

National Athletic Trainers' Association
Board of Directors Meeting
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Sheraton - O'Hare Inn
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President

Otho Davis
Executive Director

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The Mid-Winter meeting of The Board of Directors of The National Athletic Trainers Association was convened at the Sheraton - O'Hare Inn, Chicago, Illinois, at 3:45 p. m., Mr. Frank George, President presiding and with the following present:

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| District 1 | Wesley D. Jordan |
| District 2 | Richard F. Malacrea |
| District 3 | Craig Lewellyn |
| District 4 | Robert C. White |
| District 5 | William W. Flentje |
| District 6 | Eddie Lane |
| District 7 | Warren Lee |
| District 8 | William H. Chambers |
| District 9 | Eugene Smith |
| District 10 | Richard Melhart |
| President | Frank George |
| Executive Director | Otho Davis |
| Parliamentarian | Bruce Melin |

I. The Audio-Visual Committee report was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Melhart to accept the report.

Action: Approved.

II. The Drug Education Committee report and budget request was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Malacrea to approve the \$600.00 budget request of the Drug Education Committee.

Action: Approved.

III. The Ethics Committee discussion was tabled and will be resumed in June 1976.

IV. The Grants and Scholarship discussion was tabled.

V. The History Awards Committee had no materials to report at this meeting.

VII. It was mentioned that the December issue of Athletic Training, Journal of The National Athletic Trainers Association was late. Otho Davis stated to the Board that Athletic Training was mailed late under advisement of the post office because of the Christmas mail.

VIII. Rod Compton, Clint Thompson and all the Journal Committee are to be commended on their contributions to the Association.

IX. Mr. Bruce Melin stated the Membership Committee had no materials to report.

X. The convention sites were discussed for future years. Because of the economics of travel, the Board, in June 1975 approved St. Louis as a central location for 1978. New Orleans was approved for 1980.

Following investigation by the members of District 9, it was requested that New Orleans be removed from the rotation schedule because of economic cost in the city.

District 9 and District 5 will be co-host in St. Louis.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Flentje to remove New Orleans as the 1980 convention site.

Action: Approved.

XI. Further lengthy discussion was entered into on convention rotations.

XII. The registration fees for the 1976 National Convention in Boston will be: Members (Certified, Associate, Allied, Affiliate) \$15.00 (\$7.50 Daily Fee); Student members (with NATA membership card) \$10.00 (\$5.00 Daily Fee); Non-Members, \$35.00 (\$20.00 Daily Fee).

A motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Flentje to accept the 1976 registration fees.

Action: Approved.

XIII. A "Vote of Thanks" was extended to the 1975 convention committee for the SUPER job they did in Anaheim.

XIV. The Placement Committee reported that it has revised the mailing list following the October Vacancy Notice and reduced the list from 450 names to 250 members.

XIV. (continued)

To receive the list of vacancies from the Placement Committee the NATA member must complete a registration form. This is not a permanent list. It is periodically updated.

XV. The report for the Recruitment Committee was discussed.

Chairman Mel Blickenstaff requested that the Board accept his resignation as chairman effective June, 1976.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the resignation of Mel Blickenstaff as chairman of the Recruitment Committee.

Action: Approved.

XVI. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Malacrea to change the name of the Recruitment

Committee to "Career Information and Services Committee" -----
Article XXIV in the By-Laws.

Action: Approved.

XVII. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Chambers to accept Mr. Fred Kelly, Dartmouth

University as chairman of the Career Information and Services Committee as submitted by President George.

Action: Approved. 9 - 0 - 1
District 5 - Abstained

XVIII. Mr. Ted Quedenfeld, Athletic Trainer at Temple University, Associate Director of the Temple University Center for Sports Medicine and Science and also the Chairman of the NATA Research and Injury Committee requested that the Board approve the following:

1. That a booth will be provided at the NATA Convention at Boston for 1976 for a scientific exhibit, free of charge, provided there is proper recognition of the NATA Research and Injury Committee.
2. Encouragement of the NATA members to provide necessary information.
3. Collect data through the district representatives of the NATA Research and Injury Committee.

All of the above is in cooperation with the National Head and Neck Injury Register established at Temple University Center for Sports Medicine and Science in cooperation with NATA.

A motion was made by Mr. Flentje and seconded by Mr. White to accept the above request.

Action: Approved.

XVIX. The American Physical Therapy Association report by Frank George was presented to the Board.

Subject: APTA Liaison Report -

From: Frank George, NATA Liaison Representative

This year the American Physical Therapy Association's annual meeting was at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California - June 14-20, 1975. The Sports medicine Section of the APTA met on June 14, at 8:00 a.m.. This was a business meeting only and there were about thirty members present. Four of those present were women, and one objective of the section has been to get more women involved. Elections were held and Ron Peyton, an NATA member was reelected as Chairman of the section. The other officers elected were:

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| Vice Chairman | - Clem Eischen |
| Secretary | - Keith Klemson |
| Treasurer | - Trudy Lamb |
| Nominating Committee | - Bob Moore - also NATA member |

I was asked again to speak on NATA certification and how therapists would qualify to take the certification examination. I did distribute some copies of the NATA Certification procedures to those who were interested. Also was asked to comment on the need for female athletic trainers and the duties for which they would be responsible.

Bob Moore, who was elected to the nominating committee of this section and is also a member of the editorial board of Athletic Training, spoke on the quality and excellence of Athletic Training. He suggested to the members of this section, which numbers close to five hundred, that they should subscribe to the Journal.

The next meeting of the Sports Medicine Section of the APTA will be in Washington, D. C. on February 6 - 8, 1976. This meeting will be a seminar

on Exercise Physiology and will be co-sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

The clinical sessions of the APTA meeting began on June 16, 1976. Two NATA members were speakers on this program, Larry Standifer, University of Oregon - "Rehabilitation of the Knee: Post Injury and Post Operative, " and Frank George - Management of Muscle and Soft Tissue Injuries." I found a great deal of interest among students who would like to do one of thier clinical affiliations in a training room. The House of Delegates of the APTA passed a resolution to begin the process of developing certification procedures for specialities in physical therapy. This is in its beginning stages and as it progresses, I will report on this in my liaison report. Ron Peyton, the Director of the Sports Medicine Education Institute will hold his first course in Atlanta, Georgia - July 28 - August 1, 1975. The Title of the course is "Sports Medicine Physical Therapy I, Basic."

XX. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association report by Bill Flentje was presented to the Board.

To: Frank George, President, NATA

From: William Flentje

Re: The National Federation of High School Athletic Directors Association Meeting

I attended the meeting held in St. Louis, December 8, 9, 10, 1975, as a representative of the NATA. The three presentations that involved the interest of the NATA was presentation by Voight Hodgson, M. D. entitled, "Save Your

Neck" and the third presentation on high school systems by Ron Freeman.

The first presentation by Dr. Hodgson was more or less just a review of the activities of NFHSADA. The three main points of his presentation were:

1) that there are more model sizes available for helmet testing, 2) these models are being made available to reconditioning firms so that helmets may be recertified and 3) that they are investigating various machines used to teach blocking and tackling techniques.

Dr. Cooper had his usual number of jokes then got down to a couple of very important points regarding the neck and safety in football. First was the emphasis on the teaching technique, of particular importance was the fact that the primary point of contact not be the head. Secondly was the point made that if coaches and trainers and those concerned with athletics do not come up with satisfactory alternatives to the present methods of playing and coaching football that litigation will probably cause the abolition of football.

Ron Freeman gave a presentation of the requirements for establishing a high school training program. His presentation was basically very good regarding the methods and items necessary to have an athletic training program. However, the information that he distributed regarding certification, approved curriculums, etc., was not accurate. I might also add that Mr. Freeman is not a certified trainer.

I had a chance to discuss with Jack Roberts of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations the problems of employing high school athletic trainers. I believe that both their organization and ours agree that there is a

need for trainers at the high school level. The difference in opinion lies in the method of obtaining the necessary training for these people.

I feel that if any cooperative endeavors regarding education toward athletic training would be detrimental to the ideas and standards that our association

XXI. Director Eddie Lane recently had conversation with Mr. Joe , AAU President. Mr. Lane would like to develop a better relationship between NATA and AAU. A motion was made by Mr. Flentje and seconded by Mr. Melhart to charge Mr. Lane to follow-up with the NATA - AAU relationships.

Action: Approved.

XXII. The NATA thanks Mr. Ted Quedenfeld, Temple University, for representing the Association so well at the HEW Athletic Injury Survey meeting in Washington, D. C.

Report on Review and Planning Meeting
Athletic Injury Survey

November 20, 1975

A group of 30 persons representing almost as many different national organizations and Federal agencies or offices met to review the progress of the survey, the table shells proposed for its analysis, and to think about the content of the Secretary of HEW's report which must be submitted to Congress on this subject. A list of the participants is available on request.

The summarization is based upon one person's notes rather than any report which was reviewed or accepted by the group. It will stress the key points of the discussion (focusing on questions raised), rather than attempting to report the proceedings in detail.

Report on Survey

Dr. Kenneth Clarke began by reporting on the survey from the viewpoint of the National Athletic Injury Reporting System (NAIRS) the contractor on this project. A copy of his written report is available on request. Among the items which came up in this part of the meeting were the following:

Q. Are we using a State sample?

A. Yes, and State estimates for the two types of secondary schools (public and private) and colleges (two and four-year) will be prepared.

Observation: The number of student participants and injured will probably be much higher than the actual number reported in this survey.

Q. How can we know if institutional coordinators are being consistent in what they report? In other words, there may be sharp differences in level of detail and comprehensiveness of returns.

A. We can't tell, except in editing forms obvious omissions or under-reportings may be spotted. The fact that the sample is large will help overcome underreporting if that is characterized by only a few schools.

Observation: It would be very helpful to run a validation study, to learn how data was obtained in a sample of institutions as a general guide to the comprehensiveness of data obtained. Recommendation: That a validation study be conducted, possibly beginning with a telephone canvas of a number of institutions in mid-year to ascertain reporting methods utilized.

Point: The study doesn't distinguish between severe and completely disabling injuries. It lumps together the player who misses three weeks of basketball with a broken finger and the student with a neck injury who is paralyzed for life. Recommendation: When data is turned in, ask schools to (along with deaths) report on any students with possible lifetime disabilities.

Q. How will club activities be reported? How will junior varsity and "B" squad activities be reported.

A. Under varsity athletics.

Observation: For true rates, it is necessary to know the number of days of participation.

Observation: Nationwide, the number of football deaths is down in recent years. The NCAA has asked that future studies also collect information on severe neck injuries.

Point: Data from this survey may not produce valid national surveys.
Recommendation: Totals from this survey should be checked against existing national data for face validity, before they are used.

Q. Are injuries occurring on the field, but not as a direct part of a contest (such as scuffling between contestants) reported as a part of game-related injuries?

A. Yes.

Point: On a survey of this type, it is desirable to get interim reports.
Response: This was a part of the original survey design, but eliminated to reduce burden on reporting institutions.

