

MINUTES
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 29, 2004
CHUCK KIMMEL, ATC, PRESIDING

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Chuck Kimmel, ATC	Paul Genender, Esq. <i>Legal Counsel</i>
Jeff Stone, MEd, ATC, LAT	Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE
Joe Iezzi, MS, ATC	Teresa Foster Welch, CAE
Charles Rozanski, MEd, ATC	Cate Brennan Lisak
Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC	LaDonna Courtney, CAE
Lynn Bott, MS, ATC	Karen Peterson
Sandy Miller, MS Ed, ATC	
Matt Webber, MA, ATC	
Andy Paulin, ATC	
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC	
Barrie Steele, MS, ATL, ATC	

CALL TO ORDER: President Kimmel called the meeting to order at 1.02 pm CST.

MILITARY INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

NATA wishes to support certified members in the Reserves who are called up for active military duty.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

CERTIFIED – MILITARY INACTIVE

A CERTIFIED MEMBER IN THE RESERVES WHO IS CALLED UP FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND WHO SUBMITS PROOF OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MAY REQUEST MILITARY INACTIVE STATUS. A MEMBER MAY HOLD MILITARY INACTIVE STATUS FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME S/HE DOES NOT RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OR PAY DUES. THE MILITARY INACTIVE MEMBER MUST ASK TO BE RETURNED TO CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD ELAPSES. AT THAT TIME, S/HE WILL PAY PRO-RATED DUES FOR THE REST OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR AND RESUME CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP WITH FULL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS, AND NO BREAK IN SERVICE.

MILITARY INACTIVE STATUS MEMBERS WHO EXCEED THE TWO-YEAR DEADLINE ARE CHANGED TO NONMEMBER STATUS. SUBSEQUENTLY THEY MUST REAPPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER NEW MEMBER PROVISIONS AND FEES.

(6,5) PASSED 10-0-0

The new wording will be added to the *NATA Policies And Procedures Manual*.

STATE LOBBYING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

At the July legislative summit, a number of state representatives requested a change to the distribution of reimbursement funds by the NATA office for state lobbying expenses.

**VOTED: THE NATA OFFICE WILL MAIL CHECKS FOR APPROVED STATE LOBBYING EXPENSE TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT OR TREASURER. THE CHECKS WILL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AND THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR AND DISTRICT TREASURER WILL BE NOTIFIED THE PAYMENT WAS SENT.
(2,4) PASSED 10-0-0.**

CMS UPDATE

In response to NATA's grassroots campaign to contest the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposal to limit providers of "incident to" therapy service, more than 2,000 known responses were sent to CMS before the Sept 24 deadline. Key staff and volunteers, accompanied by NATA lobbyist Bill Finerfrock, attended a meeting with CMS director Herb Kuhn to discuss the issue. NATA has submitted an official response, drafted by NATA legal counsel and Bill Finerfrock, to address the legal issues. A decision is expected in the next six weeks.

On behalf of the board, President Kimmel expressed sincere appreciation to vice president Marje Albohm, and committee chairs Keith Webster, Sue Finkam and Ken Locker for their hard work on behalf of the association. He also thanked Bill Finerfrock, Paul Genender, the LIME team, and staff at the national office who worked tirelessly on this issue. Kimmel commented regardless of the outcome, NATA fought a good fight and those involved can be proud of the team effort. An eblast will be sent to members thanking them for their contributions to the campaign.

COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE NUTRITION

The Council for Responsible Nutrition recently approached NATA to establish a liaison relationship. Research into the nature and business of the organization determined CRN is essentially a trade organization representing supplement manufacturers.

By consensus the board decided not to pursue a liaison relationship with the Council for Responsible Nutrition and not to send an NATA representative to CRN meetings.

FLAGPOLE

President Kimmel proposed NATA's first president, Bobby Gunn be invited to dedicate the NATA flagpole and flag at a ceremony and member reception in the fall.

**VOTED: TO DEDICATE THE NATA FLAGPOLE AND FLAG TO DECEASED CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS. TO ALLOCATE \$1,250 FROM THE CONTINGENCY BALANCE TO FUND THE FLAGPOLE DEDICATION EXPENSES, INCLUDING A MEMBER RECEPTION, METAL DEDICATION PLATE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR BOBBY GUNN.
(5,8) PASSED 10-0-0**

Local members will be invited to attend. Staff will schedule the dedication this fall. A morning event is preferred and having the event when committees were in Dallas was suggested. (Note: After further consideration, it is likely to be held on a Monday or Tuesday morning.)

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. **TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO PAY EXPENSES FOR MRS CRAMER TO PRESENT THE INAUGURAL JACK CRAMER SCHOLARSHIP AT THE JUNE 2005 CONVENTION.**
- b. **NATA WILL NOT PURSUE PILOTING THE MALE ADVOCACY NETWORK PROGRAM.**

(6,1) PASSED 10-0-0

H.R. 117

At the June 2005 board meeting, the board empowered the president to sign on in favor of or against pertinent legislation in cases where NATA's position is clear and the legislation is in line with NATA's mission and objectives.

To benefit civilian members in the military, President Kimmel has approved NATA's support of Bill H.R.117. The bill, introduced in 2003, would amend the Internal Revenue Service code to extend to civilian employees of the Department of Defense who are serving in combat zones, the same status as military employees working in combat zones. This will become increasingly important to NATA as more civilian members find employment in the military. Staff will work with Bill Finerfrock to investigate low-cost or no-cost strategies to support the bill.

LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS IN ALASKA

District 10 representatives Tom Koto and Russ Richardson recently visited Alaska to advocate favorable practice legislation for athletic trainers. A follow-up article will be published in the December *NATA News*.

ADJOURNMENT: President Kimmel adjourned the meeting at 1.33 pm CST.