biddle & Reath (DBR), NATA’s lobbying firm, is up for renewal. NATA Policies & Procedures require that contracts be bid out every three years. Staff recommends DBR’s contract be renewed based on the firm’s great work and the need for continuity and stability in current activities. She noted DBR’s rates are highly competitive and have not been raised since 2008, when the firm was initially hired. David Saddler noted NATA’s relationship with consultants like this one is unique and is less dependent on price than other services are. Saddler indicated there is precedence in bypassing the three-year bid process, with board approval, for contracts such as ones in public relations and legal. The board discussed the risks and benefits of renewing the contract without the rebid process.

**VOTED: PER STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION, EXTEND NATA’S CONTRACT WITH DBR FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A FORMAL REBID PROCESS.
(6, 9) PASSED 9-1-0 (NO 4)**

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

Vice President Horodyski reported on the progress of the Inter-Association Task Force on Appropriate Care for the Spine Injured Athlete. The current draft of the consensus statement will be sent to the entire group for comment soon. She remarked on physician feedback from four recent incidents where spine injury was suspected and the new procedures were used.

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 agreed to amend the minutes to adjust the references to the finance committee's decisions as stated above.

VOTED: TO APPROVE

- **MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEB CONFERENCE (ALL), AMENDED.**
- **POSITION STATEMENT: PREVENTING AND MANAGING SPORTS RELATED DENTAL/ORAL INJURIES.**

(2, 1) PASSED 10-0-0

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session and was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.