

**MINUTES**  
**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 9, 2006**  
**CHUCK KIMMEL, ATC, PRESIDING**

**ROLL CALL:**

Chuck Kimmel, ATC  
Jeff Stone, MEd, ATC, LAT  
Jim Thornton, MS, ATC  
Terry Noonan, MS, ATC  
Sandy Miller, MS Ed, ATC  
Matt Webber, MA, ATC  
Andy Paulin, ATC  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC  
Barrie Steele, MS, ATC  
Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC

Paul Genender, Esq. *Legal Counsel*  
Brian Conway, ATC *District VI Director-elect*  
Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE  
Teresa Foster Welch, CAE  
Rachael Oats  
Sandy Ward  
Larry Commons  
Karen Peterson  
Yolanda Allen

Absent: Charlie Rozanski, MEd, ATC

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kimmel called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. CST.

**FUNDING FOR WELCOME RECEPTION VENUE – GEORGIA AQUARIUM**

The welcome reception will be at the Georgia Aquarium from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm Wednesday night. 3,000 to 4,000 people will be in attendance. The cost to rent the aquarium is considerably above our budget. To make this special opportunity available to the members, sponsor commitments have been obtained from Gatorade and Johnson & Johnson. Also, each of the groups funded by the Career Center contributed \$5,000 (CUATC, CIC, SSATC, the Career Assistance Committee, and the Foundation).

**WASHINGTON, DC MEETINGS UPDATE**

Marjorie Albohm reported on the meetings. The CIC, COE, COR and GAC convened for two full days of productive meetings, first coming together to share ideas and projects, then breaking out individually. They established initiatives with action plans. Ninety-seven members attended 131 appointments at Hit the Hill Day.

**MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE PROPOSAL**

Matt Webber has been looking at member attrition figures, which reflect an increase in certified non-members. He proposed the board form a task force with the following charge.

1. Review the exit survey results provided by NATA staff.
2. Investigate who the non-members are (work setting, years certified, etc.) and the reason(s) they are not members of the Association.
3. Recommend to the board actions to preserve and/or increase membership in the NATA.

President Kimmel recommended the task force be made up of the following representatives.

1. Matt Webber, chair, board member
2. R.T. Floyd, board member
3. Michael Goldenberg, incoming chair, District Secretary/Treasurers' Committee

4. A representative nominated by the chair of the following committees:
- Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee
  - College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee
  - Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainers' Committee
  - Career Assistance Committee
  - Ethnic Diversity Committee
  - Women in Athletic Training Committee
  - Education Council Executive Committee

#### **NATA CONFERENCE CALL WITH AMERICAN SPECIALTY HEALTH**

At the joint committee meetings in Washington, some discussion occurred about the NASM reimbursement program with American Specialty Health. President Kimmel has appointed Linda Fabrizio Mazzoli of the Committee on Revenue to participate in a conference call with the ASH chief operating officer and President Kimmel. Linda has put together some questions for discussion on the call. Mike Clark proposes that NATA representatives President Kimmel, Eve Becker-Doyle, and Linda Mazzoli subsequently meet and negotiate directly with ASH in person.

#### **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH LIAISONS**

The board discussed proposals to establish liaisons with the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association and the American Red Cross.

**VOTED: TO ESTABLISH UNFUNDED LIAISONS WITH THE NATIONAL INTRAMURAL-RECREATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. (9,4) PASSED, 9-0-0-1**

Terry Noonan asked the board to suggest candidates for open liaison positions.  
(*Staff will discuss at the May board meeting what determines whether a liaison is funded or unfunded.*)

#### **REQUEST FOR NATA TO BECOME CONFERENCE PATRON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ARTERIO SCLEROSIS MEETING**

Gene Verel has asked the board to approve NATA as a patron of the *Physical Activity, Exercise and Cardiovascular Health Conference* in Bologna, Italy. This will increase NATA's visibility, participation and recognition in the international medical world.

**VOTED: NATA WILL BE A PATRON (NOT MONETARY) OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ARTERIO SCLEROSIS JUNE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, EXERCISE AND CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH CONFERENCE IN BOLOGNA, ITALY. (1,2) PASSED, 9-0-0-1**

ISAS may utilize the NATA logo on conference materials and on its web site. NATA will publicize the event on the NATA and WFATT websites.

#### **NATA TO SPONSOR 2009 WORLD CONGRESS**

The board discussed a proposal by WFATT President, Cathy Ortega, for NATA to sponsor the 2009 World Congress in San Antonio, Texas prior to the NATA annual meeting.

**VOTED: NATA WILL SPONSOR THE 2009 WORLD CONGRESS IN SAN ANTONIO. (1,8) PASSED, 9-0-0-1**

(*Marjorie Albohm left the call.*)

**NATA TO PARTICIPATE IN ACSM'S HEALTH & FITNESS POLICY ROUNDTABLE**

The board discussed participation in the American College of Sports Medicine's health and fitness policy roundtable in April. President Kimmel has asked Mary Kirkland to attend, and she has agreed. Funds will come from the liaison budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES,  
WITH TWO CORRECTIONS.  
(6,8) PASSED, 8-0-0-2**

**CMS UPDATE**

NATA counsel presented oral arguments before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 7, 2006, and asked a three-judge panel to let NATA's lawsuit against CMS proceed in Federal District Court. The Court has granted an expedited appeal, and NATA now awaits a decision.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHEERLEADING COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS**

The AACCA contacted NATA in February to again provide a supportive statement for inclusion in the third edition of its Cheerleader Safety Manual. The document was reviewed by SSATC incoming chair Brian Robinson. He requested one change, which was made.

**VOTED: TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, FOR INCLUSION IN THE AACCA  
MANUAL.**

**THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION COMMENDS THE  
AACCA FOR ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CHEERLEADING BY DEVELOPING  
THE *CHEERLEADING SAFETY MANUAL*. THE NATA ENCOURAGES ALL  
CHEERLEADING COACHES AND SUPERVISORS TO FAMILIARIZE  
THEMSELVES WITH THE *MANUAL* SO THAT THIS GROWING SPORT WILL  
BE SAFER FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATE.**

**(10,9) PASSED, 8-0-0-2**

**NICKELODEON ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT UPDATE**

Nickelodeon has agreed to appoint Jeff Konin, ATC, Director of the National Center for Youth Sport Injury, to its advisory board.

**BOC/NATA CONTRACT UPDATE**

The wording of three provisions has not yet been finalized. The BOC has requested volunteers meet at the District 9 meeting to discuss the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. CST.