

1972

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION  
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING -- JUNE, 1972  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Athletic Trainers' Association was called to order at 7:10 PM, June 9, 1972 in the Spirit of St. Louis Room, Stouffer's Riverfront Inn, St. Louis, Missouri by President Bobby Gunn. Those in attendance were:

- District 1 - Frank George
- District 2 - Francis J. Sheridan
- District 3 - Joseph Gieck
- District 4 - Roland E. LaRue
- District 5 - Byron J. Bird
- District 6 - Tom Wilson
- District 7 - Rodney Kimball
- District 8 - Lewis C. Crowl
- District 9 - Warren Morris
- President - Bobby Gunn
- Executive Director - Otho Davis
- Parliamentarian - Bruce Melin

Absent:

- District 10 - Mert Prophet

- I. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mr. Gunn.
- II. Mr. Herbert "Duke" Hedges, American General Life Insurance Company, met with the Board of Directors to discuss the new N.A.T.A. life insurance plan.
- III. The Treasurer's Report was read and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Morris to accept the Treasurer's Report.

ACTION: Approved

- IV. The N.A.T.A. definition of "actively engaged" was discussed at length.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Gieck to change the N.A.T.A. definition of "actively engaged" to read as follows:

A person who is on a salary basis (no fee) employed by an educational institution, professional athletic organization or other bona fide athletic organization for the duration of the institution's school year, or the length of the athletic organization season and who performs the duties of athletic trainer as a major responsibility of his employment, or whose responsibility is the teaching in an N.A.T.A. approved athletic training curriculum.

ACTION: Approved

V. The functions of the Executive Council and Division Directors were discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Wilson to eliminate the office of Division Directors.

ACTION: Approved

VI. Committees and Committee Chairmen, being directly responsible to the Board of Directors was discussed.

1. A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Morris that an Ethics Committee be formed.

ACTION: Approved

2. A motion was made by Mr. Kimball and seconded by Mr. Morris that a Drug Education Committee be formed.

ACTION: Approved

✓ VII. President Gunn presented the following committee chairmen appointments for a two year term:

Audio Visual Aids	Dick Hoover
Certification	Lindsay McLean
Drug Education	Al Hart
Ethics	L. F. "Tow" Diehn
Grants & Scholarships	W. E. "Pinky" Newell
Honor Awards	George Sullivan
Journal	Clyde Stretch
Membership	Bruce Melin
National Convention	Fred Hoover
Placement	A. G. Edwards
Professional Education	Sayers "Bud" Miller
Sub-Committee for Graduate and Continuing Education	Gary Delforge
Public Relations	Dick Malacrea
Recruitment	Mel Blickenstaff
Research & Injury	Gordon Graham

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept the appointments of the Committee Chairmen.

ACTION: Approved

VIII. The Scientific Exhibit, which was donated to the association by Johnson & Johnson, was discussed. Due to the great expense this exhibit has cost the N.A.T.A. it was decided to discontinue use of this media and offer it back to Johnson & Johnson for their use.

IX. The William E. Newell scholarship was discussed and it was reported by President Gunn that Mr. Jack Cramer has assured him that \$250.00 will be made available each year for this award.

X. Liability insurance sources are still being sought by the National Office for the membership. It is hoped that more information will be available in January on this subject.

XI. Mr. La Rue presented the Ad Hoc Committee Report on History and Archives. Mike O'Shea is doing his Master of Arts thesis on the History of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. This will be valuable information for the Association. Any one with information or pictures should correspond with Mr. O'Shea at the U.S. Air Force Academy, % Athletic Department, U.S.A.F. Academy, Colorado 80840.