Point: Writing the presidents of the institutions often resulted in the forms going to the wrong person. Response: Little choice here.

Observation: Data collection in this survey handicapped because athletics often are run by one office, intermurals by another, and physical education by a third.

Q. Will we be able to get runs, from HEW, on special analyses desired?

A. HEW will not make the runs for you, but will sell you (at cost) a tape or tapes with data from the study.

New term (to me, anyway): Orientating. A cross-country sport in which contestants are given a map, a compass, and told to get as quickly as they can from point A to point B.

Observation: Techniques in this survey very similar to those used in the national Youth Camp Safety Study. Should examine that study and its report.

Observation: Congressman Forsyth has shifted to a new House committee, but continues to be very interested in this study.

Point: North Carolina has a three person athletic injury training unit that travels throughout the State to train for better safety.

Observation: The 46 schools certified to prepare trainers report it difficult to find jobs for all their graduates. In addition to persons trained by these schools, others enter the field through apprenticeships (of around 1,800 clock hours) or by taking special training courses (usually for those already in the field in another capacity).

Add new words: Spearing. Tackling or blocking with the helmet, in football. Hand Gliding. Gliding, using wings held by hand.

Observation: Survey form assumes that highest level of health care person is available for all sports and also for women's sports.

Point: Instead of using term "other geographic unit" for those reporting areas which are not States, use "extra State jurisdiction."

Table Shells

The group then reviewed the table shells proposed for this survey. A copy of the proposed set is available on request.

These comments were made on individual tables.

Table 1: Should know the size of the institutions in each sample cell.

Table 7: Should also be rerun to produce national estimates on number of participants by type of activity. This should be checked for face validity against other known national data.

Table 8: Same comment as for table 7.

Table 11: Should also be percentaged the other way.

Table 14: As data permits only it replaces left hand list of types of athletic trainers with only two: health person treated and not treated by health person.

This table may be omitted or merged with another table.

Table 17: Same comment as for table 14.

Table 20: Add to table whether or not a health person was available for treatment. Also, add data on severe injuries if it is possible to collect it.

Related Studies

The group then discussed studies in this area which might be useful to cite in the draft of the report on this project or which might be used to help determine the validity of the results of this study.

These were some of the studies which we cited by members of the group. The name of the source of this report appears in parenthesis.

1. National Center for Health Statistics (Peter Ries) makes a health information survey obtaining information from 42,000 households on disabilities. Also adding a supplement on accidents and injured (for calendar year 1975) and sports accidents (last six months of 1975).

2. Center on Consumer Products Technology (William Beine and Peter Finkel) develops recommendations which may be applicable, but conducting no studies.
3. Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (Carl Blyth) makes an annual survey of athletic injuries.
4. Texas Education Agency (Robert Calvert) collects data on injuries from high schools.
5. National High School Athletic Association (Carl Blyth) collects data.
6. New York State Education Department (Carl Blyth) studies of injuries collected by Ken Hafner.
7. Football Fatality Study (Carl Blyth) has annual and trend data.
8. Journal of Medical Education (correct name?) in its July 12, 1975 issue had a comprehensive article by Carl Bluth, including a bibliography. May be reprinted by Supt. of Documents.
9. Study of four high schools in Washington (Carl Blyth) being done by James Garrick. Providing very little detailed data on these schools.
10. Doctoral thesis (Clayton Thomas) by Ned Wirk, now at Rhode Island, studied the impact of the shoe on injuries.
11. American Society of Testing Materials (Clayton Thomas) has done some work in this area.
12. Sports Medicine Center, Temple University (Ted Quendenfeld) with Joseph Torg, studying injury data.
13. President's Council on Physical Fitness (Ash Hayes) will send in information on studies later.
14. NAIRS (Kenneth Clarke) will send information on studies later.
15. Kansas Schools Survey (Ben Harris) obtaining data on injuries.
16. National Ski Federation (correct name?) (Clayton Thomas) has made studies of ski injuries which may be pertinent.

Possible Areas of Recommendation

At the end of the meeting, the group discussed what might be cited in the report which the Secretary will submit to Congress at the end of the project. Among the

ideas brought up in the session were the following. No attempt, it should be added, was made to evaluate or agree on them.

1. Federal funds might be made available to fund athletic trainer training in medical or allied health schools.
2. Funds might be provided to help persons already employed in schools in other capacities (coaches, teachers, etc.) become qualified trainers.
3. Our society has taken major steps in curing diseases: the newest frontier may be accident prevention.
4. Institutions are very concerned about law suits dealing with athletic injuries. A few have stopped giving service to eliminate faulty treatment as a charge. More are improving services to be able to defend quality standards.
5. It is important to stress prevention of injuries as much as treatment of them, including a review of equipment and facilities.
6. Adequate supervision of all athletic activities (for both men and women) is important.
7. Federal funds may be used to set up pilot projects in certain States, such as has been done with State money in North Carolina.
8. When the initial information has been received, the Secretary may wish to defer recommendations until concerned groups have had a chance to review the information.
9. It may be necessary to allow time for schools to obtain a trainer, making any recommendations effective over a period of years.
10. States might be asked to mandate to-be-specified amounts of health protection for sports.
11. Is it really practical to have coaches also serve as trainers? For their sports? For other sports?
12. What legislation or other actions should be taken regarding the role of the student trainers?
13. Should courses in the work of the trainer be included in the preparation of athletic staff?
14. We should realize that places with the best athletic trainer programs may actually report more injuries than institutions with less high quality support.

15. NIH should be encouraged to do research in this area.
16. We should not consider recommending a law that all schools be required to have an athletic trainer.
17. At present, there are around 3,000 certified trainers. Trainers graduating from programs today are finding it difficult to locate positions. Many school systems are actually reducing the size of their training staffs as an economy measure.
18. A good clue as to the importance of trainers is seen in the large staffs which professional teams maintain.
19. There are many people with good potential for the field who might be trained, if only the jobs were there. Between 20,000 and 30,000 trainers might be required if all schools were to have sufficient staffs.
20. The new interest in girls' athletics may help to create more demand for trainers.
21. As an interim goal, we might urge that all coaches be required to have some trainer preparation. California was reported to already be requiring this.
22. How can we measure who is an effective trainer?
23. Can any program be recommended for preparing student assistants?

Robert Calvert, Jr.

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November 20, 1975

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XXII.

Mr. Bob Hartman, Maginnis and Associates Insurance Company appeared before the Board to discuss our Association Insurance needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewellyn and seconded by Mr. Malacrea that Maginnis continue with the insurance program and to expand the program and the next package presented to NATA members in group term life insurance.

Action: Approved.

XXIV.

The Journal of The American Medical Association, August 11, 1975, Volume 233, Number 6 issue carried a commentary "Dog Days and Siriasis - How to Kill a Football Player", by James P. Knochel, M. D., Dallas Texas.

The NATA received several letters, telegrams and phone calls in reference to this article. The piece of journalism did the athletic trainer a disservice. The first being where it was stated that trainers do not realize that great amounts of weight loss due to dehydration and fluid loss is not the same thing as losing weight in relation to a calorie reduction plan. Also, quote, "When the football player or recruit has died of heat stroke it is common to find evidence of punitive drills, carelessness, ignorance, or a 'don't give a damn' attitude on the part of the trainers."

- XXV. Phil Donley is continuing to pursue the accreditation with HEW and will have an up-to-date report for June.
- XXVI. The 1976 Schering Symposium will be on "The Low Back Problem in Athletics."
- XXVII. The new "Sports Safety and Health Care Society" is being supported by the Schering Corporation. Bud Miller was recently elected president of this group.
- XXVIII. The 1976 convention plans are progressing. The major companies are no longer sponsoring events during the convention for entertainment.
- XXIX. All athletic trainers are encouraged to purchase your supplies from the companies who advertise in Athletic Training Journal of NATA, and who exhibit at our national convention. They are the people who support the athletic trainer so let's support them.
- XXX. There was discussion in reference to the election of a president for NATA. All eligible candidates received a letter asking if they wished to be considered. Mr. George desired to seek re-election. Other candidates did not wish to run for office or did not desire to run if Frank George was seeking re-election.
- According to the Constitution of NATA there has to be an election for the office of President and the President has

to be elected by a majority of those voting. Two persons should be nominated by the Board of Directors to be placed on the ballot. However, this year only one person seeks the office. Therefore to be official an election must be held. Mr. Lewellyn nominated Mr. Frank George to the office of President and a ballot be mailed to the eligible voters of the association. This was seconded by Mr. Lee.

Action: Approved.

XXXI. Mr. Bill Chambers presented material to the Board requesting college course credit for convention participants who wished such. The credit would be given by California State University, Hayward, California .

A motion was made by Mr. Flentje and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the offering of course credit for the convention by California State University Haywood.

Action: Approved.

XXXII. A lengthy discussion was held in reference to hand cast being used in football. A motion was made by Mr. Jordan and seconded by Mr. Land to submit the following to Mr. Warren Morris, NATA representative to the NCAA Rules Committee for discussion.

"A player may legally wear a protective cast on the hand-wrist or forearm or elbow provided the cast is adequately covered by one-half inch slow recovery foam material. The physician must present evidence to the umpire, who checks the player, to assure the umpire that (1) it is safe for the player to compete; and (2) the player has to wear the protective cast to protect a fracture or amputation. The umpire will inform the player that any flagrant mis-use of the protective cast will warrant immediate expulsion from the game."

NOTE: The above is NOT presently a new rule change. The above statement will be presented to the NCAA Football Rules Committee for request of a rules change. DO NOT be misunderstood and go out and put arm-band casts on all your football players, because it is not legal.

XXXIII Following a very lengthy discussion in reference to the Certification Committee report, a motion was made by Mr. Flentje and seconded by Mr. Smith to request the committee to delete faculty trainer programs until some are established; put a date of five (5) years from the date of approval; leave out "equivalency" or add another section and explain "equivalency"; explain the difference between "letter" and "document".

Action:

Approved
District 10

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Abstained

XXXIV A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Lane to instruct the Certification Committee to re-word the request for changes in the membership code using the current wording of membership classes.

Action: Approved

XXXV Following discussion on the "Code of Ethics", a motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Chambers to refer the report of the Ethics Committee and Mr. Frank George back to committee for reconsideration in June, 1976.

Action: Approved

XXXVI Following discussion on the Professional Education Committee report and request that the graduate program at the University of Virginia and the Undergraduate Program at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln be approved, a motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Malacrea to accept the above request.

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| Action: | Approved | 9 - 1 |
| | District 5 | Opposed |

XXXVII The Professional Education Committee request that the education programs at Mankato State University and Indiana State University be awarded a five - year approval. A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Lane

to reapprove the program at these two schools.

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| Action: | Approved | 8 - 1 - 1 |
| | District 5 | Opposed |
| | District 9 | Abstained |

XXXVIII Because it became necessary for Mr. Leroy Mullins to resign from the Professional Education Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Malacrea to accept his resignation.

Action: Approved

XXXIX The proposed National Athletic Trainers Honor Society, submitted by Mr. Ronnie Barnes, East Carolina University, was discussed.

