

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS (NSBAT)

DATE: **January 30, 2014**

LOCATIONS:

University of Nevada Reno  
1664 N. Virginia Street  
Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center  
Room #110  
Reno, Nevada 89557

University of Nevada Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway  
Classroom Building Complex  
Building B, Room 117  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman, Jim Porter at 9:06 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Porter, Tiffney Touton, Rob Conatser, Eathan O'Bryant, and Chris Wittorff.

**Staff Present:** Stacey Whittaker, Executive Secretary; Keith Marcher, Attorney General Representative via teleconference.

**Public Present:** No members of the public present in Las Vegas or Reno.

2. **Public Comments.** No public comments at this time.

3. **Review and approve minutes of meeting 9/19/2013. (For possible action)**

Jim asks if there are any questions or comments regarding the meeting minutes, there are none. Tiffney Touton motions to approve the 9/19/13 meeting minutes as written, Rob Conatser seconds the motion. Approved 5-0.

4. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity. (For possible action)** Stacey reports no disciplinary action or reports of unlicensed activity during this quarter. There were 7 licenses issued or restored during the 4th quarter. In regards to the probationary license issued last fall, Stacey informs the board that all requirements of the probationary order have been met at this time. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Review and discuss recommendations received from the Attorney General's Office regarding proposed language submitted by the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainer's Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals. (For possible action)** Jim asks the Board if they've had a chance to review the recommendations from the Attorney General's Office regarding the proposed language. He has sent it along to Steve McCauley for his review and the Board needs to decide how to proceed. Jim feels that a committee is needed to establish the wording of this language to present to the LCB before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim asks the Board for their input. Eathan asks if Jim would be willing to work on this committee. Jim says that he would, however once it goes to the LCB, he will no longer be a member of the Board. Rob asks if another committee is necessary or if Jim and Steve McCauley could simply work on the language since they understand the writing process. Keith reminds the board that the Subcommittee already exists and that they can work on adding Jim as a member. The Subcommittee must comply with the Open Meeting Law, work on the language and bring it back to the Board. Jim motions to table Item #5 until the Subcommittee has reviewed its members and worked on the proposed language.

6. **Review and discuss Bills passed in the 2013 Legislative Session that require consideration by the Board. (For possible action)** The Board reviewed the various bills of the 2013 Legislative Session at the last board meeting. Jim feels that AB456 (Advertising/Name Tags for Health Care Providers) will have the greatest impact on Athletic Trainers in addition to the epi-pen law and the diabetic aid law. Jim feels that it is not necessary for the Board to send information out regarding these bills and may be a good idea to post a notice on the board's website. There are no further questions or comments.

7. **Review and discuss hiring an Independent Investigator to handle future complaints, investigations, and site inspections for the Board. (For possible action)** The Board agrees that an outside source should be involved in future investigations if a complaint is filed. Stacey has spoken with the Physical Therapy Board about using one of their per-diem Investigators and what the cost would be. They are in the process of training additional Investigators and would need to talk with us further regarding our needs. Jim reiterates that our practice act does not require site inspections but does require the Licensed Athletic Trainer to have their wallet card on them at all times. Jim has been involved in an investigation in the past and they are very time consuming. Jim feels that a decision does not need to be made today and that the board can make a decision should a complaint come in. There are no further questions or comments.

8. **Review and discuss the possibility of seeking mandated Athletic Trainers at High School sporting events. (For possible action)** Jim is in favor of having Athletic Trainers at all public high school events but feels that the recommendation should come more from the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association and/or the Legislature. He feels it would create more jobs and they could follow Hawaii's model. Concussions are a catastrophic issue and governmental action will be necessary. Jim informs the board that Clark County only has 6 private institutions and 2 public schools that do not have coverage. He is not sure about Washoe County but emphasizes a lot of rural areas that do not have coverage and some are 60 plus miles away from services. There are no further questions or comments.

9. **Review and discuss the recommendation from the Executive Committee for Education to the National Athletic Trainer's Association regarding degree requirements for Athletic Trainers. (For possible action).** Jim reviews the overall findings of the recommendation to the Board of Certification from the Executive Committee for Education regarding the degree requirements for Athletic Trainers. Overall, they are recommending a Master's level requirement and the undergraduate program would go away. Their thought is that there are too many curriculum programs and not enough jobs. Many colleges with these curriculum programs currently use their students to cover their own athletics, they would no longer have graduate assistants. The question would be whether or not they would grandfather in the Athletic Trainer's with undergraduate degrees or give them time to complete a Master's program. No action has been taken yet and it will have to go before the clinical education meeting and the BOC. Jim feels that this shouldn't effect Nevada licensure too much and could be 10 plus years out if it is enforced. There are no further questions or comments.

10. **Review and discuss the National Athletic Trainer's Association review of the Health Care Reform and its effect on Athletic Training. (For possible action)** The National Athletic Trainers Association has presented how the Affordable Care Act effects the profession of Athletic Training and what the requirements are. Jim feels that the board may want to provide a link on their webpage since some licensees are not NATA members. There are no further questions or comments.

11. **Review and discuss implementing an online license renewal process to include the acceptance of credit cards by the Board. (For possible action)** Stacey reviews the information she has received regarding the online renewal programs. There are two different vendors working on proposals but the rough estimates are coming in at \$4,000-\$18,000 just to get the program implemented. This does not include monthly hosting fees, technical support or the cost of accepting credit cards. The board feels that due to its size and financial limitations, it would be beneficial to co-op with another board who already has these systems in place. Stacey will continue to get estimates for implementing the online renewal system and present to the Board. Item #11 will be tabled until further action is needed. There are no further questions or comments.

12. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board to include future investment amounts. (For possible action)** Jim asks the Board if they have had a chance to review the financial statements that were sent out. There are no questions or comments regarding the financial statements. Stacey has spoken with the Board's Wells Fargo Representative regarding future investments and they feel that the CD's are the best investment option for the board at this time as there is not an annual fee. Stacey recommends that

the Board wait to determine an annual investment amount based on the decision that is made regarding the online renewal program. Item #12 will be tabled until the next meeting, there are no further questions or comments.

13. **Review and discuss current terms for Board Members. (For possible action)** Stacey has contacted the Governor's Office regarding the recruitment of a new Board Member as Jim's second term will be up in September of 2014. They informed her that it is not necessary to get nominations from the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association but that she can contact them for recommendations. Stacey has emailed the NATA regarding the open position and also placed a notice on the Board's website. Jim also recommends that the Board move towards adding another Board Member as a designated signer on the Wells Fargo account. He and Stacey are currently the designated signers but that someone else will need to be added to sign payroll. Rob Conatser agrees to be added to the Wells Fargo account and Stacey will work on coordinating the transaction. There are no further questions or comments.

14. **Future agenda items. (For possible action)**

- A. **Review and approve meeting minutes of 1/30/2014.**
- B. **Update on disciplinary action reports, probationary licenses and investigations of unlicensed activity.**
- C. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board and amount of money to put into annual investments.**
- D. **Review and discuss proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals.**
- E. **Review and discuss upcoming license renewal period and information obtained regarding an online renewal system and the acceptance of credit cards by the Board.**
- F. **Review and discuss current terms of Board Members.**

15. **Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action)** The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

16. **Public Comments.** There are no members of the public present at this time.

17. **Meeting adjournment. (For possible action)** Tiffney Touton motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 10:02 a.m., Chris Wittorff seconds the motion. Approved 5-0.