XII. The selection of Olympic and Pan American Game Trainers, tabled from the January 1972 Board of Directors meeting, was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Sheridan that the selection of Olympic and Pan American Game Trainers be as follows:

1. All members of the N.A.T.A. must submit their names for selection as athletic trainer for the Olympic and Pan American competition through their respective districts of the N.A.T.A. for presentation to the N.A.T.A. Olympic Selection Committee.
2. Failure to go through the N.A.T.A. Selection Committee will result in review by the Code of Ethics Committee.
3. No N.A.T.A. member will directly submit his name to the United States Committee nor encourage his name to be submitted.
4. Each district will submit to the N.A.T.A. Olympic Selection Committee one (1) name for each eighteen (18) certified members and it breaks down as follows:

District 1 - Five (5) names for ninety-five (95) certified members.  
District 2 - Eleven (11) names for one hundred ninety (190) certified members.  
District 3 - Three (3) names for fifty-seven (57) certified members.  
District 4 - Eight (8) names for one hundred thirty-seven (137) certified members.  
District 5 - Three (3) names for forty-two (42) certified members.  
District 6 - Five (5) names for eighty-five (85) certified members.  
District 7 - Two (2) names for thirty-six (36) certified members.  
District 8 - Five (5) names for ninety-three (93) certified members.  
District 9 - Three (3) names for fifty-six (56) certified members.

This formula will change with the increase of certified members.

5. The members submitted must be certified and actively engaged in athletic training.

ACTION: Approved

XIII. Dr. Kenneth Clarke was a guest of the Board of Directors to enlighten and answer questions in reference to the N.A.T.A. and other allied health organizations.

XIV. The position of a National Exhibits Chairman was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Sheridan that the position of National Exhibits Chairman be deleted from the committee structure. The exhibits will be handled by the Executive Director, National Convention Chairman and a commercial exhibits firm who will be responsible to the Executive Director.

ACTION: Approved

- XV. The over-recruitment of student trainers by colleges in regards to the jobs available in certain areas after graduation was discussed.

ACTION: Tabled until a later date.

The Board recessed at 11:20 PM with instructions to reconvene at 9:00 AM, Saturday, June 10.

Saturday, June 10, 1972, the Board reconvened at 9:00 AM. Those in attendance were the same as on June 9.

- XVI. President Gunn read a resolution to the board at the request of Dr. Don Cooper from the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. The Resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommends that the hard outer surface on football equipment, such as helmets and shoulder pads, be covered with a soft impact reducing substance to help lower the number of injuries occurring from blows received by players being hit by these hard surfaces

It is further recommended that those organizations which may be setting standards in the area of athletic equipment be made aware of this Resolution.

- XVII. Mr. Bud Zimmerman was a guest of the Board of Directors to discuss the accreditation of the N.A.T.A. as an Allied Health Profession with the American Medical Association.
- XVIII. A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Crowl for President Gunn to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the possibility of accreditation as an Allied Health Profession.

ACTION: Approved 8-1

- XIX. The endorsement of student athletic trainer workshops and athletic training seminars was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Morris that the endorsement of Student Athletic Trainer Workshops and Athletic Training Seminars be the responsibility of the Professional Education Committee.

ACTION: Approved

- XX. Mr. LaRue presented a preliminary report on recommendations for Training Room Facilities.
- XXI. Mr. LaRue presented a preliminary report on recommendations for Training Room Staff.
- XXII. Realignment of Districts was discussed. Mr. Crowl was instructed to review this and present more data at the Tuesday Board Meeting.

XXIII. Memorial Resolutions were discussed. Memorial Resolutions will be presented at the National business meeting, but not read. There is to be a moment of silent prayer by the membership in attendance. The Memorial Resolutions will be included in the official minutes and published in the Journal.

XXIV. Mr. George Sullivan, Chairman of the Honor Awards Committee, submitted the following persons for:

1. Twenty-five Year Awards:

A. District 1

Walter Grockowski - Wesleyan University

B. District 2

Alden Coder - Montclair State  
William Morrow - Phillipsburg, N.J.  
Richard Morsch - Haverford College  
Thomas Sullivan - Princeton University

C. District 3

Ed Block - Baltimore Colts  
Leroy Brandimore - Johns Hopkins University  
Leon "Red" Romo - U. S. Naval Academy  
Joe Kuczo - Washington Redskins

D. District 4

Joe Begala - Kent State University  
Len Paddock - University of Michigan  
Gayle Robinson - Michigan State University

E. District 5

Byron Bird - Oklahoma State University  
Wayne Rudy - Kansas City Chiefs

F. District 6

Ross Moore - University of Texas at El Paso  
Wayne Rideout - Austin High School, Bryan, Texas

G. District 7

Richard Carr - Sahwara High School, Tucson, Arizona

H. District 8

Lincoln Kimura - San Francisco 49ers  
Joe Romo - Oakland Raiders  
Ray West - St. Mary's University

I. District 9

Marty Broussard - L.S.U.  
Earl "Bubba" Porche - Tulane University

2. Honorary Membership Awards:

David Arnold - National Federation of State High Schools  
Richard Schafer - National Federation of State High Schools  
Dr. Joseph Pollard - Dartmouth University  
Dr. Thomas Quigley - Harvard University  
Dr. Fred Reynolds - St. Louis Football Cardinals

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. LaRue that the nominees be approved.