The proposal was tabled and requested to resubmit with revisions.

XL The liaison report of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (GWS) was submitted by Ms. Holly Wilson. The report is as follows:

- XLI Recently there has been much written about the Athletic Trainer and liability and the laws of the states. There is great concern about this subject. A very lengthy discussion was held and a motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Flentje to form an Ad Hoc Licensure Committee with the sum of \$2000.00 to meet the initial expenses of the committee.
- Action: Approved
- XLII Guidelines were discussed for presentation to the Ad Hoc Licensure Committee so as to inform them of the wishes of the Board of Directors.
- XLIII Following a discussion on a "spearing signal" by an official in football to denote the illegal act of spearing or illegal use of the helmet or head, a motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Flentje to submit to Mr. Warren Morriss and that he introduce to the NCAA Football Rules Committee the possibility of implementing a definite spearing signal into the rules.
- Action: Approved
- XLIV "Special cases" for certification consideration were discussed.

XLV Mr. White gave a report on the progress of the 1977 convention in Dearborn, Michigan.

XLVI A motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Flentje to approve the certification candidates list for the January examination.

Action: Approved

XLVII There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Flentje and seconded by Mr. Lane to adjourn the meeting, whereupon, in accordance with regular motion and procedure, the meeting was adjourned at two o'clock a. m., January 12, 1976.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday-Tuesday
June 10-15, 1976

Sheraton Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

The following reports were made and actions taken at the meetings of the Board of Directors, National Athletic Trainers Association, June 10-15, 1976, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

The first session was called to order by Mr. Frank George, President, on Thursday evening, June 10, 1976, at 7:45 p.m. with the following present:

Mr. Frank George, President
Mr. Otho Davis, Executive Director
Mr. Richard Malacrea, District 2
Mr. Craig Llewellyn, District 3
Mr. William Flentje, District 5
Mr. Eddie Lane, District 6
Mr. Warren Lee, District 7
Mr. William Chambers, District 8
Mr. Tom Wall, District 9
Mr. John Anderson, District 10
Mr. Bruce Melin, Parliamentarian

Absent were: Mr. Wes Jordan, District 1, who was represented by Mr. Malacrea, and Mr. Robert White, District 4.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. George opened the meeting with prayer and then commented upon the important subjects to be discussed during the meeting, emphasizing the importance of discussion pertaining to certification and requirements pertaining to Code 2.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Davis briefly commented upon the financial aspects and transactions pertaining to the report of the Treasurer as previously furnished to the Board members, following which a brief discussion ensued in relation to the increase in registration fee by a figure of five dollars. It was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 5 and carried) that the report of the Treasurer be accepted.

A brief discussion ensued relative to the proposal of Mr. Flentje concerning the requirement that no certification changes be made for at least two years. After brief indication that the Certification Committee, in its later to be presented report, might have something to say regarding this issue, it was:

MOVED (By Mr. Flentje, seconded and carried by a vote of 8-0) that further discussion of the matter be tabled until after later presentation of the Certification report.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:

Following the Board's perusal of this report, it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) to accept the recommendation to eliminate the high school membership and increase student dues from eight to ten dollars and that high school student members who are presently on the membership rolls as of January 1, 1976, will so remain.

MOVED (by District 10, seconded by District 2 and carried by a vote of 8-0) that under Code 4, Students, the last sentence in the first paragraph under qualifications for membership read: "He must be recommended by the trainer, referably an NATA certified or Associate Member, Coach or Team Physician under whom he is working."

A brief discussion also ensued as to the evidence for application date, with no definite action on this matter being taken at this point.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. William Flentje, having been nominated for the office of Vice President, and there being no further nominations, he was declared to be unanimously elected, provided he shave his beard, which he did.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Otho Davis, by unanimous consent, was approved for re-appointment as Executive Director for the ensuing term.

AUDIO VISUAL AIDS:

Following brief discussion and consideration of this report, it was:

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the budget of this Committee in the amount of \$875.00 be approved with the stipulation that the material be mailed to Code 1 and 2 NATA members only.

DRUG EDUCATION:

Following brief discussion of this report and also the article in connection therewith as submitted to the Journal and procedure used for submission of articles to the Journal of the NATA and to other professional journals and there being no action necessitated herein by the Board, it was:

MOVED (by district 6, seconded by District 3, and carried) that the report of the Drug Education committee be accepted as information.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

The recommendation of the Grants and Scholarships Committee having been previously approved by mail vote, it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 9, and carried) that the report of the Committee be accepted.

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES:

Mr. Davis indicated that there had been no report received from this Committee and there was no action for the Board to take in relation to this matter.

HONOR AWARDS:

There being no additional report, it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 2, and carried) that the action previously taken by this Committee be approved.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE:

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to selection methods, the continual practice of selecting the same individuals, the practice of submission of names of non-qualified people and the frustrations being encountered in relation to selections being handled on a fair and equitable basis to all concerned. After brief reports relative to some actions being taken to correct some of these inequities, the report as contained in the agenda booklet, by general consensus, was accepted for information.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE:

Attention was called to the prepared report and recommendations contained therein, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 8, and carried) that the report of the Committee and the four recommendations, namely that of four issues, a ten percent increase in rates, increased postage and a budget of \$10,800.00 be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Consideration was called to a review of Code 2, with it being emphasized by both Mr. George and Mr. Davis that the Code 2 people be college people. Following further brief discussions relative to qualifications in this category, the matter, by general consensus, was tabled from further consideration and discussion at this point pending further consideration by the two involved committees, namely, Membership and Certification and also possible by-law change consideration, with the understanding that this would again be presented before the Board at a subsequent session.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

Attention was called to the report and the request for a five thousand dollar budget and further request for the furnishing of a credit card to the chairman. In order to gain additional information in relation to these requests from the Chairman of the Committee, further consideration of this report was postponed pending the arrival at the meeting of the committee chairman on the following day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

The activities of Mr. Miller, head of Public Relations, during the past few months were described. It was further indicated that the report contained no actions to be taken by the Board, that, in essence, the report was merely informational because the budget had been approved at a previous board meeting.

CAREER INFORMATION AND SERVICES:

Attention was called to the previously submitted report and budget request, after which it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the report and the proposed budget for this Committee be accepted.

Mr. Poindexter, in subsequently reporting on the activities of this Committee, called attention to the fact that a new firm was being sought relative to computerizing these services on a new system but that costs were presently too high to warrant the tackling of any new system at this time, especially in view of the fact that it had not been tried before.

A brief discussion ensued as to the present procedure relative to mailing of placement lists to all certified and associate members in the organization, with a motion being made by Mr. Flentje to the effect that the placement list be sent to all Code 1 and 2 members and with the President declaring the motion as having failed for lack of a second.

RESEARCH AND INJURY:

Attention was called to the proposed booth pertaining to this matter to be set up in the convention area, as well as the effect of the new letterhead of the Committee, following which it was:

MOVED (by district 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the report be accepted.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:

Attention was called to the previously furnished report and the progress being made relative to the publication of various items to date by Mr. Malacrea, he further suggesting that the NATA cooperative in relation to the new book to be published by the Academy. By general agreement, any further action on the items and recommendations contained in the report were postponed until a subsequent meeting.

AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and carried) that Mr. T.L. Harrington be made NATA Liaison Representative to this organization.

LIAISON REPORT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OF PEDIATRICS

The Committee on the Pediatric Aspects of Physical Fitness, Recreation, and Sports of the American Association of Pediatrics met at Academy headquarters in Evanston, Illinois on April 30 - May 1. Committee members in attendance were:

Melvin L. Thornton, M.D., Chairman
San Antonio, Texas

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| Gloria D. Eng, M.D. | Thomas G. Flynn |
| Chevy Chase, Maryland | New Canaan, Connecticut |
| Thomas E. Shaffer, M.D. | Nathan J. Smith, M.D. |
| Columbus, Ohio | Seattle, Washington |
| John C. Tower, M.D. | William B. Strong, M.D. |
| Anchorage, Alaska | Augusta, Georgia |

LIAISON

Lucille Burkett, A.A.H.P.E.R.
Dave Arnold, National Federation
Richard F. Malacrea, N.A.T.A.

GUESTS

Kenneth C. Clarke, NAIRS
Richard L. Hoover, Center for Sports Medicine, Northwestern University

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Clarke presented their respective programs to the Committee. Both reports were well received and the programs were felt to be of real value in the future of the delivery of good health care to the athlete. Mr. Hoover reported on the history and development of the Center for Sports Medicine and that the Cook County Board of Education has granted funds to support fifty teachers from the Chicago area, for the first summer program of the Center for Sports Medicine at Northwestern University. Mr. Clarke reported that, at the present time, N.A.I.R.S. could handle an additional fifty high schools if the Committee were able to encourage the funding, by each Chapter, for one high school in each state. It was the feeling of the Committee that the N.A.I.R.S. program was well conceived and effectively administered.

Dr. Shaffer reported on his liaison with N.A.T.A. and spoke of high regard for the level of training and capability of the athletic trainer. He highlighted the high standards required by the certification process. It was his hope that the athletic trainer would, in the future, be more closely affiliated with medicine and medical facilities during the didactic and clinical phases of his/her education. A brief discussion on certification of coaches in emergency care followed. Dr. Shaffer also reported on the maturity scales that he and the New York State Department of Interscholastic Athletics have developed. He reported that the most reliable indicator for males is the development of pubic hair.

Dave Arnold described the change in the rules on blocking and tackling regarding initial contact with the head. He went on to emphasize the positive work of the National Federation in this area and the film produced, to depict acceptable methods of blocking and tackling, for those coaches who had not been exposed to anything other than "butting" or "sticking".

I reported to the Committee on the need for athletic trainers to have a more solid legislative base from which to operate. The Committee was informed of the ad hoc committee that was formed to develop a piece of model legislation that could be adopted to meet the particular needs of individual states. The Committee was appraised of the importance of support of the medical community

when these pieces of legislation are brought before the various state houses. It was my feeling that the Committee had a very positive attitude toward that call for support and may be called upon to enlist aid at the Chapter (state) level.

A number of different drafts for statements from the Committee were presented with corrections, additions, and editing. (Copies enclosed.) One draft entitled "Emergency (On the Field) Treatment of Athletic Injuries" is intended to be a booklet or pamphlet to be distributed to all members of the Academy. It was conceived so that the physician who suddenly finds himself being thrust on the football field on Saturday afternoon has a "back pocket bible" to rely on when he receives the call on Friday evening. The draft has had several editorial comments and it was the Committee's strong desire that this be a joint undertaking with the N.A.T.A. Publication sponsorship was also discussed and the Committee would be interested in sources suggested by N.A.T.A., along with those which regularly support Academy publications.

After scanning the draft it was readily apparent, to me, that there would be several areas of editing, rewriting, and additional inclusion that would be helpful in making a more complete guide for the physician, who is a "rookie", in the area of immediate care of the injured athlete.

