

Illinois Athletic Trainers Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, 12/3/2023 at NIU

BOARD ROLL CALL

Present:

President	Greg Garofalo, LAT, ATC
Past President	Jordan Anderson, LAT, ATC
Vice President	Andy Renner, LAT, ATC
Treasurer	Jerry Bornhoff, LAT, ATC
Secretary	Jenny Ludwig-Anderson, LAT, ATC
Reg 1 Representative	Denny Wongosari, LAT, ATC
Reg 2 Representative	Tanya Marquez, LAT, ATC
Reg 3 Representative	Justin Stanek, LAT, ATC
Reg 4 Representative	Sarah Turner, LAT, ATC
Governmental Affairs Director	Brandon Gonzales, LAT, ATC
Past Governmental Affairs Director	Bill Durand, LAT, ATC
Public Relations Director	Cortney Brunner, LAT, ATC
Development Director	Megan Hutchins, LAT, ATC
Communications Director	Andrea Kovalsky, LAT, ATC
IL Representative to GLATA	Eric Streeter, LAT, ATC
Membership Director	Greg Gaa, LAT, ATC
Absent: Durand, Brunner, Hutchins	

GUEST ROLL CALL

Present:

ATs Care Committee Chair	Tanya Marquez, LAT, ATC
COPA Chair	Mark Colston, LAT, ATC
Education Committee Chair	Nick Grahovec, LAT, ATC
SS Committee Co-Chairs	A. Kremmel, LAT, ATC & C. Murphy, LAT, ATC
Archivist	Dan Stephens, LAT, ATC
CLCA Chair	Ryan Moran, LAT, ATC
CECAT Chair	Emily Espinosa, LAT, ATC
Veteran Members Committee Chair	Tony Garofalo, LAT, AT-Retired
DEIA Committee Chair	Autumn Taylor, LAT, ATC
Absent: Kremmel, Moran, T. Garofalo, Taylor	

Special Guests: Tim Mizdrak, LAT, ATC (incoming Secretary), and Chuck Harrier, LAT, ATC (incoming Region 3 representative)

= Motion and Vote Expected or Possible

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

#2.0 APPROVAL of the Sunday, December 3, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Motion: I move to approve the agenda for the 12-3-23 IATA meeting

1st: Ludwig-Anderson 2nd: Kovalsky

12-0-0. Motion passes.

Addendum:

1. Appendix added: WHOVA quote - Renner
2. Add: 5.5.1 Pop tab collection winner - ask to purchase tape for the winning school (cost of \$250) - Espinosa
3. Add: 4.6.4 Honors & Awards Update - Gaa
4. Remove: 4.1.4 from President Garofalo
5. Add: 7.5 2024 IATA Budget - Bornhoff - New business

#3.0 APPROVAL of Minutes from Sept. 10, 2023 BOD Meeting (Appendix A)

Motion: I move to approve the meeting minutes from the 9-10-23 meeting

1st: Gaa 2nd: Bornhoff

12-0-0. Motion passes.

4.0 Reports - Board of Directors

#4.1 President Report (See Report) - G. Garofalo

4.1.1 Welcome new BOD members/those transitioning to new roles
Tim Mizdrak (Secretary), and Chuck Harrier (Region 3), and Renner
and Grahovec transitioning to new roles

4.1.2 Onboarding update
Incoming BOD members will meet with those currently in roles
(approximately 2x), with proposal for line items for travel for
the incoming individuals

#4.1.3 TPRI discussion with motion to approve to move forward
(New Business) (Appendix B)
-Formation of committee (workgroup)
-Co-chair recommendation
-Motion to move forward with the TPRI (New Business) (Appendix B)

4.1.4 Present Jordan Anderson for approval as GA Director Elect

Stanek left the call at 12:30pm.

4.2 Past President Report (See Report) - Anderson
As reported

4.3 Vice President Report (See Report) - Renner
4.3.1 Update on Education Conference

Renner is finalizing speakers for student sessions. Registration was sent out to institutions, and Renner is working on sponsorships. There were over 90 students last year, and the IATA is hoping to grow this event this year (as it was well received last year). Renner will present job postings for district jobs

4.3.2 Update on Rebranding Efforts

This is not going well. Renner had contacted a company out of central IL that the IATA had used in the early 2000s that proposed a minimum of \$25K to rebrand. Carrie from Marquardt Group helped to set up connection with another individual, though communication with this person fell off/stopped. Marquez has a connection (sister in law), and states that there is a \$500 cost minimum from her, so the IATA may pursue a contract with her

4.3.3 New events folder and inventory list

Renner wants to create a formal inventory list to be able to track down items for events. Renner has also cleaned up the IATA Google drive. Anderson proposed buying multiples of these items for each part of the state (though there are cons to this as well)

4.3.4 Renewal of Whova for IATA 2024 (Appendix added by Renner on 12/3/23 - Appendix G)

Cost of Whova is going up about \$1500. Whova offered the IATA a 3 year deal with some possible savings, but the IATA will not go with that. Renner will proceed with resigning (which is part of the budget). The group had discussion about the usage and costs for this.

