

**Illinois Athletic Trainers Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETING**

Sunday, 2/15/26
IATA BOD Meeting - Zoom

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

Present:

President	Andy Renner, LAT, ATC
President-Past	Greg Garofalo, LAT, ATC
Vice President	Nicholas Grahovec, LAT, ATC
Treasurer	Jerry Bornhoff, LAT, ATC
Secretary	Tim Mizdrak, LAT, ATC
Membership Director	Greg Gaa, LAT, ATC
Reg 1 Representative	Emily Espinosa, LAT, ATC
Reg 2 Representative	Chris Murphy, LAT, ATC
Reg 3 Representative	Chuck Harrier, LAT, ATC
Reg 4 Representative	Sarah Turner, LAT, ATC
Governmental Affairs Director	Jordan Anderson, LAT, ATC
Governmental Affairs Director-Past	Brandon Gonzales, LAT, ATC
Public Relations Director	Ashley Harris, LAT, ATC
Development Director	Megan Hutchins, LAT, ATC
Communications Director	Patrick Roscoe, LAT, ATC
IL Representative to GLATA	Greg Garofalo, LAT, ATC

Absent: G. Garofalo, Harrier, Hutchins, Roscoe

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBER ROLL CALL

Present:

ATs Care Committee Chair	Leah Oliver-Pataki, LAT, ATC
COPA Chair	John Flannell, LAT, ATC
Education Committee Chair	Taylor Arman, LAT, ATC
SSC Co-Chairs	Aaron Kremmel, LAT, ATC
Archivist	Dan Stephens, LAT, ATC
CLCA Chair	Whitney Carter, LAT, ATC
CECAT Chair Co-Chairs	Lauren Eyrse, LAT, ATC , Athletic Training Student
Veteran Members Committee Chair	Tony Garofalo, LAT, AT-Retired
DEIA Committee Chair	Megan Shipp, LAT, ATC

Absent: Oliver-Pataki, Flannel, Kremmel, Carter, T. Garofalo

Special Guest: Matt Munjoy left at 7:33pm, Corine Hamilton

= Motion and Vote Expected or Possible

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS 6:02 pm

#2.0 APPROVAL of the Sunday, February 15th, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Motion:

1st: Mizdrak 2nd: Gonzales

9-0-0. Motion Passes.

#3.0 APPROVAL of Minutes from Sunday, December 7, 2025 (Appendix A)

Motion:

1st: Mizdrak 2nd: Grahovec

9-0-0. Motion Passes.

4.0 Strategic Plan Review

4.1 Strategic Plan Update

Renner has worked on a few items in the category of association management and membership invoices as well. Turner will be meeting with Espinosa and Kremmel on 2/16/26 about doing a high school event in the future. Turner is hoping to tie the high school event into the IATA state meeting. That group will also be working on creating a blueprint on how to host a high school event.

5.0 Reports - Board of Directors

5.1 President Report (See Report)

- Renner

5.1 Dues & State meeting cost (Appendix D)

Renner asked the BOD to look at the document in the appendix, and it can be a great resource when looking at our own association.

5.2 Presidential Focus Group update (Appendix C)

Renner said that Gonzales sat in on one of the sessions, and the biggest takeaway from the group was that AT's still doesn't know what IATA does for them. Renner said about 25 AT's signed up for the group, but he is still waiting to hear feedback from about 10 more people. Renner said that the group does notice that IATA does a good job of advocating and communicating. Renner also brought up that we can push direct membership with the AT's in Illinois. Renner would like the BOD to look at the notes from the focus group that was taken.

5.3 PAC Raffle (Appendix B)

Renner brought up that we need to start doing fundraisers if we are going to start using our funds. Anderson said a lot of stipulations that go into PAC funding. Anderson also brought up that the fundraising has been low when they have done it recently. Various BOD members asked about what donations the IATA can take and how to go about that. Bornhoff and Renner can contact the Marquardt group to help with the donation details and paperwork.

5.4 House Bill 4247

Anderson will talk about this bill during his BOD report.

#5.5 Alyssa Anderson AT Cares Chair (Appendix H)

#5.6 Corine Hamilton CECAT Student (Appendix E)

5.7 GLATA

Hutchins is setting up a hospitality room and is asking for people to help cover the room. Renner asked if it was worth keeping the room open on Friday night, and various BOD members discussed that it wouldn't be worth it. Renner said that the GLATA state business meeting will be on Friday at 7:30 am, and try to get IATA members to come to it. Renner said we will have another table this year, which will be 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Friday. Renner asked the BOD members to message him with anything that they would like to be said at the GLATA president's round table.