A series of articles appearing in the New York Times (copies enclosed) was discussed. There was a question as to the appropriateness of a response to the original article at this late date. The Committee felt that this article, as well as the follow-up articles were still a very viable issue and could be answered or commented upon as individual physicians at this time.

Dr. Flynn presented his model program for a Chapter of the Academy (copy enclosed) and recommended that this type of a program be rotated or given at various sites in the state so that a greater number of people may be reached. He also discussed the need to develop a Committee on Sports Medicine in each Chapter and the need to increase the role of the pediatrician in the care of the young athlete.

A short discussion followed the presentation of the draft entitled "The Juvenile Diabetic and Physical Fitness". There was some question on the advisability of recommending specialized camps as opposed to having the child learn to live in an unprotected environment, as is recommended in other statements of the Committee.

A spin-off of the booklet, that the Committee would like to jointly sponsor with the N.A.T.A., was the proposal to write a book on the guidelines for communities and schools in developing programs of health care for the athlete. A rough outline was drawn up and the feasibility will be investigated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Continued liaison with the A.A.P. and the Committee on Physical Fitness, Recreation and Sports.
- (2) Seek chapter support, through the Committee, when entering enabling legislation for the athletic trainer at the state level.
- (3) Cooperation with the Committee on the booklet "Emergency (On the Field) Treatment of Athletic Injuries."

Richard F. Malacrea, P.T., A.T.C.

May 20, 1976

AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION:

Following indication that the report was of an informational nature only and there being no action necessary on the part of the Board, it was:

MOVED (by Distric 5, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the report be accepted.

REPORT ON A.C.H.A. MEETING

Denver, Colorado
April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1976

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the American College Health Association was held in Denver, Colorado, at the Denver-Hilton Hotel on April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1976.

Richard B. Shaara, M.D., director of University Health Service, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, presided as chairman of the Athletic Medicine Section Meeting.

The attendance at each of the sessions was very good. Standing room only was the situation at all the talks. Attendance at the Athletic Medicine Section continues to grow and is one of the best attended of all the sections.

Judson E. Hair, M.D., director of Redfern Health Center, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, discussed "Intangibles in Evaluating Athletic Inquiries." Dr. Hair stressed that no matter how many times the athlete comes in for a consultation you must always treat him as a severe case.

Donald Cooper, M.D., director of Student Hospital and Clinic, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, gave his usual outstanding paper. Dr. Cooper stressed in his talk that each person has dignity. Dr. Cooper suggested the say-it-back technique, "... is this what you are saying?"

Major P. Gladden, M.D., university physician, Athletics, Howard University, Washington, D.C., chairman-elect of the Athletic Medicine Section, served as program chairman. Many compliments were heard concerning the outstanding job that Dr. Gladden did in bringing together the program.

John D. Leidholt, M.D., Denver Orthopedic Clinic, Denver, Colorado, was the luncheon speaker. Dr. Leidholt gave a slide presentation and discussed "Follow-up of Ankle Injuries in the Professional Athlete."

Dr. Shaara complimented Roy Don Wilson, athletic trainer, University of Kentucky, for his outstanding contribution to the "Report of the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and the Medical Aspects of Sports." Dr. Shaara was also excellent.

As always, the Athletic Medicine Section of the A.C.H.A. meeting was great. These people are very concerned with the athletic trainer and our situations. It is always a pleasure to visit with this group and to represent the NATA to the A.C.H.A.

James E. Dodson
NATA Representative to
the A.C.H.A.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE:

The report by Dr. Gary Delforge was presented to the Board in reference to the American College of Sports Medicine as follows:

May 19, 1976

TO: Board of Directors National Athletic Trainers Association
FROM: Gary Delforge
RE: Report of Representation at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual
Past Liaison Activities
with ACSM

For the past several years, the NATA has been represented at the ACSM Annual meeting. I have represented the NATA for the past seven years: 1970 in Albuquerque, New Mexico; 1971 in Toronto, Canada; 1972 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 1973 in Seattle, Washington; 1974 in Knoxville, Tennessee; and 1975 in New Orleans, Louisiana; 1976 in Anaheim, California.

Developments During 1976 ACSM Meeting

Your NATA representative, along with Sayers "Bud" Miller who was also in attendance, discussed with Dr. Dave Costill, ACSM President for 1975-76, the future and involvement of the athletic trainer in the ACSM. Dr. Costill was very receptive to suggestions and ideas presented to him. Among those areas discussed were (1) increased involvement of Certified Athletic Trainers as program speakers, especially in those sessions and symposiums conducted by the Medical Section of the ACSM, (2) increased athletic trainer membership in the ACSM, and (3) eligibility of the Certified Athletic Trainer for advancement to Fellow in the ACSM. Some of the problems and barriers to increased involvement of the athletic trainer in ACSM activities were discussed. Follow-up communication between your NATA representative and Dr. Costill will further explore possible ways to encourage further involvement of the athletic trainer.

As per the request of Otho Davis, NATA Executive Director, the subject of state licensing of athletic trainers was discussed with Dr. Costill in an attempt to elicit support from the ACSM. Dr. Costill expressed his willingness to bring this matter before the ACSM Board of Trustees at such time that the NATA is ready to make a formal request for support. Follow-up communication will be conducted with Dr. Costill on this matter as plans for state licensing of athletic trainers develop further.

Clinical Program

Several excellent lectures and symposia of special interest to the athletic trainer and team physician were presented. These included sessions on stress fractures, injuries of the knee, the child athlete and recognition and treatment of common athletic injuries. As has been the case for the past several years, the ACSM has continued to expand its program to include topics dealing directly with the management of athletic injuries and illnesses. It was discouraging to note, however, that no athletic trainers were included as program speakers at the 1976 meeting. Your representative plans to communicate with Dr. Costill, ACSM President; Dr. Sam Fox, Vice-President Medical Section; and Dr. John Boyer, 1977 Program Chairman in an attempt to encourage inclusion of athletic trainers on the clinical program.

Attendance of NATA Members

Attendance of NATA members at the ACSM Annual Meeting continues to be relatively poor. Those observed to be in attendance included Bill Chambers, Fullerton Junior College; Sayers "Bud" Miller, Penn State; Robert Hand, California State Polytechnic College; and Bob Moore, San Diego State; and Dan Arnheim, California State, Long Beach.

Increased attendance of athletic trainers should be encouraged in an effort to influence the content of program offerings at the ACSM Annual Meeting.

ACSM Membership Committee Appointment

For the past three academic years, your liaison representative has served as a member of the ACSM Membership Committee with the specific responsibility of recruitment of athletic trainers for ACSM membership. Appointment to this committee has been extended for a fourth year.

Arrangements were made for display of the ACSM "mini-exhibit" at the 1975 NATA meeting in Anaheim. This exhibit, developed by the ACSM Membership Committee, is specifically for the purpose of membership recruitment. Several personal invitations to join the ACSM were extended to athletic trainers during the 1975-76 academic year. Despite these efforts, response to recruitment efforts among athletic trainers has been relatively slow.

Justification for Continuation of Liaison Representation to ACSM

In my opinion, continued liaison representation to the ACSM is desirable. After review of my justification report of May 6, 1975, I find that this report remains valid (see attached copy). In addition, I would add that future support from influential groups such as the ACSM may become increasingly important in view of the many developments in the professional growth of athletic training (ie, licensing, etc.) NATA representation, I believe, is a justifiable investment if for this reason alone.

It is my definite opinion that NATA liaison with the ACSM should continue with a single NATA representative who can attend the annual meeting on a continual basis. This opinion is based primarily on the fact that most ACSM offices are rotated each year and that, because of these yearly changes, it would be most difficult for a rotating NATA representative to establish on-going meaningful communication with ACSM offices. It is very difficult even with a continuing NATA representative. Effecting change in the ACSM internal organizational structure and the clinical program to enhance involvement of the athletic trainer can best be accomplished by a continuing NATA representative over a reasonable period of time.

Should I personally continue as NATA representative I hope to exert some influence through my continued membership on the ACSM Membership Committee. I should also note that Dr. Jack Wilmore a member of the ACSM Board of Trustees and a long-time influential member of the ACSM has recently been appointed Head of the Department of Physical Education at the University of Arizona. I am optimistic about the possibility that my future close professional relationship with Dr. Wilmore can be utilized to further enhance NATA liaison and communication with the ACSM.

LIAISON REPORT ON THE AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION May 1, 1976

The American Corrective Therapy Association will be holding its national convention July 12-16 at St. Petersburg Beach Florida. Listed in their tentative program is a presentation by E. Larry Harrington, A.T.C. & C.C.T., entitled "Athletic Training in Corrective Therapy." Because of high travel expense it is recommended to the N.A.T.A. Board to contact Mr. Harrington and that he be asked to represent the N.A.T.A. at the American Corrective Therapy Convention in July.

There is a tremendous amount of rehabilitation work done in athletic training, and because it is exercise oriented, I recommend to the N.A.T.A. Board that we should continue our Liaison representative and our relationship with the American Corrective Therapy Association. The A.C.T.A. Training available at V.A. hospitals enables trainers to obtain good basic rehabilitation experience that can be a major factor in their effectiveness as an athletic trainer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Fair, A.T.C., C.C.T.
Oklahoma State University

REPORT ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION July 19-25, 1975

The American Corrective Therapy Conference was opened with a keynote-luncheon address that was given by David Ser, President of the A.C.T.A., 1962-63, and Kirk Hodges, A.C.T.A. President Elect. At 1:00 p.m., the Corrective Therapy Certification Exam was administered at the V.A. Research Hospital in Chicago.

I will not draw out this report by discussing each presentation on the conference agenda. I will comment only on those which I feel are of particular interest. During the morning session on July 22, Carl Eichstaedt, P.H.D., C.C.T., Assistant Professor of H.P.E.R., Illinois State University, presented a multi-media presentation (slides, super 8 film, taped music and oratory) on the Adaptive Physical Education Program at Deerfield High School, Deerfield, Illinois. Dr. Eichstaedt stated that adaptive physical education and corrective therapy are the same and differ only in their setting. He suggested that adaptive physical education should be a non-graded program, which is success oriented, safe, individualized (small class size) and diversified; thereby allowing for many different interests. The multi-media presentation was entertaining, informative, and was emotionally moving; all of which made it an excellent public relations tool. This was the first time I have had the opportunity to watch the multi-media concept. It was very impressive.

In the afternoon session, I replaced Richard A. Silver, M.D., who was to discuss corrective therapy as it relates to sportsmedicine. I spoke on "Corrective Therapy and Athletic Training," in which discussion I went through an average day in the training room and pointed out where my corrective therapy training has helped me. Although I stressed some of the similarities between athletic training and corrective therapy, I also stressed the importance of in-service training.

Later that afternoon, a Kent State University classmate of mine, Cheryl Gooding, C.C.T., presented a paper on "Rehabilitation of Total Hip Replacement." She demonstrated an appliance which prevents adduction and decubitus ulcers in patients confined to their beds.