#4.4 Treasurer Report (See Report)

- Bornhoff

4.4.1 Account Updates, as of 11/20/2023:

1. Operations: \$265,513.76
2. PAC: \$22,253.00
3. Money Market: \$43,337.37 (\$25K frozen for CC)
4. Endowment: \$9,044.83
5. Association Investment: \$25,997.08
6. RBC Wealth Management: \$72,324.65
7. Rewards point balance: \$1,147.44

#4.4.2 Approval of Budget (New Business)

There are additions of IADA Conference and onboarding line items; possible addition down the road of stipend for main TPRI

individual(s). There was some basic discussion (not related to the vote) about this. \$13K in grant money came in from NATA/GLATA

4.4.3 Possible info on 2023 Golf Outing

No formal update yet, but Bornhoff reports there was a loss from this event. The 2024 date and event will soon be discussed as well (with the proposition to incorporate it into the 2024 IATA meeting)

4.5 Secretary Report (See Report) - Ludwig-Anderson
As reported.

#4.6 Membership Director Report (See Report) - Gaa

#4.6.1 IATA Policy & Procedure Manual - Honors and Awards revisions to include guidelines for award nominators, nomination forms, and evaluation forms (New Business) (Appendix D)

#4.6.2 IATA Policy & Procedure Manual – new Honors & Awards Policy (New Business) (Appendix E)

4.6.3 Tentative meeting dates for 2024
President Garofalo will share 2024 meeting dates

4.6.4 Honors & Awards Update
One submission so far. Hopefully this will pick up

4.7 Region 1 Representative Report (See Report) - Wongosari
As reported. Region 1 event had 7 registrants but only 3 people showed up for the event

4.8 Region 2 Representative Report (See Report) -Marquez
As reported. Attempted coffee hour and one person registered for the region 2 event

4.9 Region 3 Representative Report (No Report) - Stanek
Initially was present on call but then disconnected around 12:30pm

4.10 Region 4 Representative Report (See Report) - Turner
As reported. A number of schools in region 4 were contacting Turner for PRN coverage for the fall postseason. Turner's employer (Wabash) CEO is also planning to meet with other smaller hospitals/hospital systems in southern IL to discuss their current AT/work model/costs

4.11 Governmental Affairs Report (See Report) - Gonzales

4.11.1 If the board is reinstated, do we want it to constitute the same members as stated in the practice act now?
Scott from Marquardt Group and GA Director Gonzales are hoping to meet with the IDFPF in January 2024. The goal is to come up with

an agenda and inquire about why applications for licensure are not online, learn more about the licensing fee costs, and then push to reinstate the board. There was some discussion about the budget line item for this position. There are no current legislative proposals (which is something Scott had inquired about). Sunset period for the practice act and reinstating the board with IDFPR are the main goals for the IATA for 2024. The board is listed as part of the practice act already, so the BOD/Gonzales/Marquardt Group are going to push to reinstate this. The board within IDFPR is a 7 person board (4 licensed and practicing ATs, 1 public non-licensed member, and 2 licensed and practicing physicians)

4.11.2 Legislative bootcamp at the next state meeting? If so, when?
Gonzales spoke with Renner about doing this either every 4 years or every year. The goal would be to figure out how often to do this

4.12 Public Relations Director Report (See Report) - Brunner
As reported. Not present at meeting

4.13 Development Director Report (See Report) - Hutchins
As reported. Not present at meeting

4.14 Communications Director Report (See Report) - Kovalsky
As reported. Kovalsky has been receiving some emails regarding the timeline for getting licensure in IL. Kovalsky discussed if applicants waiting on licensure should contact their state representative to try to expedite the process

4.15 State Rep to GLATA Report (See Report) - Streeter
As reported. Streeter mentioned that there are several committees with positions that need to be filled (some of which are student positions)

5.0 Reports – Committees

5.1 Finance Committee - Bornhoff, et al
Bornhoff and the Finance Committee recently met regarding the budget. Bornhoff also brought forth a number of questions about the IATA accounts and their usage. More to come on this. Bornhoff brought up the idea of creating a PO Box address near the Marquardt Group for legal purposes so that Carrie can access everything as needed. Carrie from the Marquardt Group has access to Quickbooks but does not want her information to be

tied to finance information. Wongosari brought forth a secure website for password storage for everyone moving forward

5.2 Committee on Practice Advancement (See Report) - Colston
As reported

5.3 Secondary Schools Committee (See Report) - Kremmel/Murphy
Murphy provided an IASB event update. A couple of BOD members volunteered for this. There was not a lot of foot traffic. There were about 14 conversations with school board members and superintendents throughout the state. He asked what the purpose of going to this event is. It was discussed if it is financially and time-wise worthwhile for the IATA. Murphy brought up discussion of creating jobs vs moving jobs (ie from contract with PT company to in-house positions). Murphy then also asked if the IATA should revamp flyers, etc? Renner feels the conversation has changed from "Why do you need an AT?" to "how can we get it done?" and Garofalo feels the point of going to the IASB conference is to inform school board members about providing athletic training services. Murphy just wants to know how to make this a better event moving forward. Anderson mentioned this is about establishing relationships. Gonzales mentioned this is hard to quantify.

