



VATA
Executive Council
Conference Call Minutes
Sunday, August 2, 2015
8:00 pm
Jay Sedory, MEd, ATC, EMT-T, Presiding

Welcome & Roll Call

Attendees

Jay Sedory (President) *P
Beth Funkhouser (Secretary) P
Ian Rogol (Treasurer) *P
Amanda Caswell (Past President) *P
Matt Gage (President Elect) *P
Rob Hammill (C & B)

Daniel Carroll (Region 1) *P
Anna Sedory (Region 2) P
Scott Powers (Region 3) P
Mitch Callis (Region 4) A
Jorena Simpkins (Region 5) L
Caitlyn Richbourg (Region 6) P

Guests

Becky Bowers (Lobbyist)
Adam Smith (CUATC) P

Motion to approve minutes & agenda:
Scott Powers; 2nd Ian Rogol

Announcements

NATA District Meeting

Paying for EBP CEU speakers; trying to standardize the amount.

District will be trying to collect some information on that
Committee on Election

Director Aronson encouraging people to run for district office

BOC Regulatory Conference- Matt Gage, President-Elect (See Report*)

- 3 Pieces of Legislation at the National level
 - Allowing ATs/Physicians who are licensed in one state to practice in other state
- BOC Rules & Regulations- “eye opening experience”
 - Update Practice Act- we need to look at that on an annual basis
 - Can't just be satisfied that we have licensure
 - Can affect 3rd party reimbursement
 - How are we making connections with our state legislators? What relationship do you have with your representative?
 - Easy to invite legislators to spend time with you during a game
 - ELM changes could change the skill set and ultimately the way we practice
 - Encouraging states to move a heat illness bill forward
 - Turn in ATs that are not practicing with a license. Very important to defend the license.
- Suggests the VATA should budget to send 2 people annually (Pres or Pres Elect and GAC)

Officer Updates

- Amanda Caswell, Past-President
 - No specific Report
- Ian Rogol, Treasurer
 - Dues check from March-June deposited

- NATA distribution came in as well
- Preparing updated tax forms with accounting consultant
- Bills are paid
 - Issues with our due structure and the district National level which made it hard to activate the dues increase, our categories and their categories don't sync.
 - Had to alter the dues structure increase to only professional and students had \$20 increase
 - Ultimately need to probably alter our categories at the January business meeting
 - Discussion and questions clarifying the situation and moving forward this
 - Confusion about how NATA can have categories that don't correlate with state payment distributions

Old Business

Constitution & Bylaws- Jay Sedory, President

- Showed the Policy & Procedures Manual Document that will be shared on the google drive for editing
- Release to EC soon for editing
- May expand to committee chairs for editing
 - Encourage discussion with co-chairs and officer liaisons

VATL Project

- Did not get much information back from the Board; not their area of focus.
 - Working group wants to move forward with recommended "LAT" to be in line with what other states are doing
 - Discussion on why we need to be just like everyone else

State-only Membership Benefits

- Currently advertise state-only members can hold leadership position, which is in conflict with the C&B
 - More recent conversations have suggested that EC roles should be restricted to NATA members to continue
 - Many in favor with mandating NATA membership for all leadership roles (EC & committee chairs)
 - Some understand that not all get the "value" of being a national member. Limiting benefits will reduce the "value" of being a VATA member.
 - All agree state-only members should be able to committee members.

Helmet Sensor & Discussion Task force- will be sending out an update soon

CUATC- Student Aide Statement- Adam Smith, Chair; Caitlin Richbourg, EC Co-Chair

- Waiting on return from Advisory Board, want to get it released as soon as we can. Would prefer to get it out before pre-season, but may be unable to.

- Spine Boarding recommendation changes. Want to encourage all programs to contact EMS and practice new protocols.
 - Ian suggests a joint release from CUATC & SSATC

New Business

GAC Phone call- Lists will be distributed to Reps and GAC members to contact members ID as CEP and take a phone survey.

- Region reps will contact members in own state; GAC will be reaching out to other states.
- Basic questionnaire- 3 questions. Script will be shared with Region Reps.
 - Proposal in process.

Region Rep Reports

Region 3 - Scott Powers- Been a good summer, talked to a lot of ATs.

Not a lot contacting Reps when they have questions.

Thinks calling members will help make connections.

VATA needs to explore new fundraising.

RMH meeting went well.

Region 2- Anna Sedory- No updates

Region 1- Danny Carroll- no updates

Region 6- Caitlin Richbourg- No updates, agree that contacting members will help the reps be ID'd by members.

Follow-up on Physician Oversight discussion

- Minutes from Board meeting didn't offer the clarification on the issue we hoped. Continued discussions with Board members, hoping to get a statement that offers some points on where to clarify.
- Bottom line is ATs need physician oversight for camps and per diem work
- Job description/form letter some form of documentation.
- Discussion about outside ATs travelling camp organization without medical oversight
 - Jay requested reach out to the board for a step-by-step protocol for obtaining temporary authorization for ATs coming to VA to practice for volunteering or a camp.

