



**EATA Executive Board Meeting  
70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium  
Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-5:00pm  
Boston Sheraton Hotel Beacon A & B (3<sup>rd</sup> FL)  
MINUTES**

Executive Board: Jennifer Brodeur– (Past President), Greg Janik (President), John Hauth (President-Elect), Michele Monaco (Secretary), Dave Marchetti, (Treasurer), D1D Tim Weston (District 1 Director), Diane Sartanowicz (District 1 Treasurer), D2D AJ Duffy III (District 2 Director), Robb Rehberg (District 2 Treasurer), Vicky Graham (District 1 Secretary) David Csillan (District 2 Secretary) District 1 Treasurer-Elect Julie Alexander. District 2 Secretary - Elect Larry Cooper via phone

Call to order- Greg Janik, President-8:12AM 10/10 Voting members were present, the requirements for quorum were met.

I. Welcome

- a. Introduction of incoming Executive Board members District 1 Treasurer Julie Alexander, District 2 Secretary Larry Cooper attendance via phone.
- b. Introduction of student delegation officers
  - i. President- Dolci Wagner- RI rep from Southern Ct. State
  - ii. Secretary- Brianna Thronburn- MA rep, Endicott College
  - iii. Treasurer- Molly Zabilowicz- DE rep from Univ. of Delaware

II. Secretary Report- Michele Monaco

- a. Motion to approve November 2017 Conference call meeting minutes (D1D, D2T) Vote: 10:0:0 Passed

III. Treasurer Report- Dave Marchetti

- a. The EATA is currently in good financial standing
- b. Deposits from registration are occurring monthly
- c. Meeting with Andrew Smith from Wells Fargo has been cancelled due to weather constraints. A phone conversation with the EATA Board and Mr. Smith has been planned for January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- d. EATA insurance policies have been reviewed.
- e. Audit review: Internal controls set up for select document review on every other year basis, starting in the treasurers first term.

- f. Discussion on refund policies for the 2018 symposium has been reviewed. A statement has been sent out to the membership concerning the refund process.
- g. Motion to approve the 2018 Treasurer's report (D1S, D2D) Vote: 9:0:1 Passed

IV. Program Report- John Hauth- President Elect

- a. First Educator's conference has been initiated
- b. Pinky Newell address will be presented unopposed of all programming sessions. The address will not occur during the banquet.
- c. EDAC needed to cancel their event due to inclement weather.
- d. The banquet sold out early, but due to weather we will continue to monitor cancellations
- e. Gatorade speaker will not be able to attend due to personal reasons. Gatorade is currently seeking another replacement.
- f. App has been launched and is currently being promoted throughout the convention site.
- g. A. survey via survey monkey will be delivered after the conference.
- h. Valley Forge site will be reviewed weekly.
- i. A call for proposals for the 2019 conference will occur in late January.

V. Director's Reports: Tim Weston (D1D) and AJ Duffy (D2D)

- a. ATs Cares is going extremely well and the NATA is looking to increase training opportunities. The NATA finance committee approved more retraining sessions in NOLA at the convention.
- b. Hit the Hill Day will be March 7<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC, Tuesday night event, more details to follow from the NATA.
- c. The NATA 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement project was a success. This is a game changer for the profession and will require collaboration with the states, districts and NATA.
- d. The NATA 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement project was a success; The NATA will now begin a state funding request program to expand this offer to other states. This grant will be executed similar to the current GAC state funding program.
- e. GAC funding distributed over \$500,000
- f. LBGTA+ committee has been approved by the NATABOD, this committee will be district based. D2has a rep, D1 will need one appointed this spring.
- g. iLead conference will move to JCM 2019.
- h. NFHS summit in April is in the planning stages, The NATA has been asked and will assist in sponsoring the event.
- i. COPA committee is working on a restructuring, which will provide better representation.

