



**Minutes**  
**Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association**  
Executive Board Meeting  
Panama City Beach, Florida  
March 17, 2010  
President Marybeth Horodyski, Presiding



**1. Roll Call:**

MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, ATC, LAT – President  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, LAT – District Director  
Marisa Brunett, MS, ATC, LAT – Vice President  
Jim Mackie, MEd, ATC, LAT – Treasurer - Absent  
Tom Bair, MEd, ATC, LAT – Secretary  
Gerard White, MEd, ATC, LAT – Parliamentarian  
Heloise Belarmino, MAE, ATC, LAT – AL President - Absent  
Stephanie A. Lennon, MS, ATC, LAT – FL President  
Michael Clanton, MEd, ATC, LAT, CSCS, EMT – GA President  
Eric J. Fuchs, DA, ATC – KY President  
Donna Wesley, MS, ATC, LAT – MS President  
Chris Snoddy, MA, ATC, LAT – TN President  
Cary Berthelot, MA, ATC – LA Representative

**2. Board Training**

President Horodyski conducted board training and concluded with the challenge to be flexible persistent, optimistic, and open minded.

**3. Review and approval of minutes:**

Minutes of the Executive Board Meetings for 3/09, 6/09, and 2/10 were amended as below and passed by unanimous consent. The amendments to the minutes are as follows: The motion was made by Secretary Bair and seconded by President Clanton

3/09 --- amended to reflect proper grammar of the bylaw changes.

6/09--- amended to include accurate Directors, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurers Reports as well as deletion of duplicate line of text RE: Scholarship Committee Recommendations.

2/10--- amended to correct numerical, grammatical, and typographical errors.

Outstanding minutes: 11/08 and 1/10.

(Alabama President Belarmino arrived)

**4. District Director Report: R.T. Floyd**

Changes of the NATA position statement regarding supervision of high school students which can be found on the NATA web site. President Albohm voted for adoption to break the 5/5 vote.

The Statement reads as follows:

**NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION:  
OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PROPER SUPERVISION OF HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT AIDES**

Introduction:

This Official Statement of the National Athletic Trainers' Association provides support and guidance to school administrators and athletic trainers in the education and supervision of high school students enrolled in sports medicine courses or participating in high school athletic training programs. The goal of this statement is to continue to foster a positive, safe learning environment where students benefit from the instruction of qualified health care professionals.

Official Statement:

The NATA recognizes that allowing high school students the opportunity to observe the daily professional duties and responsibilities of an athletic trainer can be a valuable educational experience. This unique experience may expose students to the foundations of various health related careers as well as provide them with important life skills. Regardless of practice setting, it is understood that all athletic trainers must comply with their state practice act, BOC Standards of Practice when certified, and Code of Ethics when a member of NATA. These legal and ethical parameters apply when incorporating student aides outside of the classroom and within the activities of athletic programs. Student aides must be under the direct visual supervision of a licensed/certified athletic trainer when assisting with any athletic training services. Coaches and school administrators must not allow or expect student aides to act independently with regards to the evaluation, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. Additionally, it is paramount that student aides not be expected, asked or permitted to make "return to play" decisions. Specifically, student aides must not engage in the following activities:

- (1) Interpreting referrals from other healthcare providers
- (2) Performing evaluations
- (3) Making decisions about treatments, procedures or activities
- (4) Planning patient care
- (5) Independently providing athletic training services during team travel.

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The Otho Davis Leadership Address will be the keynote speech at the annual NATA Athletic Training Student Committee meeting held during the NATA Annual Clinical Meeting and Symposium.

The NATA BOD and the BOC BOD have been in conversation regarding the BOC's perceived need to collect fees independent of the NATA. Although dialog continues to be cordial and productive there has not yet been resolution that is satisfactory to the NATA Board. On 11/1/2011 the BOC currently intends to invoice Certified Members in the NATA membership data base an additional fee of \$33 for a three year period.