Roger Pesch, M.D., gave an informative talk on the "Stages of Mental Adaptation to Severe Injury." Although the stages are not as pronounced as in a debilitating injury, I feel these stages could relate to the injured athlete: especially those who must undergo surgery. In the first stages, the patient is disoriented and unable to believe he has been injured. He is in a stage of fear and shock. In the second stage the patient, during the process of assessing the situation, develops anger, depression and realization of his loss. Dr. Pesch stated that the patient must realize and mourn his loss so that he can successfully begin his rehabilitation. The third stage is when the patient is ready to rejoin the community, continue his rehabilitation and return to the activities he is capable of performing.

Paul E. Conte, C.C.T., gave a demonstration of the aquatic wheel using educable mentally retarded high school students. The wheel was constructed of aluminum conduit and consisted of two circles held together by four arms radiating from a volleyball standard with an extra large base to keep it from tipping into the water. Swimming pool floats were used to keep the circular conduit afloat. Besides being very effective with the children, this wheel could be used for ambulation training and range-of-motion work for post-operative athletes.

A letter written by Frank George which expressed greetings and the hope that the N.A.T.A. would continue its relationship with the American Corrective Therapy Association was delivered to Mr. Hodges, A.C.T.A. President Elect. Mr. Hodges requested that I relay the A.C.T.A.'s desire to continue the good working relationship established with the N.A.T.A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Fair
Certified Athletic Trainer

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

Discussion ensued relative to the further encroachment of physical therapists, assistants and associates pertaining to the furnishing of various modalities now under the general supervision of the doctor, with possible medical litigation that could result therefrom, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 10, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the report be accepted.

Subject: APTA Liaison Report - June 26, 1975

From: Frank George, NATA Liaison Representative

This year the American Physical Therapy Association's annual meeting was at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California - June 14-20, 1975. The Sportsmedicine Section of the APTA met on June 14, at 8:00 A.M. This was a business meeting only and there were about thirty members present. Four of those present were women, and one objective of the section has been to get more women involved. Elections were held and Ron Peyton, an NATA member was reelected as chairman of the section. The other officers elected were:

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| Vice Chairman | Clem Eischen |
| Secretary | Keith Klemson |
| Treasurer | Trudy Lamb |
| Nominating Committee | Bob Moore - also NATA member |

I was asked again to speak on NATA certification and how therapists would qualify to take the certification examination. I did distribute some copies of the NATA Certification procedures to those who were interested. Also was asked to comment on the need for female athletic trainers and the duties for which they would be responsible.

Bob Moore, who was elected to the nominating committee of this section and is also a member of the editorial board of *Athletic Training*, spoke on the quality and excellence of *Athletic Training*. He suggested to the members of this section, which numbers close to five hundred, that they should subscribe to this journal.

The next meeting of the Sports Medicine Section of the APTA will be in Washington, D.C. on February 6-8, 1976. This meeting will be a seminar on Exercise Physiology and will be co-sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

The clinical sessions of the APTA meeting began on June 16, 1976. Two NATA members were speakers on this program, Larry Standifer, University of Oregon - "Rehabilitation of the Knee: Post Injury and Post Operative," and Frank George - Management of Muscle and Soft Tissue Injuries". I found a great deal of interest among students who would like to do one of their clinical affiliations in a training room. The House of Delegates of the APTA passed a resolution to begin the process of developing certification procedures for specialties in physical therapy. This is in its beginning stages and as it progresses, I will report on this in my liaison report. Ron Peyton, the Director of the Sports Medicine Education Institute will hold his first course in Atlanta, Georgia - July 28 - August 1, 1975. The Title of the course is "Sports Medicine Physical Therapy I, Basic."

ADDITION to the 1976 APTALIAISON REPORT

The following report on APTA Specialization was in the APTA May, 1976 Progress Report:

"Task Force Studies Specialization"

The newly formed Task Force on Clinical Specialization met in late February in Washington. All of APTA's sections requesting participation are represented in the group.

Reviewing its charges from the House and the Board, the 12-member task force worked under the assumption that specialties are to be developed for physical therapy. Some questions were raised, however, if APTA members would really want specialties if all facts were known. Several of the section representatives stated their section membership was opposed to PT specialties.

Richard P. Penna, Secretary of the American Pharmaceutical Association, spoke to the group on the trials, tribulations, pitfalls, and problems encountered by his association in its recent attempt to identify specialties in pharmacy.

During its two-day meeting the task force reviewed models from other associations and established a model for specialization for physical therapy. The proposed areas of specialization identified were musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, and cardiopulmonary.

The group developed a timetable for completion of its work which will include the preparation of a document to accompany its model.

Robert Bartlett, APTA vice president, chaired the meeting. Other members attending, and the sections they represented, were Jack Hofkosh (Administration), Scot Irwin (Cardiopulmonary), Carolyn Erickson (Education), Roger Nelson (SEEM), Stanley Paris (Orthopaedics), Carolyn Heriza (Pediatrics), Ann McColley (Private Practice), Pamela Catlin (Research), Ronald Peyton (Sports Medicine), and Nancy Thompson (State Licensure and Regulation). Sandy Burkart attended as an alternate for the Orthopaedic section. George Soper is member-at-large of the task force, and Robert Teekemeyer is staff liaison for the group.

JOINT COMMISSION ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS:

Brief comments ensued relative to the meeting of

this group in relation to the meeting of the NATA and there being nothing for immediate action of the Board at this time, it was:

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 6, and carried) that the report be accepted.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS:

President George indicated that no report had been received from this group.

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE:

Mr. George indicated that this group had turned down the recommendations of the NATA regarding speering and material to be used to cover hand fractures and amputations, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5 and seconded by District 6 and carried) that the report be accepted.

EQUIPMENT AND INJURIES COMMITTEE Joe Zabilski

The Equipment and Injuries Committee met with the representatives of the Manufacturers Association, the High School Federation and members of the Rules Committee on Monday, January 19.

The following persons were present at this meeting:

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| Cliff Speegle | Chairman, NCAA Football Rules Committee |
| Chalmers Elliott | NCAA Equipment and Injuries Committee |
| Dr. Fred Behling | NCAA Equipment and Injuries Committee |
| Warren Morris | NCAA Equipment and Injuries Committee |
| Jack Hays | Texas High School Coaches Asso. |
| Dick Schafer | National Federation |
| Sam Burke | National Federation |
| Ken Baldwin | National Sporting Goods Asso. |
| G.E. Morgan | Riddell, Inc. |
| Ray Ball | National Federation |
| Gene DaCosse | Wilson Sporting Goods Company |
| Edward M. Milner | Monsanto Company |
| Robert Humphrey | Schutt Manufacturing Company |
| Jack Curtice | AFC A Chairman Football Rules |
| Merrill Greene | Bryan High School Texas |
| Don Beitter | Marietta Manufacturing Company |
| E. William Vickroy | NAIA |
| Maury Real | Rawlings Sporting Goods |
| Del Humphrey | Schutt Manufacturing Company |
| Red Dog Ettinger | Southern Athletics |
| James Corbett | Bike Athletic Products |
| Tom Dempsey | Connecticut Observer |
| Jow | Chairman NCAA Equipment and Injuries Committee |

Statistics relating to college football show evidence that the game is played and coached efficiently. Good balance exists between offense and defense. It has been said that college football has no plans to make any major changes.

Knee surgeries continue to be a major problem in spite of the rules prohibiting blocking below the waist on crack-back blocks, scrimmage kicks and free kicks.

Dental surgery is still of great concern even though the rule relating to mouth protectors has been better enforced.

Head and neck injuries have attracted much attention because of the serious nature of these injuries. Articles have appeared in the New York Times as well as local papers.

The American Football Coaches Association, at its annual meeting in St. Louis, voted not to teach the use of the head as the primary point of contact in blocking and tackling. The coaches also voted against the use of self-propelled, mechanized blocking or tackling apparatus because of undue risk of head and neck injuries.

The coaches also went on record as favoring greater emphasis by coaches, players and officials in eliminating speering.

The NCAA Committee on Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects was grateful to the Football Rules Committee for its positive commitment and actions taken on its recommendations relating to the four-point padded chin strap, torn jerseys, mouth protectors and helmets meeting NOCSAE standards and seal of approval.

Dr. Carl Blyth, president of NOCSAE announced that tests are being conducted on padded head protectors and the results should be available in the very near future.

The National Athletic Reconditioners have joined with NOCSAE. They will determine and pass on helmets offered for reconditioning as to meeting safety standards. They will reject all helmets that cannot meet the NOCSAE test standards and they will use only those replacement parts manufactured by the manufacturer of the original equipment. Substitute parts from other manufacturers shall not be used.

Considerable discussion relating to face mask took place. The possible removal of all face masks was suggested in order to get the face mask and helmet out of blocking and tackling. At a meeting of the AFCA, in which over 700 college football coaches were in attendance, only one voted to remove the face mask and all others voted to retain them.

The following recommendations were made:

1. Knee pads are mandatory for all players and should be worn correctly so that they cover the knees.
2. Hip pads should be included as mandatory equipment.
3. Rules relating to torn jerseys and wearing of mouth protectors to be more strictly enforced.

It was generally felt that the protective equipment worn by today's athletes is the very best and this equipment should be used for the purpose for which they were designed i.e., to protect the wearer and not to be used in a way to hurt an opponent. The athletic manufacturers have contributed much to the sport of football and continue to cooperate in every way to make this a better and safer game.

Statistically, an athlete's injuries could be greatly improved if more institutions would subscribe for the services of NAIRS which is an organization which deals with these types of statistics. It is the National Athletic Injury/Illness Reporting System and administered by Dr. Kenneth Clark of Penn State University. It is subsidized in part by the NCAA, private industry and by those schools that participate in its services. It is similar in some way to NOCSAE. The statistics and information can be improved and the statistics and services can be more meaningful if more cases were reported.

Dr. Joseph Torg of Temple University attended a meeting of Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects Committee in St. Louis and showed movies and slides on 10 cases relating to head and neck injuries. Two of these injuries resulted from self-propelled mechanical devices; the other eight occurred in games or practices. Six of these injuries happened to players who were on defense at the time.

Dr. Torg feels that these injuries are preventable and he proposes that the following rule be made effective as of 1976:

The head and helmet shall not be used as the primary areas of contact in blocking, tackling or running with the ball. A player striking another player with the crown or top of the helmet is in violation of the rule.

He stated that, "we need more than concern - we need effective action." "It is not enough to say that we do not teach kids to block or tackle with their heads." "You can be guilty by omission or commission."

The Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects Committee made the following statements:

- (a) This Committee supports the existing rules
1. Encourages the officials to enforce them.
2. Encourages the coaches to instruct according to the rules and to instruct against improper techniques.
3. Request athletic manufacturers to advertise consistent with techniques according to the rules.
- (b) From reviewing recent evidence, this Committee advises football coaches against the use of self-propelled mechanical blocking and tackling apparatus because of undue risk of head and neck injuries.

It is further recommended that the activating mechanism of such apparatus already in the field be made inoperative.

Joseph Zabilski
Chalmers Elliott
Warren Morris
Dr. Fred Behling

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS:

Attention was called to the report made by Mr. Chambers at the previous Board meeting, with it being indicated by Mr. George that there was nothing further to be acted upon at this time and with the report, by general consensus, merely being accepted in the form of a progress report.