ACTION: Approved.

XXV. The Executive Director made the following report pertaining to Areas of Representation.

A. The Association was represented at the following meetings and conferences during 1971-1972:

1. American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Sayers "Bud" Miller
2. American College Health Association - James Dodson
3. American Corrective Therapy Association - Frank Randall
4. American Medical Association Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports - Tom Healion
5. American Physical Therapy Association - Frank George
6. Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports - William Newell, Bobby Gunn, Fred Hoover, Otho Davis
7. N.C.A.A. Rules Committee - Chris Patrick
8. National Federation of State High School Athletic Association - Fred Hoover
9. National Operating Committee for Standards in Athletic Equipment - George Sullivan
10. U.S. Olympics Committee - Chuck Medlar

All representatives presented reports of their meetings which are on file in the Association office.

B. The following persons were appointed by President Gunn to represent the Association at the meetings designated for the years 1972-73;

1. American Academy of Pediatrics - Richard Malacrea
2. American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Sayers "Bud" Miller.
3. American College Health Association - James Dodson
4. American College of Sports Medicine - Gary Delforge
5. American Corrective Therapy Association - Frank Randall
6. American Medical Association Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports - Dick Hoover
7. American Physical Therapy Association - Frank George
8. Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports - William Newell, Gordon Graham, Bobby Gunn, Otho Davis
9. N.C.A.A. Rules Committee - Chris Patrick

10. National Federation of State High School Athletic Association - Fred Hoover
11. National Operating Committee for Standards in Athletic Equipment - George Sullivan
12. U.S. Olympic Committee - Chuck Medlar

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept the appointees.

ACTION: Approved

XXVI. Mr. Fred Hoover, National Convention Chairman, presented a report on the 1973 Atlanta Convention to be held at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, June 10 to 13.

Mr. Hoover also gave a brief report on the Kansas City Convention, June 9 to 12, 1974. This will be held at the New Crown Center Hotel.

XXVII. The Professional Education Committee budget request for \$300.00 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept the request.

ACTION: Approved

XXVIII. The Journal Committee budget request for \$16,350.00 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Sheridan to accept the request.

ACTION: Approved

XXIX. The Audio-Visual Aids Committee budget request for \$100.00 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Sheridan to accept the request.

ACTION: Approved

XXX. The Board of Certification Committee budget request for \$50.00 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept the request.

ACTION: Approved

XXXI. The Research and Injury Committee budget was discussed.

ACTION: Tabled until Tuesday.

XXXII. The Recruitment Committee budget was discussed.

ACTION: Tabled until Tuesday.

XXXIII. The report of the Professional Services Division was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. George to accept the report.

ACTION: Approved.

XXXIV. The report of the Certification Committee was discussed.

The Certification Committee requested changes in the procedure for certification as follows:

1. Under Section I, it is recommended by the Board of Certification that two letters of recommendation be required by the applicant as is now required under Section IV.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the request by the Board of Certification requiring two letters of recommendation under Section I of the Procedure for Certification be denied.

ACTION: Request denied.

2. It is recommended that Section I be eliminated from the Procedures for Certification effective January 1, 1977, (five years from this date), and that this information be provided on all current copies of the Procedures for Certification.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the request to eliminate Section I from the Procedure for Certification effective January 1, 1977, be denied.

ACTION: Request denied.

3. Allow the examination to be given on a regional basis once each year at the time and site most suitable to the individual district involved in addition to the annual examination at the site of the National Convention.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Crowl that the request to give the certification exam on a regional basis once each year and at the National Convention be accepted.

ACTION: Approved.