VI. EATA Policies and Procedures Updates/ Reorganization

- a. Ad Hoc EATA P and P committee will be led by John Davis
  - b. Proposal to amend the P&P: District Secretaries must verify good membership status of recipients of all EATA awards, grand and scholarship prior to the winners being notified (D2D, D1D) Vote: 9:0:0
- VII. EATA Chairs Annual Re-Appointment Term Limits Implementation Timeline, Jenn Brodeur (PP, Michele Monaco S)
- a. Committee chairs and members to be appointed for a 1-year term, renewable 3 times, for a total of 4 years, subject to Executive Board Approval (d2D, D1D) Vote: 9:0:0 passed
  - b. Motion to accept current committee chair for another one year term. (D2D, PP) Vote 9:0:0 passed.
  - c. Motion to approve the Commitment to Serve form and add to the P&P. (D2D, D2s) Vote 9:0:0 passed
- VIII. GLATA Exchange- Ryan Wilkinson (Current GLATA president-elect
- a. Introduction of GLATA executive members: Mike Sullivan (GLATA president-elect, Craig Voll (district director-elect) Jessica Emlich Jochum (Education Committee Chair) Kevin Gerlach (Meeting Planner)
  - b. Discussion regarding the possibility of a future Speaker exchange
  - c. Future exchange programming, policies and procedures and best practices of each district.
  - d. EATA executive members invited to the upcoming GLATA meeting in March
- IX. NATA Foundational Report: Brian Conway
- a. Currently working on financial security to enhance the future of athletic training
  - b. Mission and vision has been changed
  - c. NATA convention in New Orleans will see the Foundation have a "Speak Easy" night event.
- X. EATA Committee Reports
- a. Unable to attend: Nominations- Barbara Hemphill; By-Laws- Tim Sensor; Honors and Awards- Joe Iezzi
  - b. Student Program/ Delegation- Mary Mundrane-Zweiacher
    - i. Service Award: John Davis
    - ii. Tim Weston is delivering Keynote address
    - iii. Grassroots Contest: Theme Athletic Trainers Dedication, on Instagram
    - iv. Outgoing delegates
    - v. Delegates: New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York (east and south) Pennsylvania (eastern)
  - c. Sponsorship- Rebecca Stearns
    - i. Revising sponsorship package with electronic sign ups
    - ii. Updated sponsorship letter and include a formal sponsorship contract
    - iii. General presentation sponsors were secured this year
    - iv. Worked with Bob O'Malley on the Newsletter
    - v. Donations from the Books of Discovery, which is going to Quiz Bowl winners

- vi. Thank you to Dave Csillan for assisting in securing silent auction
- vii. Committee members: Chistina Emrich, Dave Csillan. Liasons from Student and Exhibits to be part of the Sponsorship Committee
- d. Exhibits- Bob O'Malley
  - i. 45 exhibitors 55 booths. Only 3 will not be able to make it due to inclement weather.
  - ii. Newsletter: end results positive, will continue with the process next year.
  - iii. Rate for exhibits has increased approximately 3 years ago. EATA executive board may want to discuss raising exhibitor fees.
- e. Registration- Laurie Zaparzynski
  - i. Registration is underway with little difficulty
  - ii. A more detailed report will occur after the conference
- f. Webmaster/ Technologies- Mike Goldenberg
  - i. Motion to approve Social Media Best Practices Policy: (D2D, T) 8:0:0 Passed
  - ii. New website is up and running
  - iii. 400 people have downloaded the app
  - iv. Social Media Account Managers: Catherine Courtney, Sara Merglia- Post approximately 1x per week
- g. Scholarship- Neal Curtis
  - i. Applications are primarily from bachelor's programs with anticipation of more entry level master students applying. Criteria will be re-evaluated this year and modified as needed.
  - ii. A call for new scholarship committee members from D2
  - iii. Motion that all Scholarship winners must have NPI number (D1D, D2S) Vote: 9:0:0 passed
- h. History and Archives- Jeff Stone
  - i. Currently trouble shooting in collecting information for the 49 Club.
- i. Quiz Bowl- Linda Levy
  - i. Due to the weather, District 2, some teams were unable to attend
  - ii. Motion to accept the EATA quiz bowl/ Turning Point Policy loan policy. (D1s, D1D) Vote: 9:0:0 passed
- j. Workshops- Kier Livingston
  - i. There were many no shows for the workshops. Total registration prior to cancellation was 302 for the whole conference.
- k. Site Selection- Bill von Leer
  - i. Old Business- Valley Forge 2019, Foxwoods 2020, Harrah's Atlantic City 2021, Foxwoods 2022.
  - ii. New Business- 2023 site search is currently in progress
- l. Research- Marjorie King
  - i. Many submissions this year, and more student poster presentations
  - ii. Will start to formally acknowledge the doctoral students who help with review
  - iii. Jenn McKeon states she will be happy to continue with EBP applications.

## XI. Inclement Weather

- a. Due to the weather, there have been many inquiries concerning if the conference will occur
- b. E-mails and social media posts were released stating the EATA conference will progress as planned but for members to travel safely at their digression. Information concerning the refund policy was provided to the membership
- c. NATA was contacted for guidance on cancellation or refund policies.
- d. Motion to approve the 2018 inclement weather policy (D2D, DS1) Vote 9:0:0 passed
- e. Motion to approve the inclement weather policy for 2018 conference.

XII. New Business

- a. Honors and Awards Structure
  - i. Motion to have Dave Csillan and Tim Weston be Co--Chairs of the 49 Club Committee. (D2D, D2T) Vote: 7:0:2 Passed
  - ii. This committee is separate from the EATA and is not under the Honors and Awards committee
  - iii. Members of the EATA 49 Club Committee will consist of the two co-chairs, one member each from D1 and D2, chosen by the District Directors, and one member of the EATA, chosen by the EATA president. (May be from either D1 or D2) PE, D1S) Vote: 7:0:2 Passed
- b. Motion to add Leigh Weiss (NY Giants) and Samantha Scarno (DSI, UConn) to be added to the Sponsorship Committee (D2D, D2S) Vote 9:0:0 passed

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Monaco, DSc, ATC  
EATA Secretary