NATIONAL OPERATING COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT:

Attention was called to the prepared report concerning the activities and the progress being made by this organization relative to research and other functions and the status of NATA liaison with this group, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 7, and carried) that NATA Liaison with this group be continued and that Mr. Wall be, at his request, relieved as liaison representative effective at the end of June.

... The meeting was, at this point, recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on the following morning ...

FRIDAY SESSION June 11, 1976

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., with Mr. Frank George, President, presiding, with the additional presence of Mr. Robert White from District 4.

NATIONAL HEAD AND NECK INJURY REGISTRY:

There being no specific discussion regarding this report, it was:

MOVED (by District-6, seconded by District 2, and carried) that this report be accepted and that NATA encourage full cooperation and continued support.

SPORTS SAFETY AND HEALTH CARE SOCIETY:

Attention was called to the submitted report and brief amplifying remarks by Mr. Davis, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 8, and carried) that the report be accepted and that NATA indicate to the Society its continued support.

SCHERING SYMPOSIUM:

Mr. Davis presented a brief outline in relation to the Schering Symposium to be conducted at the forthcoming convention meeting, following which it was suggested that each Director, on behalf of his region, write a letter direct to Mr. Schmeidler of the Schering Corporation, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and carried) that the report be accepted, with encouragement of continued support on the part of NATA.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS:

Discussion ensued relative to the formation of separate state organizations with or without membership tied to NATA and to such advantages from a legislative basis and otherwise and also the effect this would have on the collection of NATA dues. It was also further indicated that there are no provisions in the NATA by-laws at the present time for these associations. It was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 10, and carried by a vote of 7 in favor, Districts 1 and 2 voting in the negative and District 4 abstaining) that the NATA go on record as NOT encouraging the formation of state athletic organizations at this time.

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 5, and carried) the Districts are encouraged to form State Licensure Committees; these committees to be entitled: _____ State Licensure Committee of NATA, District _____; that the committees shall be self-sustaining financially and will be subject to review by the District Director and the District Director, in turn, shall be an ex-officio member of each committee and shall report to the Board of Directors annually on the activities of each committee.

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) to table further discussion on the Olympic Selection Report until the midyear Board of Directors meeting and at that time to invite an official from the USOC to be present to further discuss the matter of selection procedure.

OLYMPIC SELECTION REPORT:

Mr. Malacrea presented a proposal for a selection plan in relation to candidates from all districts, with there following a brief discussion of the pro and con factors relating to this proposal, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) to table further discussion on the Olympic Selection Report until the midyear Board of Directors meeting and at that time to invite an official from the USOC to be present to further discuss the matter of selection procedure.

AAU REPORT:

Mr. Lane commented on his report and recommendations concerning the advantages to the NATA in requesting membership in the AAU. Following brief discussion as to the effect on the NATA of such membership, it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 4, and carried) that the President of NATA contact the President of the AAU for the purpose of a discussion of liaison between the AAU and the NATA, with a report to be made back at the midyear Board meeting.

ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR WOMEN:

Mr. George indicated that there was no report to be made at this time, that there had not been any response to his request for liaison activity and that this group had no active liaison with any other association.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

A brief informational report was rendered by Mr.

Davis on the present status of coverages and premiums relating to the various NATA insurance programs; this then being followed by a brief discussion as to the status of various pending lawsuits involving Athletic Trainers, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the report be approved.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTS LIMITED:

Mr. Davis called attention to the hiring of this firm for the purpose of making audio tapes of the various lecture presentations during the convention for sale to those desiring same, with a brief discussion ensuing as to the copyright value of any material thus obtained, with the opinion being rendered that once the material subsequently recorded had been made public, that present copyright laws did not obtain. It was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 6, and carried) that the report be accepted as informational.

DUPLICATION OF MAILINGS:

Attention was called to the complaint received by Mr. Steve Moore of District 9 regarding the duplicating of mailings received by him and his feeling that there was considerable needless expense connected therewith, he suggesting that perhaps financial savings could be effected by letting these various materials accumulate over a brief period of time and then sending them out in one large envelope. Discussion brought forth the feeling that while, under present postal rates such a procedure might save a cent or two per mailing, it would cost additionally for any large envelopes and other materials that would be utilized. It was:

MOVED (by District 9, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the Executive Director be instructed to discuss this matter with Mrs. Franklin and, if need be, perhaps an appropriate alternate method worked out in this regard.

PRO-RATED DUES FOR DISTRICT TRANSFER:

Attention was called to the request of Mr. Moore from District 9 regarding this matter and the reminder that this matter had also been previously discussed, it being indicated that in the majority of instances, so little financially was involved that the effort to enter into such an arrangement would not be worthwhile. It was:

MOVED (by District 10, seconded by District 4, and carried) that no action be considered for any pro-rating of dues.

CONVENTION REPORT:

Mr. Hoover briefly reported on current convention attendance figures, the various problems being encountered and the proposal for the writing of a Convention Manual of Procedure. He likewise discussed escalating convention costs and a possible increase in convention fees to offset some of these costs. He further discussed the restructuring of this large committee by "duty" function, with the possibility of having a sub-chairman for each group, such as "banquets", "registration" and the like, with this individual appointed on a national basis to work with the corresponding individual appointed at the local level. It was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 2, and carried) to approve the convention chairman's request for a committee change to read: "National Convention Chairman; National Banquet Chairman; National Awards and Gifts Representative; National Registration Representative; National Allied Meeting Representative and National Entertainment Representative and that the by-laws be revised to provide for this change.

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and carried) that the budget as recommended by Mr. Hoover be approved.

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 7, and carried) to approved Mr. Hoover's request for a convention booklet to be developed prior to the January Board meeting.

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 4, and carried) to approve the revised procedure in No. 3 in attachment D on page 2 of the Committee's report.

At this point, the motion previously made by Mr. Flentje to not change the certification procedure for two years was, in accordance with regular motion, removed from the table, voted upon and carried.

TUESDAY SESSION June 15, 1976

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Frank George presiding and with Mr. Cash Birdwell being present as the newly elected Director from District 6 and with Mr. Herman Bunch being presented as the newly elected Director from District 3.

Mr. Hoover, in subsequently again reporting on the activities and problems of this Committee at this session, brought forth for consideration of the Board the matter of refund of pre-registration fees in relation to those not attending the convention, the increasing costs pertaining

to convention functions and charging for various entertainment functions.

Following a lengthy and entailed discussion concerning these various items and pro and con comments by the Board members relating thereto, rather than any definite motions being made concerning any of these items, it was the consensus that Mr. Hoover would take the various suggestions offered as guides to be used by him in the planning of next year's convention and with an opportunity for him to present any concrete recommendations for Board action at its midyear meeting.

1980 CONVENTION SITE:

Following the presentation of the City of Columbus, Ohio as a site to be considered for the 1980 convention and a detailed slide presentation by representatives from the Sheraton Hotel at Philadelphia as to the advantages of Philadelphia as the 1980 convention site, it was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 3, and carried) that the 1980 convention session be held at Philadelphia.

STATE CHAPTERS:

MOVED (by District 2 and seconded by District 4) that the by-laws of the NATA be amended to allow for the formation of State Chapters, following which it was MOVED (by District 5, severally seconded and carried) that any further discussion of this matter be tabled until the January Board meeting.

ETHICS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Diehm called attention to the proposed new Code of Ethics guidelines as promulgated by the Committee. A brief discussion ensued relative to Section 4 thereof, it being:

MOVED (by District 7, seconded by District 5, and carried) by a vote of eight in the affirmative and two abstentions) that in Section 4, the words "National Team Trainer" be deleted and all after the word "matter".

It was likewise agreed that the Board members would take home with them these newly proposed guidelines for perusal at their leisure and if they had any changes to offer, to communicate them to Mr. Davis, who, in turn, would get them out to the other Board members, with all of this material to then again be considered at the January Board meeting for final action.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. McLean called attention to the several items presented for Board action. It was:

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 5, and carried) that Mr. Carl Krein be approved as a replacement for Mr. Altott on the Committee.

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 4, and carried) that the Certification Committee be given approval to develop the recommendation for a seal as outlined by the Committee.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Miller called attention to the various recommendations as contained in the report. It was:

MOVED (by District 4, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the Curriculum Program in relation to the University of Pittsburgh be approved.

MOVED (by District 7, seconded by District 10, and carried) that the recommendation concerning the California State College curriculum and the recommendation that Mr. Bell be appointed Program Director be approved.

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and with a vote of eight in favor and Districts 4 and 3 abstaining) that the University of Nevada curriculum submission be disapproved until such time as they meet NATA requirements of at least two Certified Athletic Trainers.

MOVED (by District 10, seconded by District 9, and carried) to accept the recommendation of the Committee regarding the dropping of the program at Slippery Rock State College for lack of a certified Athletic Trainer in the position of clinical supervisor.

MOVED (by District 4, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the one-man visitation team to a school be increased to two individuals.

MOVED (by District 4, seconded by District 5, and carried) that an annual report be submitted by an approved curriculum institution to the Education Committee.

MOVED (by District 7, seconded by District 8 and carried) that the NATA, in accordance with the recommendation of HEW, set up a Board of Appeals for curriculum rejection reviews.

MOVED (by District 4, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the faculty education program for trainers at Northwestern University be approved.

MOVED (by District 7, seconded by District 4, and carried) to approved the Berkshire Sports Medicine Institute Program, the vote be six in favor, one in opposition, with abstentions by Districts 9, 8 and 6.

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 8 and carried) that Parts A, B and C of the Committee's recommendation concerning workshop sessions be approved.

The Board further considered the recommendation relative to a Study Guide, with it being:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 9, and carried) that Mr. Miller be given authority to explore this idea and report any further developments back to the Board at its midyear meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 4 and unanimously carried) that the Board back the membership of the Joint Commission insofar as practical.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be handled at this time, the meeting was, at 4:30 p.m. adjourned sine die.

At this point Mr. Davis presented the minutes of the first Board meeting to the members (These appear on the preceding pages of this report.)

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION Monday Morning Session June 14, 1976

The Annual Business Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association was convened in the Grand Ballroom, Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, at eleven forty-five o'clock a.m., Mr. Frank George, President, presiding.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let us open our meeting with a prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us together today. Please send us your guidance in order to help us with making decisions which will insure the growth and effectiveness of our Association. Please instill in us the ability to perform our duties as athletic trainers. Amen.

Now, may I have a motion to dispense with the roll call?

... It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the roll call be dispensed with...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would now like to have approval of the minutes of the 1975 Business Meeting.

These minutes have been published in the NATA Journal, Athletic Training, and may I now have a motion for those minutes to be approved.

... It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the 1975 minutes as published be approved.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would now like to introduce to you Otho Davis, Executive Director of the NATA, to give us the report of the Treasurer.