In addition, the HOSA event in March 2024. More to come.

Murphy left the call at 2:08pm.

5.4 Committee on Leadership and Career Advancement (CLCA, formally YP) (No Report) - Moran
Not present at meeting

5.5 Committee on Early Career Athletic Trainers (CECAT, formally Student Congress Advisor) (See Report) - Espinosa
5.5.1 Pop tab collection winner - ask to purchase tape for the winning school (cost of \$250)
It was decided that the winner of the CECAT pop tab collection would win 2 boxes of tape (practice tape for students). This cost could come from the budget for this position. Motion does not need to be made for this

5.6 Education Committee Report (See Report) - Grahovec
As reported. Need a few more presentations for the 2024 IATA conference. So far the proposals have been very broad, so there is no specific request. Additional presentations could be in person or virtual

5.7 Archives Committee (See Report) - Stephens

5.7.1 Able to establish Contact at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Library (Ian Hunt, PhD)

5.7.2 Process to receive a researcher card for everything at the library has been simplified

5.8 ATs Care Committee (See Report) - Marquez

5.8.1 What to do if no one steps forward to Chair the ATs Care Committee? This may not matter, as Marquez may have found someone. Additionally, it is possible that there will be ATs Care training in February 2024 (6-8 hour hybrid training). Cost for this is unknown at this time

5.9 IATA Veteran Members Committee (No Report) - T. Garofalo

Not present at meeting

5.10 IATA DEIA Committee (No Report) - Taylor

Not present at meeting

Colston and Stephens left call at 2:25pm.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Third-Party Reimbursement Initiative (Garofalo/Anderson)

Motion: I move to proceed with the Third-Party Reimbursement Initiative for Illinois (brought by Past President Anderson) (Appendix B).

1st: Anderson 2nd: Gonzales

11-0-0. Motion passes.

No proposal/dollar amount at this time. This is to agree to move forward to get the process rolling. No other discussion.

7.2 IATA TPRI Co-Chair/Committee Approval (Garofalo/Anderson)

Motion: I move to approve Kevin Pennington and Nate VanRaden as co-chairs of the TPRI for the IATA and lead associated committee (brought by Past President Anderson) (Appendix B).

1st: Anderson 2nd: Gonzales

These two were picked because they work in different settings and have already been doing third party billing for services.

Friendly amendment to change committee to instead be initiative.

New motion from Anderson: I move to approve Kevin Pennington and Nate VanRaden as co-chairs of the TPRI for the IATA (brought by Past President Anderson) (Appendix B). Gonzales 2nds this again.

11-0-0. Motion passes.

7.3 Honors and Awards Revisions (Gaa)

Motion: I move to approve the Honors and Awards revisions to include guidelines for award nominators, nomination forms, and evaluation forms for the IATA Policy and Procedures Manual (Appendix D).

1st: Gaa 2nd: Ludwig-Anderson

11-0-0. Motion passes.

Gaa clarified what this would look like (to match the website).

7.4 Honors and Awards Policy for IATA Policy & Procedures Manual (Gaa)

Motion: I move to approve the new Honors & Awards Policy for the IATA Policy and Procedures Manual (Appendix E).

1st: Gaa 2nd: Ludwig-Anderson

11-0-0. Motion passes.

Only change from the last meeting is for a special recognition vote.

Added/Addendum: 7.5 2024 IATA Budget (Bornhoff)

Motion: I move to approve the 2024 IATA Budget (Appendix F).

1st: Bornhoff 2nd: Anderson

10-1-0 (Streeter opposes). Motion passes.

Streeter brought forth some questions about specific line items that Bornhoff explained. There was also additional discussion amongst the BOD members about specifics. There will be more discussion in 2024 to re-vamp the budget.

8.0. Executive Session

Streeter motioned to move into Executive Session. Renner seconds.

Streeter motioned to move out of Executive Session.

9-0-2 to appoint Jordan Anderson as GA Director-Elect. Anderson and Ludwig-Anderson abstain. Appointment approved by majority of the BOD members.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Informational Only)

8.1 Next Official BOD Meetings: Sunday, 2/4/2024 (Zoom)

8.2 Next Newsletter Deadline: 12/29/2023

8.3 Next NATA News Deadline: 12/12/23 for February 2024

10.0 Adjournment:

Motion: I move to adjourn the meeting. 3:10pm.

1st: Renner 2nd: Kovalsky