

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on September 9, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. David Pawlowski, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Pawlowski, Chair
Jon Almquist, Vice-Chair
Renee Cork
Reg E. Roland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Douglas N. Cutter, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Carmen Quinones, Acting Executive Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Karen Talbert, VATA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2003 MEETING

Mr. Almquist moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board on Athletic Training dated May 6, 2003 with an amendment to item #4 to include a motion for a NOIRA to expand the current provisional certification for persons who have applied for state certification and are otherwise qualified but who are awaiting a completed application. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Cork moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

#1. Athletic Advisory Legislative Proposal.

Dr. Harp explained the full Board's decision to deny the inclusion of athletic trainers to administer epinephrine into the proposed legislation until receipt of further information. Mr. Pawlowski agreed to gather supporting information for presentation to the full Board in October.

#2. Rule-making Request from Marty Bradley, MS, ATC – Dr. Harp.

Dr. Harp presented a request for rule-making from Marty Bradley, MS, ATC, asking for a reduction in the yearly fee for student Athletic Trainers. Mr. Bradley's request had been presented to the Executive Committee on August 1, 2003, and was denied. The Advisory Board recommended that Dr. Harp send a revised letter to Mr. Bradley to clarify his previous statement that the current regulations allow for a student of athletic training to practice under supervision in the educational program without the need for a license.

#3. Proposed Regulations for Provisional Certification.

Ms. Yeatts presented suggested language for the proposed regulation for provisional certification for an applicant to receive authorization to practice for a 30-day period while awaiting completion of his application for state certification. After discussion, Mr. Almquist moved to recommend the following proposed language: "An applicant who provides documentation of current NATABOC certification and, if licensed or certified by another jurisdiction in the United States, documentation that his license or certificate is current and unrestricted may be granted permission to practice as an athletic trainer for 30 days pending submission of all required documentation and issuance of a certificate. At the discretion of the board, additional time, not to exceed 30 days, may be allowed to complete the application process." The motion was seconded, discussed and approved.

#4. NOIRA on Ethical Standards.

Ms. Yeatts explained the Board's decision to create regulations for ethical standards. She requested the Advisory Board review the Code of Ethics provided by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, determine items they felt were relevant to their profession and provide to the Board by the end of October. Mr. Pawlowski volunteered to be the contact person and the individual members agreed to meet prior to October 31st to gather information.

#5. Exception to Rule-Making on NATABOC Issue.

Ms. Yeatts stated that she was waiting for board counsel input on this issue and that in the meantime she felt the Board could rely on Virginia code section 54.1-2957.4(B) (ii) which says, "successful completion of a training program and passage of the certifying examination administered by the National Athletic Training Association Board of Certification resulting in certification as an athletic trainer by such national association."

#6. Practice of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.

Dr. Harp presented the PT and AT law for review. After some discussion, it was decided that all NATABOC certified athletic trainers who do not currently hold Virginia state certification would be sent a letter of notification that state certification has been in place since June 6, 2001 and that state certification is required for any person to practice or to hold himself out as practicing as an athletic trainer.

#7. Review of Bylaws.

A review of the Bylaws resulted in no changes at this time. Mr. Almquist moved to accept as presented. The motion was seconded, discussed and approved.

#8. Election of Officers

Mr. Pawlowski asked for nominations for Chair. Mr. Almquist moved to nominate Mr. Pawlowski. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. Mr. Pawlowski was elected as Chair.

Mr. Pawlowski asked for nominations for Vice-chair. Ms. Cork moved to nominate Mr. Almquist. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. Mr. Almquist was elected as Vice-chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Almquist asked about title restrictions for athletic trainers. Ms. Yeatts informed him that the law does not restrict athletic trainers to any particular title.

The next scheduled meeting date has not been decided, but is tentatively scheduled for February 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Cork moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried and the meeting of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture was adjourned.

David Pawlowski, A.T.
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers,
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing