



**Minutes**  
**Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association**  
Executive Board Conference Call  
December 18, 2007  
President MaryBeth Horodyski, Presiding



**Roll Call:**

MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, ATC, LAT – President  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC – District Director  
Marisa Brunett, MS, ATC, LAT – Vice President  
Jim Mackie, MEd, ATC, LAT – Treasurer  
Lori Groover, MS, ATC, LAT – Secretary (Absent)  
TBD – Parliamentarian (Absent)  
Heloise Jones, ATC – AL President  
Stephanie Lennon, MS, ATC, LAT – FL President  
Paul Higgs, MEd, ATC, LAT – GA President  
Greg Rose, MS, ATC – KY President (joined the call at 9:40am)  
Donna Wesley, MS, ATC – MS President  
Joe Erdeljac, MS, ATC – TN President  
J. Mike Dawson, ATC – LA Representative

**Call to order:**

President Horodyski called the meeting to order at 9:05 am EST.

**Minutes:**

Review and approval of October minutes  
Motion made by Mike Dawson, LA to approve October minutes,  
Second by Heloise Jones, AL

**Motion Approved 5-0-1-1 (KY)**

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

District Director Floyd provided a summary of information from the past NATA Board Meetings and Conference Calls. While a summary of his report is presented here a full report may be obtained from the NATA Members Only section of the web site.

VOTED: To enlarge the presidential nominating committee to include all eligible presidential candidates not seeking nomination. (this includes current and past board members going back four years from the time of nominations.) Those who have declared candidacy shall not serve on the nominating committee and shall not vote.

VOTED: When a sitting president is a presidential candidate, the immediate past president shall be invited to serve on the nominating committee in his or her stead. The immediate past president's vote shall be used in the case of a tie.

*Note: Since the board subsequently approved a single presidential term of three years, this provision would only come into play if a president filled an unexpired term, at which point s/he would be eligible for a full three-year term.*

VOTED: To thank the Governance Task Force for its dedication and good work. The task force is to be congratulated for completing its mission and shall now disband.

VOTED: To accept the Honors and Awards Committee Chair's recommendation to institute a new Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony format for the 2008 Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

VOTED: To change the western rotation pattern from once every nine years to once every six years.

VOTED: To accept the branding and technology objectives recommended by Sarah Sladek.

VOTED: To evaluate the usage and financial impact of this year's dues discount offerings. staff will make a recommendation to the Board in May for an integrated, automated system of dues discounts.

VOTED: To change volunteer terms as follows:

|                   | <u>Term</u> | <u>Options</u>       |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Committee members | One year    | May be renewed twice |
| Committee chairs  | Two years   | May be renewed once  |
| Liaisons*         | One year    | May be renewed once* |

*\*The board will make exceptions as appropriate to liaison terms.*

VOTED: To approve the consultant's recommendation to transition half of NATA's committees to work groups. This would allow more people to participate, be less cumbersome, require less commitment by the volunteers, and allow NATA to be more nimble and capitalize on opportunities as they arise. Some committees may have successfully achieved their objectives and completed their work. Rich Ray will oversee evaluation of the current committee structure and how committees fit into the new work group model.

VOTED: To amend the NATA By-Laws to reflect the new term limits for District Directors. Directors will serve one two-year term, renewable once. Each district should update its by-laws with the new limits.

|              | <u>Term</u> | <u>Options</u> |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Board Member | Two Years   | Once Renewable |

This would not affect District 8 Director Scott Sailor.

VOTED: Districts without a by-laws provision stating NATA By-Laws take precedence over district by-laws, in the case of any discrepancy, should add one. wording will be provided.

VOTED: To change the NATA Presidential term to a single three-year term. This will become effective after incoming President Albohm's service.

|           | <u>Term</u> | <u>Options</u> |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| President | Three Years | Not Renewable  |

VOTED: To create a District-based National Athletic Training Student Committee (NATSC) consisting of undergraduate, non-certified student members.