XXXV. The report by the Professional Education Committee was discussed and tabled until Tuesday.

XXXVI. Mr. Gieck presented the Board of Directors for discussion the practice of firing athletic trainers when coaching changes are made at schools.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. with instructions to reconvene at 1: p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 1972.

#### MONDAY - June 12, 1972 - Business Meeting

XXXVII. The twenty-third Annual Business Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association held at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn in St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Gunn at 11:00 a.m., June 12, 1972.

The roll call was dispensed with.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Treasurer's Report was read, discussed and approved.



The minutes of the 1971 meeting were approved without reading.

The Executive Director presented a report to the Membership pertaining to the actions of the Board of Directors as listed above.

A standing ovation was given to Bruce Melin, Program Chairman; John Omohundro, Entertainment Chairman; and Joe Blankowitsch, Registration Chairman.

President Gunn presented the members of the Board of Directors to the membership.

A Memorial Resolution was presented for: Ernest Biggs, Ohio State University, from District 4.

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### A DEDICATION TO ERNIE BIGGS

by Lew Crowl  
and Skip Vosler

The many people who have worked with Ernie Biggs may be able to recall many physical characteristics; but those most apparent were: a man of relatively small stature with a pipe dangling from a mouth formed in an eternal smile, determined but gentle blue eyes accented with crow's feet on each side, and square jaws with a bow tie directly beneath.

Ernie lived life to the fullest extent. He may have been small in stature, but he was great in every other way. His dedication to his profession, his fellow man and family will all be remembered and respected forever. Ernie's death came as a shock to all of us because his love of life and trust in God seemed to make him indestructible. His integrity was exemplified in his living standards and his outstanding contributions to his profession. All of us who worked with Ernie Biggs benefitted immeasurably by his presence on earth.

Everyday we are reminded of Ernie because he so influenced our lives, and his teachings and innovations are reflected in our professional skills. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be his pupil as well as his friend can not begin to describe all the ways in which he affects our daily living. The greatest and fondest memories include the hours of instruction not only in the training room, but outside with the athletes, the association and friendship with him and his family and the one fondest memory of all, the harmonizing of our favorite songs. Words are inadequate to describe the admiration and gratitude so fine a man deserves; but these memories will live forever in our minds and hearts and all of us thank God for the wonderful privilege of having known Mr. Ernie Biggs.

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Dick Hoover introduced Mr. George Howland to the N.A.T.A. membership. Mr. Howland spoke about the movie "The Absent Link" which was presented to the Association.

"The Absent Link" was produced to accomplish several aims:

1. To make the general public aware of the athletic training profession.
2. To convince parents and school administrators of the need for employing certified athletic trainers on secondary school faculties.
3. To encourage young men to consider a paramedical career in the field of athletic training.

The film may be obtained by writing the National Office in Lafayette, Indiana, or the Kendall Company, Sports Division, 20 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 02181.

Meeting adjourned.

Tuesday, June 13, 1972

The second session of the Board of Directors' Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association convened at 1:25 P.M., in the Spirit of St. Louis Room, Stouffers Riverfront Inn, St. Louis, Missouri with Mr. Bobby Gunn, President of the Association presiding.

Those in attendance:

District 1	Frank George
District 2	Francis J. Sheridan
District 3	Joseph Gieck
District 4	Roland E. LaRue
District 5	Byron J. Bird
District 6	Eddie Lane
District 7	Rodney Kimball
District 8	Lewis C. Crowl
District 9	Warren Morris
District 10	Dan Olesevich
President	Bobby Gunn
Executive Director	Otho Davis
Parliamentarian	Bruce Melin

XXXVIII. There was a discussion on a proposal from the Richard Rosen Company, New York City, publishers of guidance books in reference to the N.A.T.A. writing a book on the Profession Athletic Training. The N.A.T.A. would be paid a royalty of twenty cents (20¢) for each book sold by Richard Rosen.

ACTION: Tabled.

XXXIX. Mr. Jim Bannister of the George E. Fern Company, Cincinnati, Ohio presented a report on the exhibits.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Lane, that the George E. Fern Company be awarded a contract for the management of the Exhibits Program of the N.A.T.A.