The NATA Board mid-year meeting will be moved from December to January and the meeting will be in Dallas, TX. The next NATA BOD in person meeting will be in May of 2010.

Chuck Kimmel, former District 9 Director and NATA President will be the speaker at the PAC breakfast in Philadelphia.

#### **5. President's Report: MaryBeth Horodyski**

Changes in vendor relations that have been coordinated with David Green and Frank Grimaldi were discussed. These changes include; identifying vendors allowed to present information related to their products between speakers; increased engagement of the all executive board members to demonstrate appreciation to the vendors via thank you notes and attendance at the GAC social.

Committee Meeting to be held during the course of the Annual Members Meeting were reported in order to make board members who are liaisons to these committees aware of the times and locations.

#### **6. Vice-President's Report: Marisa Brunett**

Vice President Brunett reported that meeting options for 2011 and other out years that were discussed previously have expired due to lack of action by the board. Other options were discussed and the urgent need to reach a decision was emphasized. Vice-President Brunett urgently requested that a vote on this issue be made prior to the conclusion of this meeting.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report: Jim Mackie**

Treasurer's Report March 16, 2010

- I. Financial Information
  - Cash Flow Report

1-01-10 to 3-16-10

- Inflows \$ 118,971.64
- Outflows \$ 88,656.89

- Difference \$ 30,314.75

Wells Fargo Advisors Investments

- Value 12-31-2008 \$ 151,942.79
  - Value 12-31-2009 \$ 221,876.51
  - Value 02-28-2010 \$ 230,412.73
- For the year 2009 +\$69,993.72

II. Other Items of note

- 25 Year Awards recommendations: From a question posed at the District Secretary – Treasurers meeting in January no district provides any recognition for 25 yr. of service. This has been discussed several times by the Executive Board and the Finance Committee, as well as presented to the Awards Committee for study and recommendations.

From Crandall Woodson 3-16-10

*After counting & collateral circumspection, we (SEATA) have watch inventory as of March 16, 2010 as follows to wit:*

*21 ladies and 14 men's watches. There are 17 ladies watches from 2 years ago that are perfect in every aspect except keeping time. They are correct, however, only two times daily since they need new batteries. In the past, I have replaced batteries as needed. We get a price break purchasing quantities greater than our yearly need. I use the battery cost as a tax deduction.*

*We have 16 ladies and 12 men that will get watches this year. Usually only 1-2 eligible members are present at our luncheon. I have mailed nearly all of the watches after our SEATA meeting, utilizing quazi "frankin privileges". cw*

- 2010 District Dues Distribution Schedule

Month(s) of Dues collected	Distribution
April – June	July
July – October	November
November	December
December	January
January – March	April

**8. Board Actions:**

The following motion was made by Florida President Lennon and seconded by Kentucky President Fuchs and passed 7-0-0:

Starting in 2011 SEATA will no longer give 25 yr membership watches and replace this award with a 20 year membership pin. The 2011 awards will be given to all who have been members between 20-25 years. The award is based on membership years not years certified.

Representative Berthelot will chair the committee comprised of herself and Presidents Clanton and Fuchs. President Clanton will establish a process to design the award pin and present options to the Board at the June meeting for a vote to approve the design.

The meeting was suspended and will resume at on 3/18/2010 at the same location.

**3/18/10 SEATA Executive Board Meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Panama City Beach, Florida**

The meeting was reconvened with all Executive Board members present. Also present were David Green, Corporate Partnership Committee Chair; Cathy Brown Research & Education Committee Co-Chair, and Mike Wilkinson NATA Foundation District IX Chair.

The Parliamentarian clarified that any member, including officers, may make and second a motion; however only State Presidents or their designate may vote.

Director Floyd discussed the opportunity to combine our annual meeting with the Emory Sports Medicine Symposium. The meeting would be in Atlanta and the Emory portion would be 1.5 days. Discussion ensued regarding logistics, cost sharing, and revenue splits.