VOTED: The Board approves the CUATSC transition proposal. In keeping with the CTW initiative and purpose, students – rather than educators – will handle their own programming, service offerings and concerns. Consequently, the existing College/University Athletic Training Students Committee members will roll off the CUATSC as their terms conclude. The NATSC and CUATSC will work together as CUATSC duties are transferred over a period of two years. three CUATSC members will serve as non-voting members to the NATSC during the transition. Ultimately, two educators will serve as non-voting advisory members of the NATSC.

VOTED: To support the directions indicated in Sarah Sladek's report for young professionals, career development, membership communications and marketing.

VOTED: To establish an 11-member Young Professionals Committee, with Kim Detwiler as the chair. The group will begin their work via web and phone conferencing and will meet at the annual meeting

MOVED: To include students in all facets of our committee and work group structure as a means of further integrating them into our association.

VOTED: Encourage the Districts to consider adding students or young professionals to District Committees.

VOTED: Beginning in 2009, modify the length of the NATA Convention to three days in place of the current format. 24 CEUs will still be offered.

VOTED: To set aside \$1,800 from the contingency fund for a January or February meeting of the CIC Chair, COE Chair, CEPAT Chair, and Directors Gibson and Conway. funds will cover airfare, one night's hotel and incidentals for a Dallas meeting.

**President's Report: MaryBeth Horodyski**

President Horodyski noted Carl Mattacola, Marisa Colston, David Green, Marisa Brunett, Karen Lew, Ray Castle and R.T. Floyd have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes for the upcoming annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium and the SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting.

The Athletic Training Student Symposium is moving forward quickly as there are over 400 people that have already registered to date. President Horodyski also noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Athletic Training Educators Conference will also be held in conjunction with the SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium.

President Horodyski reminded the board that she sent out an email regarding the Executive Board getting their pictures sent in to be posted on our website. She stated they can be sent to R.T. and again reiterated that it will help our members to know who we are. R.T. requested a larger picture to be sent if possible.

President Horodyski stated that she emailed out all the different versions of the SEATA By-Laws with people's changes as well as the Strategic Plan and asked that everyone read through and send back their feedback by January 14, 2008. It was noted that all comments are to be sent back to District Director Floyd, President Horodyski and Vice-President Brunett.

**Vice President's Report: Marisa Brunett**

Vice-President Brunett stated that she is working very closely with Sandra Geiger from Conference Direct and David Green, Exhibits Chair to set up a site visit to the Edgewater Beach Resort and the Bay Point Marriott in Panama City, FL as soon as schedules permit.

Vice-President Brunett also reported that things were moving along with the upcoming SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott in TN.

**Treasurer Report: Jim Mackie**

Jim Mackie stated that he will be sending Executive Board members a promotional code to put in with their registration for the SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting so they get the \$50 registration rate.

Joe Erdeljac, TN raised the question to Mr. Mackie about the \$20K loss last month. Both Mr. Mackie and President Horodyski felt that it was reflective of the current market.

Mr. Mackie and President Horodyski also brought forth to the Board that with the recent Board changes in policy the Board needs to look at what was done in the past for the Research and Education Committee Co-Chairs, complimentary rooms and registration, as well as all the committee members meeting registration being complimentary and make sure that it is in line with current policy or decide if they want to continue as is and add to the policies.

**Motion by Stephanie Lennon, FL to fund Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting registration and room nights for the Research and Education Committee Co-Chairs. Second by Joe Erdeljac, TN.**

**Motion passed- 7-0-0**

**Motion by Stephanie Lennon, FL to “comp” 50% of the Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting registration fee for the Research and Education Committee members that work the meeting. Second by Heloise Jones, AL.**

**Motion passed- 7-0-0**

**Motion by Joe Erdeljac, TN to fund Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting registration and room nights for the Exhibits Chair. Second made by Donna Wesley, MS.**

**Motion passed- 7-0-0**

District Director Floyd will make sure that all these will be reflected in the SEATA policies.