ACTION: Approved

XL. The Professional Education Committee report, tabled on Saturday, was discussed for the Board by Chairman Sayens "Bud" Miller.

1. It was recommended that the Board accept the following athletic training curriculum:

a. Full Approval - Undergraduate  
Ball State University  
Northeastern University  
Oregon State University  
Southwest Texas State College  
Texas Christian University  
Washington State University  
Western Illinois University

b. Full Approval - Graduate  
Indiana State University

c. Three year Probation - Graduate  
University of Arizona

2. It was recommended that the Board approve the following revision in the Athletic Training Curriculum Approved Check List so that Step #4 on Page 1 should now read as follows:

In addition to the submission of the above information and documents, a personal visitation by a member of the NATA's Professional Education Committee may also be required. This visitation will be requested only if the members of the NATA's Professional Education Committee feel that further study of the submitted curriculum is needed after all of the required documents have been reviewed. The travel costs and expenses of this visitation will be a part of the responsibility of the university submitting their athletic training curriculum for NATA approval.

3. It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the N.A.T.A. approve the attached revised proposal of the Professional Education Committee for the N.A.T.A. endorsement of student athletic trainer and athletic training workshops, clinics, seminars, and conferences.

4. It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the NATA approve a continuing study (a survey every five years) of the salary range and status of the most recent graduates from athletic training curriculum.

5. It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the NATA approve a proposal that would allow NATA members who have held the classification of Certified Athletic Trainer for a minimum of five years but no longer actively engaged in the field of athletic training to maintain their membership classification or obtain a new membership classification with the same privileges as that of the Certified Athletic Trainer if they continue to contribute to the field of athletic training as an instructor in an athletic training curriculum.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. La Rue, to accept the recommendations made by the Professional Education Committee.

ACTION: Approved.

XLI The realignment of districts, tabled on Saturday, following reports by Mr. Crowl and Mr. Olesevich was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Crowl and seconded by Mr. Gieck that the realignment of districts be as follows:

DISTRICT 7

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming.

DISTRICT 8

California, Nevada, Hawaii

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DISTRICT 10

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan

DISTRICT 1

Quebec added to present states

DISTRICT 4

Manitoba and Ontario added to present states

ACTION: Approved

XLII Detroit, Michigan was discussed as the site for the 1977 Convention.

A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Olesevich to accept Detroit as the 1977 Convention.

ACTION: Approved

XLIII Mr. Mel Blickenstaff presented a report on the Recruitment Committee.

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

ACTION: Approved.

XL IV There was discussion on the use of the N.A.T.A. logo on a watch face and the sale of watches, handled through the National Office.

ACTION: Tabled

XLV There was a discussion on the possibility of using the N.A.T.A. logo on decals which would be sold to the members through each District Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Sheridan for the Executive Director to investigate the cost and act accordingly.

ACTION: Approved

XLVI Mr. Gordon Graham, Chairman of the Research and Injury Committee, requested a budget of \$500.00 to begin searching where grants and funds may be available for research.

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball and seconded by Mr. La Rue to accept the request.

ACTION: Approved.

XLVII A request was made by the Membership Committee to the Board of Directors that Mr. Lewis Crowl be permitted to remain on the Board of Directors from District 8, as he was a member of the Board when the definition of "actively engaged" in athletic training was included as a requirement to hold office in the Association. There is to be further study on this by the Membership Committee and a recommendation made at a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Gieck that the Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the Membership Committee requesting that Mr. Crowl remain on the Board of Directors during his present term of office; that the Board of Directors endorse Mr. Crowl's remaining on the Board; that no precedent is being established; and that this action is being taken only because Mr. Crowl is presently a member of the Board of Directors and was a member of the Board of Directors when the decision was made to require all officers and representatives of the Association to be "Actively Engaged" in the profession of athletic training.

ACTION: Approved

XLVIII There was discussion on a proposal from the Bike-Kendall Company for awards to the Helms Hall of Fame and Twenty-Five Year Award members.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Olesovich that Mr. George Sullivan, Honor Awards Chairman meet with Bike for further details and report to the Board the complete proposal.

ACTION: Approved.

XLVIX A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. George to adjourn the board meeting. This motion was approved and the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m. June 13, 1972.