5.2 President-Past Report (See Report) - G. Garofalo
Not on Call

5.3 Vice President Report (See Report) - Grahovec
#5.3.1 2026 IATA Scholarship

The BOD members will be approving the offspring scholarship as well and getting recognized during the state meeting. NIU Naperville will host the State Meeting, but Grahovec brought up that they still need a few more speakers for the meeting. Grahovec will be looking at Carle for next year's State Meeting.

5.4 Treasurer Report (See Report) - Bornhoff

As Reported. Bornhoff brought up that he is working on moving to Zelle payments for reimbursement instead of paper checks.

5.4.1 Account Updates, as of 11/23/2025:

Operations - \$30,000

PAC Fund - \$22,953.00

Money Market Fund - \$213,212.48

Reward Total - \$1,148.64
PNC Investment Account - \$29,116.36
RBC Investments - \$111,186.59

5.5 Secretary Report (See Report) - Mizdrak
As Reported.

5.6 Membership Director Report (See Report) - Gaa

5.6.1 Membership Update

Gaa mentioned the December membership was down because of the NATA drop-off at the beginning of the year and timing of the report. Gaa did say that we had an increase in January and is hoping it will keep increasing in the next couple of months. Gaa and Renner will be on a call with the new membership director for NATA later this week. Arman would like to be kept updated on how many students signed up for IATA after the education conference. Arman will also be sending a survey in the next couple of weeks with the IATA student membership sign-up. Grahovec brings up that it is a licensure renewal year, and IATA membership has the two video requirements for the Illinois license. This could lead to an increase in membership as well.

#5.6.2 2026 Honors & Awards Cycle (Appendix F)

Gaa, thanks, Murphy for changing it to Google Form for voting this year.

5.7 Region 1 Representative Report (See Report) - Espinosa
As Reported.

5.8 Region 2 Representative Report (See Report) - Murphy
As Reported.

5.9 Region 3 Representative Report (See Report) - Harrier
Not on Call.

5.10 Region 4 Representative Report (See Report) - Turner
As Reported.

5.11 Governmental Affairs Report (See Report) - Anderson

5.11.1 Gov Affairs Update

Anderson asked our lobbyist if we could change the Practice Act wording from “Athlete” to ‘Individual’. Our lobbyist told us the term “individual’ is already used in our Practice Act, but not in terms of patient scope. The Lobbyist took it to the IDFPR department, which didn’t have any issues with the change and will take it to the rules committee to charge only \$200 max license reinstatement fee. The lobbyist will check back in with IDFPR monthly on whether it gets passed from the rules committee. Anderson brought up a few different healthcare bills that are being introduced, and our lobbyist will keep Anderson updated. Renner brought up another bill currently being introduced that would have AT’s be trained and allowed to carry Albuterol inhalers.

5.12 Governmental Affairs-Past Report (See Report) -Gonzales

#5.12.1 IL AT Discord

Gonzales currently uses it in the industrial AT setting and thinks it would be good for membership engagement. Gonzales shared his stream and showed what a typical setup with Discord looks like for his industrial AT group. Gonzales would set up the IATA Discord and take charge of it. Mizdrak asked about the security and how we could make sure only ATs can join the group. Grahovec and Gonzales both brought up how we could have a limited-access-only group.

#5.12.2 Sponsor ISMS Meeting (Appendix I)

Gonzales goes over the appendix and suggests the top two tiers that we should look at when sponsoring ISMS. The ISMS has helped with practice act advancement in the past, and it would be a great way to inform some doctors who may not know what athletic trainers are. After discussion with various BOD members, we agree that we should do the ISMS Annual Meeting Reception.

5.13 Public Relations Director Report (See Report) - Harris

As Reported. Harris is figuring out Athletic Training month, and as soon as she does, she will move forward with the Social media campaign. Harris will keep on posting for the open call for the IATA Annual State Meeting and for the GLATA hospitality room. Harris talked about switching platforms for social media and leveraging time vs return.

5.13.1 Communication Calendar

Harris needs to know about items, so please put them in the communication calendar.