**SEATA Administrative Issues: MaryBeth Horodyski**

President Horodyski stated that the SEATA Executive Board would be coming in on Wednesday evening February 27, 2008 for our Board meeting at the Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting and we will be meeting from 6-8 pm and then from 8 am- 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

President Horodyski stated the deadline for the HOF committee to notify nominees is January 15, 2008. She asked the Board if they felt this could be done via email or if they would prefer a conference call. Stephanie Lennon, FL stated she felt the Executive Board should be able to respond on this by email. She stated that if no response has been made once President Horodyski sends out the email to the Board members that a follow up call should be made.

President Horodyski noted this will only come out to the Executive Board after 1/15/08 and they will only receive names from the HOF Committee that have been selected for Board approval as they have a specific scoring grid they are using.

President Horodyski brought forth the following committee nominations to the board for approval:

Ethnic Diversity Committee: Tameika Moore - LA

EC Educational Multimedia Committee: Keith Thompson - LA & Christopher Moss - TN

CIC Committee: Todd R. Hooks - AL

**Joe Erdeljac, TN made the motion to approve the list of names brought forth to those Committees. Second made by Stephanie Lennon, FL  
Motion passed- 7-0-0.**

Heloise Jones, AL had to leave the call @ 10am EST.

**Parliamentarian Position:** President Horodyski stated that we had three excellent candidates for the Parliamentarian position (Frank Grimaldi, Nick Pappas, and Gerard White) that is up for appointment. She recommended Gerard White for Board approval to fill the SEATA Parliamentarian position. She noted the great job that Nick Pappas did as our first Parliamentarian and thanked him for all that he did.

Greg Rose, KY asked her to let the Board know how she arrived to her decision with the three excellent candidates that she had to choose from. She stated that she spoke to all three about the expectations of the position and goals of the SEATA Board. She stated that Gerard has been very involved with the SEATA Board and has been involved at his university in governmental activities.

**Stephanie Lennon, FL made the motion to accept Gerard White to fill the SEATA Parliamentarian position. Second was made by Donna Wesley, MS.  
Motion passed- 5-1-0-1 (TN nay, AL absent).**

**Student Senate Approval:** Stephanie Lennon, FL stated she feels our state Presidents want to move this item forward as a committee and feels we need to get this going. She stated they would stay in the guidelines as far as the Presidents bringing forth the students names.

Stephanie Lennon, FL had to leave the call @ 10:15am.

**Donna Wesley, MS made the motion to establish a Student Senate Committee and to work with Amanda Andrews on this. Second made by Mike Clanton, GA.  
Motion passed- 5-0-0-2 (AL and FL).**

**Hurricane Funds:**

President Horodyski stated that we need a motion to finalize dispersing the rest of the 2007 Hurricane Relief Funds.

**Donna Wesley, MS made the motion to disperse the 2007 Hurricane Relief funds as per Gerard White's spreadsheet. Second was made by Mike Dawson, LA.  
Motion passed- 5-0-0-2 (AL and FL).**

**Funding for WATC printing of materials: Donna Wesley:**

District IX WATC Chair Mary McLendon has requested potential funding to print materials for the Committee's History Project to be displayed at the NATA Convention. She feels that

she can probably have this done on her campus at no cost, but would appreciate funding up to \$125.00, if needed.

**Greg Rose, KY made the motion to approve this funding. Second was made by Mike Dawson, LA.**

**Motion passed- 5-0-0-2 (AL and FL).**

**New Business:**

1. SEATA State Based Young Professionals Committee - Director Floyd informed us that the NATA stated this committee is to be made up of members age 30 or younger as of July.

**Motion was made by Donna Wesley, MS to develop a SEATA Committee for Young Professionals as well. Second was made by Mike Dawson, LA.**

**Motion passed-5-0-0-2 (AL and FL)**

2. Transition of SEATA Clinical/Industrial/Corporate (CIC) Committee to combine with District IX members of Council on Employment (COE) into Clinical and Emerging Practices Athletic Trainers' (CEPAT) Committee effective with June Convention.

**Motion was made by Mike Dawson, LA to transition the SEATA committees as well. Second was made by Donna Wesley, MS.**

**Motion passed 5-0-0-2 (AL and FL)**

President Horodyski and Director Floyd encouraged the SEATA Board members to consider adding younger members to SEATA Committees as positions become available.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 10:45am EST.