MR. OTHO DAVIS: Thank you, Frank. The Treasurer's report was approved by your Board of Directors on June 10, 1976, the first Board meeting, as follows:

Receipts on hand from June, 1975, \$13,932.30.
Revenue received until May 15, 1976, was \$134,266.15.
Disbursements for the same period of time were \$135,437.80.

Balance in the general fund on May 15, 1976 was \$12,760.65.

Assets, certification account, \$9,518.38. This reflects income received from the Board of Certification for candidates to take their examination in March, June and at the August meetings. These expenses have not been paid as yet.

Regarding the Journal Committee, Account "A", in the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina, \$186.05.

Journal Account "B", in the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina, \$692.35.

Preregistration financial statement for the 1976 Convention. The account is in the First National Bank of South Carolina, Clemson, South Carolina, \$13,082.40.

NATA has the following accounts in the Philadelphia National Bank.

5.5 percent savings certificate, \$40,000; 5.5 percent savings certificate, \$10,000; 5.5 percent savings certificate, \$5,000; passbook savings, \$109.36, for a total of \$55,109.36 deposited in savings with the Philadelphia National Bank.

A resume of the Treasurer's accounts, as was approved by your Board, was as follows:

General Fund Account, \$12,760.65.
Certification Account, \$9,518.38.
Journal Account, \$186.05.
Journal Account, \$692.35.
Convention Account, \$13,082.40.
\$55,109.36 at the Philadelphia National Bank.

Total Assets for NATA are presently \$91,349.73. This is a reflection of a 32.6 percent financial increase over 1975-1976 and your Association also has a 17.21 percent increase of membership during this same period of time.

From 1972 to 1976, the Association has grown by seventy percent financially and forty-nine point six percent by membership.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: May I have a motion to accept the report of the Treasurer?

...It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the report of the Treasurer be accepted...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We will now have Special Committee reports and the first one is the Memorial Resolution. If there are any members of the Association who would like to be forward a Memorial Resolution, we will have it put in the minutes of this meeting and it will be published in the Journal.

Are there any Memorial Resolutions? I know there are at least three that have already been brought forward?

If you will all stand for a moment of silence to our members and friends who have passed on during this past year, we will appreciate it.

...The membership arose in a moment of silent tribute...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you very much.

I would now like to call on Porky Morgan, Chairman of the Twenty-Five Year Award Committee, to announce the recipients of the Twenty-Five Year Award, who will be presented with their awards at the banquet tomorrow evening.

MR MORGAN: The Twenty-Five Year recipients for this year are Francis Stannard, H. N. Thomas, George Anderson, Robert K. Brown, Edward A. Coppola, Joseph J. Stanitis, Fred Wappel, Andrew Sivess, Eddie Lane, Robert C. White, Tom Wilson, Jack Butoric and Z. M. MelBlickenstaff.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Porky.

I would now like to call on George Sullivan to announce the Honorary Award recipients and the Citizens Savings Hall of Fame Award.

MR GEORGE SULLIVAN: Tomorrow night we will get to personally accept the following into the Hall of Fame: Lorian F. "Tow" Diehn, M. K. "Kenny" Howard, Victor D. Racine, and Gayle Robinson.

Also, for Honorary Membership, we have Dr. Victor Ippolito, M.D. of Cleveland, Ohio and the Cleveland Brown Football Club and a gentleman by the name of Dr. W.W. Patti, Ph.D of Indiana University, founder of the first post graduate curriculum for athletic training.

I would also like to announce that Henry Schmidt of Santa Clara will be given special consideration for fifty years as an athletic trainer, this to also be presented to him at the banquet tomorrow evening.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, George.

Now, I am also pleased to announce again that the Cramer Products Company has again given us \$250 for the William E. Newell Award and the winner this year is Caren Maery Frame of Runnemede, New Jersey. This award will be made at the banquet.

I would also like to introduce Mr. Jim Cody of the Betcon-Dickinson Protective Products who has been most generous in providing us fifteen hundred dollars in the form of a scholarship to be used in relation to the President's Challenge Award. This is used for research in sports medicine. Therefore, I would like to introduce to you now Mr. Cody from Protective Products.

...The award was presented by Mr. Cody to President George to be represented to its recipient at the banquet.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It is really a pleasure to receive this award on behalf of NATA. We have received a lot of national publicity in many, many magazines because of this particular award. Thank you very much.

Now, I would like to have Lindsay McLean come forward and announce the winners of the Eddie Wojceki Scholarship Awards.

MR McLEAN: The recipients of the Eddie Wojceki Scholarship Awards as presented by Larson Laboratories of Erie, Pennsylvania, is a \$250 grant to each person.

The recipients are Ann Garziadie of Pelham, New York and Douglas Brand of Pullman, Washington.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now I will ask Pinky Newell to come forward and announce the winners of the 1976 NATA Scholarships.

MR NEWELL: The winners are as follows:

For the Robert H. Gunn Scholarship - William Michael Sherman, Ohio University.

For the Undergraduate Scholarship, Robert Neil Evers.

For the Postgraduate Scholarship, Donald Lee Kaverman.

I would also like to say that there is a new award this year given by the Association from District No. 4, the Living Memorial Scholarship Award, received by William Michael Sherman and I am also pleased to announce that this morning, George T. Scott was given the Committee on Grants and Scholarships Annual Scholarship of \$500 for undergraduate scholarships starting in 1977. This will be submitted to the Board for approval.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Pinky.

I would now like to again call on Otho Davis to come forward and give the individual awards in recognition of

the work done for this national convention...whereupon Mr. Davis presented the NATA Award of Appreciation to the Convention Committee Members.

MR DAVIS: Will Mel Blickenstaff please come forward.

As all of you may or may not know, Mel has been a very diligent and very hard working Chairman in relation to the establishment of our Recruitment Committee. He has been the Chairman of this committee since its inception and this year has requested that he be replaced. He is going to spend some time at the lake and do a little more fishing and painting on that cottage that he has up there.

At this time we would like to recognize Mel with the NATA Award of Appreciation for his continued efforts in the establishment of the Recruitment Committee.

...The membership applauded as Mr. Blickenstaff received his award...

MR BLICKENSTAFF: I hate to admit this, but the calendar says that tomorrow I will be sixty years of age. It has been a lot of fun. I have enjoyed this.

I have had letters, I think, from almost all over the world. There have been about 120,000 brochures that have gone out and the people that requested information varied from seventh graders to people with doctor's degrees. This also included therapists who wanted to know how they could become trainers.

We have them all coming in and now all we have to do is to find them some jobs.

It has been great and I have enjoyed it but I think a younger man can do a better job and I know that Fred Kelly, Dartmouth College is going to keep things going. He is a very dedicated individual and so we are not going backward, we are going forward.

Thank you very much. (Applause)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Otho.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes as read?

...It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the minutes as presented approved...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The minutes will be published in the Journal.

I would now like to recognize our present Board of Directors.

District No. 1, Wesley Jordan.

District No. 2, Richard Malacrea.

District No. 3, Craig Lewellyn.

District No. 4, Robert C. White.

District No. 5, William W. Flentje.

District No. 6, Eddie Lane.

District No. 7, Warren H. Lee.

District No. 8, William H. Chambers.

District No. 9, Eugene Smith.

District No. 10, Richard Melhart.

Let us all give them a hand for the good year's work they have all done. (Applause)

We will have four new Board members this year and they are as follows:

District No. 3, Herman Bunch of North Carolina State.

District No. 6, Cash Birdwell, Southern Methodist University.

District No. 9, Tom Wall, University of Tennessee.

District No. 10, Larry Standifer, University of Oregon.

And now, at this time, I would like to say a few words to all of you.

I would first like to express my thanks to Ortho Davis, our Executive Director, for the many hours he gives us.

I would also like to thank the various members of the Board of Directors, the Committee Chairmen and the committee members and District Secretaries for the great amount of work they do for NATA. These men are really dedicated and we really depend upon them.

The Association also appreciates the efforts of Koko Kasabian, Jack Baynes, Joe Borden and Karl Krein, the Committee Chairmen for this particular convention.

I would also like to thank the Association membership for reelecting me as President of NATA.

There are three members here today who are the Assistants at Brown University and they are Joe Castro, Joanne Dolemacchio and Ed Jonnil because it is only through their assistance and willingness to be responsible for many of my duties at Brown University that I have been able to continue in this position and for that I sincerely thank them. (Applause)

Also, I sincerely mean it when I say we are an Association which depends upon its volunteer workers. There are few associations whose members are as dedicated to a profession as the NATA member is.

Today, I would like to extend a special thanks to Mel Blickenstaff, who resigned as Chairman of the Recruitment Committee, now the Information and Services Committee. He has worked as the Chairman of that Committee since its inception and he has spent many years on the Education Committee and he was also a District Director and, Mel, we thank you.

As an Association, we have been making great strides to improve the profession of athletic training. As an Association, we have tried to provide a number of different services through the membership.

In the past year, the NATA formed a state Licensure Committee, the goal of which is to develop a model piece

of legislation and guidelines for implementing this legislation. We paid for legal advice and for committee expenses to develop this legislation and guidelines.

In doing this, we had essentially one goal in mind -- that is, to protect the athletic trainer through legislation so that we can perform our daily responsibility legally. That is to say, many of us are not protected by law in doing some of the things we do. We should be. Other professions are.

The legislation which has been written also prevents unqualified people calling themselves athletic trainers.

Licensure of this type cannot be done on a national or a district level. It must be done in each state, on an individual state basis.

I am sure you all read the recent articles which vividly pointed out the need for this type of a license. The time has come. Each state must organize a licensure committee and approach your state legislators with this license. Do not expect it to be easy or to have it pass on the first attempt, for this would be extremely lucky. However, keep at it, because success will come on subsequent attempts. However, now is the time -- we cannot wait any longer.

Now is the time for athletic trainers to receive payment for many of the favors we did in the past -- the free lectures and talks to the Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce, the free treatments to influential alumnae, the representative or governor, who is one of your athletes. Now is the time they must be approached.

Please let us not have any misunderstandings. This law does not make anyone or any school hire an athletic trainer. It is not that kind of a law. It is a law which will legally protect us in our responsibility of preventing and treating athletic injuries. It is no more and it is no less.

It will take a strong effort on members in each state to have your legislature pass this law.

As you know, some of the states have begun to form state committees to assist them in organizing. NATA will cooperate and assist those state licensure committees in any way possible. However, NATA must insist that members of any state athletic trainers committee must also be an NATA member.

NATA has borne the burden of expense and, therefore, it is only fair to its members to insist on this.

Bob Behnke is the Chairman of our NATA Licensure Committee and I think when you see the work that he has done, when you see what a wonderful product he has turned out, when you see the comments the lawyers and legislators that read that particular model legislation, you will be extremely pleased. It is a marvelous piece of work and Bob did a wonderful job on it and so I hope to see many of you at that meeting.

It is the most important thing, I believe, that has come before NATA since I have been involved with this body, which is prior to 1970.

The time has come, we have to protect ourselves, we have to protect the students in our programs and, further, when they get out, they have to have a license that says that they can do the things they are teaching them to do. Also, you have to be protected.