- 5.14 **Development Director Report (See Report)** - Hutchins
Not on Call
- 5.15 **Communications Director Report (See Report)** - Roscoe
Not on Call
- 5.16 **State Rep to GLATA Report (See Report)** - G. Garofalo
Not on Call

6.0 Reports – Committees

- 6.1 **Finance Committee** - Bornhoff, et al
Doesn't Meet until Next December
- 6.2 **Committee on Practice Advancement (See Report)** - Flannel
Not on Call
- 6.3 **Secondary Schools Committee (See Report)** - Kremmel
Not on Call
- 6.4 **Committee on Leadership and Career Advancement (See Report)**
-Carter
6.4.1 Assessment Survey
Not on Call
- 6.5 **Committee on Early Career Athletic Trainers (CECAT) (See Report)**
- Eyrse
As Reported. Eyrse thanked everyone who helped and came to Ed Con. Eyrse received a lot of positive feedback from Ed Con and will be doing something CECAT-related at the Annual Meeting.
- 6.6 **Education Committee Report (See Report)** - Arman
6.6.1 Proposal for 2026 IATA Symposium and State Meeting
Arman said she has 5 proposals, all from Endeavor, 2 proposals for people who are interested. Harris is sending out an email with the RFP to send or share for more speakers. Harris said the speakers could be Virtual or In-person.

The final numbers for Ed Con were 14 faculty, 5 BOD Members, 98 Students across 6 programs, and 11 Vendors.

- 6.7 Archives Committee (See Report)** - Stephens
As Reported.
- 6.8 ATs Care Committee (See Report)** - Oliver-Pataki
Not on Call.
- 6.9 IATA Veteran Members Committee (No Report)** - T. Garofalo
Not on Call.

- 6.10 IATA DEIA Committee (See Report)** - Shipp
6.10.1 Proposal for a Non-Discrimination Policy
Shipp is making a Non-Discrimination Policy for our BOD members, Speakers, and Vendors to sign. This is some GLATA already does, and we would have something similar then. Shipp said it would be in our policy and procedures, and she will bring it to the Board next meeting.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of the 2026 Honors & Awards (Appendix F)

Motion: I motion to approve the 2026 IATA Honors and Awards results and proceed with issuing awards to those eligible (highlighted) in the scoring document.

1st: Gaa **2nd: Murphy**

Gaa brought up that they received a dual nomination that didn't meet the requirements of being an IATA member. The nomination asked if they could be moved forward as a single nomination for the other that meets the requirements. The Honors and Awards committee had a majority of feedback that they would not move the single nomination forward.

8-0-Anderson. Motion Passes.

8.2 Approval of the IL AT Discord

Motion: I motion to approve the organization of an Illinois Athletic Trainers Association Discord for the organization of meeting minutes, board meeting streams, State meeting communications, job postings, mentorship, and general communication/community among membership.

1st: **2nd:**

Motion Tabled. Bring it forward to the next meeting.

8.3 Approval to Sponsor the ISMS meeting

Motion: I motion to sponsor the Illinois State Medical Society Annual Meeting on April 18-19, 2026, at a cost of \$9,500.00, with funding coming from the past Gov affairs dir budget or lobbying budget

1st: Gonzales 2nd: Gaa

Renner asked about Travel expenses, and Anderson would go at no cost, same with Grahovec and Harris. Bornhoff can add a new line item for the sponsorship and says we have the funds to sponsor it.

9-0-0. Motion Passes.

8.4 Approval of the 2026 IATA Scholarship Results

Motion: I motion to approve the 2026 IATA Scholarship results and to proceed with issuing the scholarships to the eligible recipients (highlighted) in the scoring document.

1st: Grahovec 2nd: Bornhoff

9-0-0. Motion Passes.

9.0 Executive Session

Murphy motions to put the BOD into executive sessions at 7:49 pm, and Mizdrak seconds.

Mizdrak motions to pull us out of executive session at 2:43 pm, and Bornhoff seconds.

During the Session, Hamilton was appointed CECAT Student. Anderson was appointed AT Cares Chair.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Informational Only)

9.1 Next Official BOD Meetings: 4/19/26

9.2 Next Newsletter Deadline: 2/25/26

9.3 Next NATA News Deadline:

11.0 Adjournment:

Motion: I move to adjourn the meeting. 7:55 pm

1st: Grahovec

2nd: Murphy