A motion was made by Secretary Bair and seconded by Florida President Lennon to hold the 2011 SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium over the weekend of 3/31-4/3 in the event the weekend is not feasible the weekend of 3/11-13; and in the event that weekend is not feasible the weekend of 3/25-27. The motioned passed 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Louisiana Representative Berthelot and seconded by Kentucky President Fuchs to authorize the SEATA President, in conjunction with the Annual Symposium Oversight Committee, to work towards and finalize a joint meeting with Emory University in a fashion that will be of benefit to SEATA and Emory. The motion passed 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Georgia President Clanton and seconded by Alabama President Jones that should, by some unforeseen circumstance, a 2011 joint meeting with Emory University not materialize, the President, in conjunction with the Annual Symposium Oversight Committee, be given authority to select the location for the 2011 meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Discussions on ways to improve the awards application process were identified. Director Floyd will investigate possible software options and report his findings to the board. President Horodyski suggests that a change of the

time frame associated with the nomination process would better suite notification of awards winners and the entire process. She will notify awards winners the first week of January. The Secretary will check the membership rolls to ensure recipients are SEATA members at on Feb. 16th of each year.

A motion was made by Treasurer Mackie and seconded by President Lennon that SEATA contribute \$500 to the Multiple Scoliosis Foundation in honor of Chris Patrick, ATC. The funds will be used with ATAF and NATA donations to purchase a table at the upcoming MSF dinner honoring Mr. Patrick for his 40+ years of service to the University of Florida and the Gainesville community: With the understanding that the names of the donating associations are spelled out in their entirety. The motion passed 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Florida President Lennon and seconded by Georgia President Clanton to accept as SEATA committee members the following individuals: Gary Gillis will serve as the Florida representative to the SEATA Honors and Awards Committee; Bob Nevil will be the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee with Jim Gallaspy remaining as Mississippi Representative; Michael Gerlach will be the Tennessee Representative to the Public Relations Committee; and Jerry Stevens will be the Florida Representative to the Governmental Affairs Committee. The motion passed 7-0-0.

## **9. Reports:**

**Research & Education:** Cathy Brown, Co-chair—30 abstracts and 6 grant applications have been received.

**Elections:** Donna Wesley, Chair. By-laws that were approved by the membership have been updated. Work continues on the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee informs the board that the issue of run offs need to be addressed as they are not adequately addressed in the current by-laws and that they will propose some amendments for Board's consideration to present to the membership in June.

**Parliamentarian:** Gerard White. The Board took action to accept the documentation provided by the Parliamentarian that memorialized the discussion of the 11/3/08 conference call. This action was not accomplished by previous Boards; it is incumbent that this matter is tended to by this Board. The Parliamentarian provided copies of the document he produced on 11/04/08 to memorialized Director Floyd's eligibility to run for an additional term. The 11/03/08 conference call was to address a members concern about election eligibility. The motion to adopt the Parliamentarian's memorialization of the 11/3/08 conference call was made by Florida President Lennon and seconded by Mississippi President Wesley. The vote passed 6-0-1; Kentucky President Fuchs abstaining.

**Foundation:** Mike Wilkinson, Chair. Goal is to have 100% of states contribute to the annual campaign that is under way. The Foundation will be working on efforts to enhance communication in an effort to educate NATA members of all of the issues the foundation addresses. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Philadelphia the Foundation will be hosting 'Night of 1000 Stars' to thank contributors. Mr. Wilkerson thanked the Board for all of the support give to him and the Foundation. Dr. Ray Castle will be assuming the duties of Chair in June.