Motion to adjourn: Matt Gage; 2nd Scott Powers

Meeting Adjourned 9:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Funkhouser, Secretary

*Support Documents Follow

Motions/Approvals	Appointments	Tabled Discussions/Follow Up

2015 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference

Report to the VATA EC

I first want to thank everyone for allowing me to be able to represent VATA at the 2015 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference. It was definitely an eye-opening experience for me because I have never had the opportunity to serve in the governmental affairs area of athletic training. Having been to this conference I believe that it is extremely important for the VATA to continue to send representatives to this conference. My suggestion for the future would be to send a minimum of the president-elect and a GAC representative every time the conference is hosted.

The purpose of this report is to inform and possibly educate all of us on what is happening in athletic training with regards to regulatory actions throughout the country.

UPDATES

NATA Governmental Affairs

- There are 3 national legislation efforts currently
 - Safe Play Act
 - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/2718/text>
 - Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act
 - This would allow athletic trainers and other sports medicine providers to be able to practice legally in other states when traveling with athletic teams even though they do not hold a current license in the state they traveled to.
 - http://www.nata.org/Sports_Medicine_Licensure_Clarity_Act
 - Secondary student Bill of Rights
 - Safe Sports School Award
 - <http://www.nata.org/secondary-school-student-athletes-bill-rights>
- The ultimate goal for the NATA is to work towards gaining third-party reimbursement for athletic trainers
 - The NATA is still providing grant money to states that want to pursue third-party reimbursement.
 - Discretionary deadline was July 31
 - Matching grant deadline is August 31

CAATE Update

- national average for first-time pass rate is 79%
- entry level degree change
 - will soon be a Master's degree
 - transition time is to be determined
- education programs will be required to place a greater emphasis on the following
 - science knowledge
 - full-time clinical engagement
 - align core competencies with those of the National Academy of Medicine
 - faculty expertise
- CAATE's goal is to improve education to help athletic trainers move from technicians to level II providers

World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy

- Working to build relationships with other countries to promote athletic training education around the world.
- The main countries involved right now are: Canada, Ireland, and Spain

Board of Certification

- Working with the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy to promote its regulatory network between countries

Mutual Recognition Agreement

- This is in agreement between organizations to recognize certifications/education from other countries.
 - The BOC has agreements with Canada and Ireland right now
 - state regulatory definitions may have to change because of MRA's
 - this may also affect student exchange programs and student aids in our state

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- when making changes to your rules and regulations it is important for all agencies and possible players to be involved
 - the VATA needs to have a representative at every athletic training advisory board meeting in the future
- it was suggested that state associations consult with an attorney when making changes to rules and regulations
- there appears to be a debate on who can open up a practice act
 - it may vary between states
 - Do we know who can open up our practice act in the state of Virginia?

Amigo Wade-Senior Attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia

- He spoke at the conference and would be willing to assist us or at least point us in the right direction if we choose to make changes to our licensure.

ETHICS

- It was stressed that athletic trainers must have moral courage.
- The NATA code of ethics, state practice acts/rules and regulations, and BOC Standards of Professional Practice should be the documents used to assess ethics
- It was made very clear that we as athletic trainers have to stand up and report people that are violating any of the three above documents.
 - Many of us in athletic training always want to give colleagues the benefit of the doubt however at the end of the day we are really doing is hurting our profession.
 - Think of it this way, how many of you that have been pulled over for speeding or any other ticket received a phone call from the police giving you a warning prior to them pulling you over.
 - At the end of the day every athletic trainer must be held responsible for maintaining professionalism and being ethical.

REGULATION BOARDS

- State regulation boards are being dissolved due to the sunset rule in some states.
 - Is this sunset rule in affecting the state of Virginia?
- Other professions are struggling with some of the same issues we are
 - people not adhering to the guidelines that are set through regulation

COMMUNICATION WITH LEGISLATORS

Grassroots Tools

- icitizen
 - a tool used to engage people around an issue
- Capitol Hill days
 - some believe this is may not be the most effective method to communicating with legislators
- individual contact with legislators
 - this may be the most effective
 - A high school athletic trainer took care of a legislator's two sons ACL reconstructions, because of what that athletic trainer did the legislator then supported efforts to modify the practice act in Florida
 - Every one of our members need to contact their legislators and invite them to a game. This would allow the politician to understand what we do as athletic trainers but also provide them with an opportunity to be in the public eye.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND REGULATORY BOARDS

- The board's purpose is public protection
- State associations and regulatory boards must work together but remain as separate entities.

FUTURE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

- engage with parent activists
- we need to get to know our legislators before we actually need them to help us
- heat illness bill
- third-party reimbursement
- our practice act must be reviewed annually to make sure that it is staying up to date with our profession and other practice acts throughout the country
 - Florida, North Dakota, and Washington updated their practice acts this year