Now, while we are talking about protecting ourselves, hopefully, you will also take advantage of the professional liability insurance which is available through the Association. I am not an insurance salesman. The Association is not realizing any profit in relation to this program. However, it gives us excellent coverage for a very low premium.

More and more trainers are being exposed to professional liability suits. Protect yourself with this relatively low investment.

Please also support our Journal advertisers and exhibitors. They are the people who supply us with the amount of money through which are able to provide the services we do provide.

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let your District Director know.

I am going to call for any new business. Is there any new business to be brought before the Association?

MR. JOHN SCIERA: I was wondering whether or not, from the floor here, there would be the possibility that the organization encourage the formation of state associations. I think other organizations, such as the AMA, the nurses, the teachers, etc., have organized this way. They are organized by states, they are organized into districts, organized nationally.

I think that the NATA should encourage this type of structure and, therefore, I would like to bring this to the floor for consideration.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Basically what I asked you to do was to form a State Licensure Committee in each state, with basically one goal, and that is a goal of getting a license passed in your state.

If you talk to the trainers in Texas and know how secure they are in their position and in their fairness of having a license to protect them, to allow them to do the things they do, when I think you will realize how important a license is.

Now, as I understand it, John has made a recommendation that each state form an athletic trainers

association.

In other words, in his particular state, they have the New York Athletic Trainers Association.

Our Board, however, voted that particular structure down. In other words, the Board decided they did not want a different state athletic trainers association in every state. I think probably the biggest thing we were against was that the state member then would have to pay state dues -- he would have to pay District dues and then would have to pay also the national dues.

Also, I believe John indicated this would not have to be compulsory at the state level but, again, this is not much of an association at the state level if dues were not compulsory.

Therefore, I would like to ask Bruce Melin how we go about this. Bruce is our Parliamentarian.

MR. MELIN: Was there a motion made?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I don't think so, not up to this point. However, I will recognize John for a motion if he desires to make one.

MR. SCIERA: I would like to make a motion that NATA favor the formation of state organizations, those that are inclined to do so.

... The motion was severally seconded...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion is that NATA encourage those states inclined to do so to form their own state athletic trainers associations.

Right now, in relation to the structure of our Constitution and Bylaws, we are allowed to have the National Association and a structure of ten Districts.

The motion has been seconded. Is there any discussion as to the formation of a State Athletic Trainers Association? The discussion may come from the Board as well.

Is there any discussion on this particular motion?

FROM THE FLOOR: Yes.

One of the things we must be aware of when we start talking about licensure is that is that each state will have to supervise its own licensure and control and that without a state organization of some kind going above and beyond the committee, it is going to be very difficult to actually control our own licensure in our own state. It is going to have to be self-policing.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there more discussion on this?

I will recognize Cash Birdwell, Director of District No. 6.

MR. CASH BIRDWELL: That is a good thought and that was originally the thought of the State of Texas -- that they would govern themselves. However, as they found out, when they went to the state, as money gets tighter you will find out that if you can get in and get it into the committee, they are not going to want to set you up in your own organization, I am afraid, and give you a budget, because they are going to use the excuse of tight money and, rightfully so, it probably is.

What they are going to try to do, as in the State of Texas, they passed a law that put that into the Department of Health Resources, which was already budgeted, already had a Director, had secretaries, already had state investigators and trainers. Therefore, there was not budget involved. Therefore, you will see there will not be a need for money because they are not going to want to budget you -- they are going to want to put you in an agency that already has a budget and already has all of the people and the payroll.

Their reaction in relation to the trainers was that this could get so big that they would have to hire a Director, get office space, have to hire secretaries and all of that. They believe that the budget would grow whereas, if they can put you into an already existing organization along these lines and keep it free in the budget, it will likewise grow.

MEMBER: I understand that aspect of it but the coordination of reporting to state agencies requires some coordination with the state. Without a state organization, I don't know how you get communication.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You keep saying "Without a state organization".

I have strongly recommended, I have almost begged you to form a state organization but, as the Board has directed me to tell you, we want it to be a licensure committee.

The state organizations that have formed have formed with the Ethics Committee, with the Education Committee, with the Research and Injury Committee and at the present time the National Association feels that the state does not need an Ethics Committee. If there is an ethical problem in the state, there is a very good procedure for it to follow.

Also, if there is some research in injury, we have an active Research and Injury Committee to help you.

Our thought right now is one thing -- state licensure. We don't want to get away from that.

We want you to organize -- we want you to organize as strongly as you can. We want you to get funds if you can but we want only one thing right now -- to protect the athletic trainer and we want that to be done through a licensure committee.

The District Director of District No. 2, where John is

from, would like to speak.

MR. RICHARD MALACRE: I would like to say that a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow for formation of chapters was made and then in the ensuing discussion between the Board members Frank told us the reason as to why that was put down.

I felt at that time, this was the logical step, this was the way other associations had reorganized themselves to a National, to a District or to a Chapter, but now I think we can still do this. I think we can have State Associations or State Chapters, if you will, in time, however the Board does not feel at this time that this is a logical step and something that we will be moving toward.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there any further discussion? Would anyone else like to speak?

I again want to express to you the idea that we are not asking the states not to organize. I am, as a matter of fact, begging you to organize. However, I am begging you to organize. However, I am begging you to organize for one reason -- a State Licensure Committee.

MEMBER (District No. 2): With regard to raising money for State Committees, if you propose organizing those committees, how will the committee acquire funds.

As a State Association, for example, we can require dues from our membership in order to run that association and to proceed with licensure. However, as a State Committee, what do we do -- ask people to volunteer donations and "please send us toward our licensure efforts?" I think it is going to be difficult to do that, especially on a voluntary basis like that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, you may assess members of the committee, volunteer members.

I would like to recognize Eddie Lane from District No. 6, where they have had that experience.

MR. EDDIE LANE: District No. 6, which represents Texas and Arkansas, we have a state licensing law in the State of Texas.

In 1970 it was put through by way of the things that Frank just asked you people to go and do -- in other words, to go out and call upon those in your debt and to those who owe you for services you may have rendered in the past. Get your representatives, your alumnae, influential people whom you have done favors for in the past. If it takes a personal trip in your state to your state capital and you have to pay for it yourself, go and do it.

As a matter of fact, this is how we did it in Texas.

We came back, after we saw that our Texas Athletic Board was not going to work, and we began again, through new people and even some of the same people. Some of them went through it the first time and again took money out of their own pockets.

I don't think it is going to take a great financial lobby because I think we are a long way from that.

For example, I believe it took the physical therapists some twenty thousand dollars to create a big fund. However, we are not at that point and so it is going to have to basically come out of the pockets of your friends.

Don't underestimate yourself -- you can get these people to cooperate.

We have given you a piece of model legislation which is giving you a good start. Take that, form your state committees, your state associations, I don't care what you call them, form them and get to work.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further discussion?

MR. BATES: You are asking us to form an association but yet you don't want us to be an athletic trainers association -- you want us to be just an association to promote licensure?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. BATES: I think it is important that we understand this procedure -- that we need to organize as a group of people in the state and try to establish some form of committee which is going to work for licensure. Therefore, it is important for us to form a State Association of Athletic Trainers?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. BATES: Did I understand correctly?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. BATES: Then, as I understand it, what you are turning us down on has to do with forming a state association in relation to which we are going to require dues from the membership, and which we are going to have committees and this is the thing we have to do.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What kind of committees will you need to have?

MR. BATES: Committees authorized to get us into licensure.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is all you need right now, a licensure committee, insofar as the National Board of Directors is concerned.

MR. BATES: For example, I am from Pennsylvania. We need to have a Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Association. This does not have to be an association which is anything other than a part of the NATA and so why are you not in favor of encouraging us to form a state Athletic Trainers Association -- that is my question.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We are very strongly in favor of you forming a State Athletic Trainers Association. We

are asking you to call that association the State Licensure Committee, because right now we feel that this problem is so big that it is the only problem that we as an Association on the state level should face.

MR. BATES: Then this is essentially a matter of semantics?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You are exactly right -- it is a matter of semantics. I tried to explain that to your leaders yesterday. It is a matter of semantics.

MR. BATES: That is the matter that I wanted to make clear.

Mr. L.F. DIRHN: Mr. President, what is the motion before the floor?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion before the floor is that the NATA be encouraged to encourage states to form state Athletic Trainer Associations, is that correct?

MR. SCIERA: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now, in relation to the way it must be done, if you people favor that, then the vote will really be to direct the Board of Directors at your Tuesday meeting to bring that subject up again and vote upon it again and that is how it is done, is that correct.

MR. MELIN: To consider the subject.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: If it is not, if it is turned down, then we still, as an Association, encourage you to strongly form state groups. I don't care what you do, but we want that group to be working for one thing.

You have to be honest, New York State, Pennsylvania State -- you have diversified -- you really have spread your interests out to education, to research, to ethics, and that is not it right now -- right now it is one thing -- it is state licensure, and we are lying to ourselves, anybody out there, who does not have a license to do what you are doing in your state.

MR. DIEHN: I would like to make a motion that this be tabled and referred back to the Board of Directors for further study.

... The motion was severally seconded...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We have before us a motion to table, which has been seconded.

As I understand it, that motion is allowed. The motion is to table for further discussion by the Board of Directors and there is a second.

All those in favor of tabling this motion for further discussion by the Board of Directors please say "Aye"; opposed? I would like to take a hand count.

...Whereupon, a hand count was taken...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The vote is eighty-one to table the motion and sixty opposed and so the motion to table carries and we will discuss this further at the Board of Directors meeting.

However, again, I want you to understand one thing -- we are not telling you not to form groups and associations. It needs to be done but the thrust has to be for that licensure.

Now, is there any further new business?

MR. SCIERA: I would like to make one more comment.

Our new formation of the Athletic Trainers Association of New York is our big thrust for licensure primarily, and we have the same constitution and by-laws as the Eastern, and I would hope that nobody would think that we are thinking of fragmenting or anything like that. Our main purpose is to strengthen the total NATA structure, the same as many other organizations have done.

That is all I would like to say.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At your District meetings this afternoon, please discuss this subject and tell your District Directors how to vote because that is the most democratic way to do it.

Is there further business?

MEMBER: I have just one additional comment.

In light of the vote that was just taken, I would hope that the Board of Directors would not just reinforce what they previously had decided, since apparently there are some nine members on the Board who voted in favor of tabling. However, I hope they also realize that the constituency here, at least a great percentage of it, seems to have some favor toward state organization.

It may be that with respect to putting this back in the hands of the Board, they may just kill it. However, I would only say that I hope the Board realizes that this was not a lo-sided vote.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further new business?

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MEMBER: I would like to make a motion that starting next year, from then on forward, at the beginning of our national business meeting, we also have the Pledge of Allegiance. I think this would be a good year to move in that direction. It was started in the Eastern a few years ago and I think we should carry it forward to National. I will so move.

...The motion was severally seconded and, there being no further discussion, was voted upon and declared to be unanimously carried...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further business?

...At this point, in accordance with regular motion, at 12:45 o'clock p.m., the meeting was adjourned...