**Life Balance Project Team,** Mary McClendon Chair given by Mississippi President Wesley. After repeated attempts to enlist project team members over a period of years with no avail it is the recommendation that this project team be disbanded. Florida President Lennon moved to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mississippi President Wesley and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**Communication:** Secretary Tom Bair. Disappointment was expressed that very few state secretaries are attending this meeting, thus no state secretaries meeting will be held. Director Floyd pointed out the many tasks of the secretary have been performed by him, for several reasons, and that he worries that at times the quality of the communications may decrease due to time constraints. He requests that the Board put thought into members that may be helpful on this committee.

**Ethnic Diversity Advisory:** Director Floyd indicated that a new Chair for this committee will be needed to succeed Monroe Abrams. He asks the Board to suggest members to him by next Wednesday.

**Memorial Resolutions:** John Anderson via Treasurer Mackie. It is requested that he be notified when members pass away so that they can be honored by SEATA.

**Public Relations:** Given by Vice-President Brunett. The NATA committee continues to be district based. The PR think tank is very active. The NATA had a very successful roll out of the Youth Sports Safety initiative and that the tag line for this year is "Sports Safety, it's a Team Effort." The State PR chairs have been contacted re: NATM activities. She encourages the State Presidents to have their state PR chairs send in news items. The CDC and the NATA intended to work jointly to promote heat injury awareness. There was miscommunication and the CDC rolled out a product prior to NATA approval. The relationship remains strong and both sides have identified and corrected the issues that caused the problem.

## **10. New Business**

Guidelines for future member request for donations were discussed. The motion, to handle request pursuant to Section VII; Subsection F, (which reads

as below), was made by Director Floyd and seconded by Florida President Lennon and passed 7-0-0.

Standardized system within SEATA to allocate money when asked to recognize SEATA members

- GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER DONATION REQUESTS up to the following amounts subject to Executive Board approval on a case by case basis
  - Past and present SEATA Executive Board Members & SEATA Hall of Fame: Living \$250; Memorial \$500
  - District Director & President: Living \$500; Memorial \$1,000
- The Board noted there could be cases of special consideration.

## **VII Financial**

### **F SEATA Funding Policies**

1. SEATA provides a memorial contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to the NATA Research & Education Foundation in the name of deceased SEATA members. The chair of the SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee is to contact the SEATA President and Treasurer upon learning of the member's passing.
2. SEATA provides funding to the NATA Research & Education Foundation to fully support the awarding of the Bobby Barton Scholarship.
3. SEATA provides \$200.00 annually to the NATA Research & Education Foundation in support of the NATA Memorial Scholarship established by the NATA Board of Directors in 2001 in memory of athletic trainers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Each of the ten districts contributes this amount and the invoice is usually sent in April.
4. SEATA provides annual support and appreciation to the NATA office staff through a \$200.00 gift for their monthly luncheon. This is done by each of the 10 district organizations. The NATA will invoice us as a reminder usually in May.
5. SEATA provides funding in the amount of \$500.00 annually to support the NATA Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Fund. This is subject to annual review.
6. Beginning in March of 2008 SEATA initiated the allocation of funding to support the StarTRACK Leadership Scholars Program. This is for a one time \$1000.00 per person for those candidate selected by District IX to participate in the StarTRACK Leadership Scholars program. StarTRACK candidates that receive SEATA funding are required to complete a contractual agreement with SEATA. The program is to be reviewed in two years.



Director Floyd suggest that the Board think about a policy that would address how the Board would uniformly handle the purchase of card, flowers, etc...for members, or family members that have experienced a death of a loved one.

The motion was made to discontinue the current process of documenting Symposium attendance effective 3/18/2010 and to depend upon the honor and integrity of the members to accurately report their CEUs to the BOC as per BOC policy. SEATA will continue to implement a process to reflect Symposium attendance. The motion was made by Georgia President Clanton and seconded by Alabama President Jones and passed 7-0-0.

A poll of the state presidents as to how their state voted on the active motion to raise SEATA dues \$5 which will remain in the SEATA Treasury. The poll of the states indicated that all seven SEATA states voted to accept this increase.

#### **11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.