

MINUTES
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 4, 2004
JULIE MAX, MEd, ATC, PRESIDING

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Julie Max, MEd, ATC	Paul Genender, Esq.
Joe Iezzi, ATC	Keith Webster, MA, ATC <i>Guest</i>
Charles Rozanski, ATC	Jeff Stone, MEd, ATC, LAT <i>District I Director-elect</i>
Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC/L	Matt Webber, MA, ATC <i>District VII Director-elect</i>
Lynn Bott, MS, ATC	Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE
Sandy Miller, MS Ed, ATC	Teresa Foster Welch, CAE
Scott Linaker, MS, L/AT, ATC	Sandy Ward
Andy Paulin, ATC	Cate Brennan Lisak
Chuck Kimmel, ATC	Rich Rogers
Barrie Steele, MS, ATL, ATC	Karen Peterson

Apologies: Kathleen Laquale, PhD, ATC

CALL TO ORDER: President Max called the meeting to order at 11.03 am CST.

STEP UP LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

NATA/ NATA Board of Certification legislative summit

Representatives from NATA and the Board of Certification met recently to discuss how to achieve legislation that provides for uniform athletic training regulation in all fifty states. This issue is recognized as a priority in the strategic plans of both organizations.

These key initiatives were identified during the meeting.

1. The BOC will fund an educational conference for state leaders and other interested parties to address issues related to state regulation and credentialing, and to encourage information exchange.
2. The need to retain the services of a lobbyist to address federal issues and to establish a presence in Washington D.C.
3. The formation of a Political Action Committee.

Governmental Affairs Committee request to change state funds allocation system

Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Keith Webster, MA, ATC presented a proposal to change the state funds allocation system. The purpose of the amendment is to maximize use of financial resources to obtain favorable regulation in the 7 unregulated states and in states with less-than-desirable regulation.

Currently 80% of legislative funds are made available to each state in an equal share and disbursed based upon expenditure, with 20% allocated for emergency needs.

The Governmental Affairs Committee proposes to change the allocation system from 80/20 to a 40/60 split. 40% of state legislative funds would go to a regular funds account where it would be disbursed as in previous years. Each state would be eligible for an equal amount and funds would be disbursed based upon expenditure. The account would continue to be used to fund the matching funds program with the matching funds share increasing from one half to a whole share.

The remaining 60% of state legislative funds would be held in a discretionary account and allocated at the discretion of the governmental affairs program to target certain active states or federal issues. There would no longer be a need for a separate emergency account. The emergency process would remain unchanged and any approved emergency expenditure would be paid from the discretionary account.

VOTED: TO MODIFY THE STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION SYSTEM AS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004. (2,4) Passed 9-0-0

On behalf of the board, President Max expressed sincere thanks to the Governmental Affairs Committee for the hard work and collaborative efforts involved in formulating this proposal.

Keith Webster left the call at 11.24 am.

REQUEST FOR JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING WORKING MEETING

Incoming *Journal* Editor-in-Chief Dr Chris Ingersoll has requested \$5,000 from the contingency fund for a working meeting of five or six people to address issues that have been difficult to accomplish by email and conference call. These include categorizing the *Journal* by topic and assigning associate editors as 'section editors' according to their areas of expertise. The timing of these tasks will coincide with the addition of the on-line tracking system approved by the board in December 2003.

VOTED: TO ALLOCATE \$5,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR A WORKING MEETING OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE JOURNAL COMMITTEE. (4,8) Passed 9-0-0

NEW WOMEN IN ATHLETIC TRAINING COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Women in Athletic Training Committee would like to expand their committee mission statement to include the additional projects taken on by the WATC, including leadership, life balancing, mentoring and women's health.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE REVISED WOMEN IN ATHLETIC TRAINING MISSION STATEMENT AS PRESENTED. (4,5) PASSED 9-0-0

INTER-ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL PRACTICES

NATA will continue to monitor efforts to develop guidelines for pre-season football practices, currently being championed by the National Federation of State High School Associations. No action is required by the board at this stage.

NATA INVOLVEMENT WITH CDC/ACSM PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REDEFINITION INITIATIVE

NATA has been invited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) to participate in a national review and communication rollout of physical activity recommendations, last issued in 1995. The endeavor is in keeping with NATA support of national physical activity initiatives.

The goal of the manuscript writers is to make the recommendations more specific, easier to understand, and to incorporate new scientific information that has emerged since the original recommendations. Public Relations Chair Al Green, MEd, ATC and Director of External Marketing Cate Brennan Lisak will participate in regular conference calls to plan and implement this initiative.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11.40 am CST for the board to go into executive session.