

**Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association  
Regional Directors Meeting Minutes – SWATA 2017**

July 19, 2017 2:00 PM

@ Embassy Suites, San Marcos

Dress: Business Casual

**Present:** All Board of Directors (BOD) were present  
Rich Hanson Region (R)1 on the phone, John Overton R2, Josh Woolbright R3, Mark Gilbert R4, Mike Waters R5, Bubba Wilson R6, Chairman Billy Ray Laxton R7, Rodney Murray R8, Terry Greenup R9, Britney Webb, Executive Director (ED) Spanky Stephens. Committee members and guest: Dennis Hart, David Weir, Melissa Harrington, Bucky Taylor, Scott Galloway, Jeff Darr, Randy Matthews and Amaryllis Heartstill

*Start time: 2:02pm*

**I. Welcome and Call to Order, Billy Ray Laxton, Chair**

Chairman Laxton introduced, welcomed guest and called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. He announced Catherine Marr would not be at the meeting as she is out of the country. She will be one of the new BOD for R9.

**II. Minutes from Winter Meeting approved via email, May 2017.**

**III. Chair's Report, Billy Ray Laxton**

Chairman Laxton spoke about the historian position and the re-write of the Policy and Procedure (P&P) manual. Billy asked for questions, and Rich gave a historical summary of the P&P manual and the re-write. It was added by BOD Greenup that the NATA # and provider # were deleted from the document. BOD Wilson said he would like to see the BOD's each have a role to play and be stated in the P&P. The word liaison would be the term used as everyone agreed and so each BOD will be a liaison to a committee and will be added into the P&P. Chairman Laxton talked about the historian position and stated this position would help with recorded keeping, archiving, and dissemination of information. The question was if adding this position, would it affect the budget? BOD Woolbright and ED Stephens agreed that it would not break the bank to add one more position. BOD Wilson suggested TSATA use DropBox for archiving information.

Chairman Laxton asked for a motion to create the historian position for TSATA Motion by Overton; seconded by Wilson, no further discussion, all in favor; motion passes.

Chairman Laxton also tasked Britney Webb and BOD Overton to look at candidates for the historian position and give names to Chairman Laxton by Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. BOD Overton stated Red Ganus is interested.

Chairman Laxton asked for Hall of Honor (HOH) discussion. BOD Rodney Murray discussed the document and vetted questions. Randy Matthew gave a historical perspective on this honor, as when TSATA was founded, it was to be the “political organization” not an awards organization. He since has changed his view on this as many people are out there that are outstanding and this might be the only mechanism to be recognized. ED Stephens added it is time to recognize the good work and people that are supportive of the TSATA. More discussion had on the document. The selection by regional directors will follow the election dates, being alternated between region 3/6/9, 1/2/4/7, and 5/8. Question was asked about #5 on the document, explained regional directors will be two (2) people to the BOD and discussion will happen. Also #3 in the document, it was suggested to change “at least” to “up to”. Motion to instate a Hall of Honor for TSATA, Motion by BOD Overton and seconded by BOD Greenup, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Laxton tasked BOD Murray to work on language for the Hall of Honor. All BOD need to give Murray recommendation by October 31, 2017.

Discussion of the TASB convention in Dallas October 5, 2017 to set up and October 8, 2017 to tear down booth. He is asking people to help with the booth. Please text chairman by the end of SWATA if you would like to help and the booth number is 141. Chairman Laxton will email all BOD with the information.

#### IV. **Executive Director's Report, Spanky Stephens**

HB3024 added coaches and chiropractors to be able to remove those student athletes who are thought to have a concussion but neither can set return to play protocols or determine when they can RTP.

Rusty Dowling, Executive Director for the Athletic Directors Association, contacted ED Stephen. The discussion was about an administrative certificate they are working on that each AD must take. There is a Health and Safety section in this course that will be taught and he wants to work with TSATA to write this section. ED Stephens is pushing for a LAT to teach this section of the course and class to be face-to-face with no online opportunities.

#### V. **Vice---Chair's Report, John Overton**

Election Results-went well and was good.

Membership Update/Roster-will happen next week. Currently have 1915 professionals and 620 students within the membership. Scott Galloway has numbers of the growth of membership if anyone would like this information.

VII. **Secretary--Treasurer's Report, Josh Woolbright**

Website running well, password changes every time it is updates. Treasurer report was emailed to all BOD and Vi-tex wants to renew their sponsorship. BOD Woolbright will be resigning from treasure after this report. Assets are up by 4%, 32% of the budget has been used to date; no budget amendments needed at this point. The NATA deposit usually comes during May-June and Nov-Dec each year. There were no questions from the BOD.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

**Website/Concussion** – Bucky Taylor

Job postings and SM course pages get the most hits. There are currently 87 jobs on the board to date. He asked Chairman Laxton to task Tim Moore with not posting the jobs to FB page until they have been posted on the website. AD's have reported to Bucky that when they post on TSATA website about a job they get 10-15 applications at the minimum. They were thankful about the numbers. PSA's have been updated and shown. Please get bio's and pictures to BOD Woolbright to post on the website. Please send pictures for the website ASAP.

**Relations & PR** – Tim Moore was not at the meeting and did not submit a report.

**Secondary Schools** – Melissa Harrington

Went over her report as submitted. Would like to make sure use of Google Docs to set up schedule for booth help and she does need help due to her new job. TSATA and SWATA worked together for the ATLAS project. Chairman Laxton asked about awards at the meeting as well as to update her slide for the meeting. Melissa also wanted approval to add another committee member to her committee. Chairman Laxton approved.

**Sports Medicine Course** – Dennis Hart

Passed around and discussed his report. Also passed around SPATS evaluations for the SM class. Courses were re-approved. The amount of time to get this done was due to TEA's process had changed. As of today, 32 people have signed up for the UTA course on July 26, 1100 instructors have be certified and this finishes the 10<sup>th</sup> year of teaching the SM courses. BOD Gilbert ask about when the class starts at UTA he would like to be present. BOD Woolbright asked about HST and teaching, and Dennis explained the answer. There was a suggestion of doing the SM update course online, further discussion is needed.

**Governmental Affairs** –Randy Matthews

Gave update on Hit the Hill in March 2017. Just a buck campaign will be done at the forum. TEA Chap 1 with adding AT to the list was attempted three (3) times and each time failed as reported to Randy by David Anderson. BOD Wilson highly suggested that TSATA continue to pursue this in the future. BOD Gilbert asked what the hurdles were this time. Dennis explained if the Bill ask for one amendment then they ask for many more, and people want to “keep their bill clean”. Next session this topic will be pursued.

**\*Practice Act Task Force – Dennis and Randy**

Handed out their report and discussion was had. The next meeting will be August 13, 2017. The statement will be “we have a task force for this area and they are still working and discussing practice act issues.”

**TDLR Advisory Board- David Weir**

There was a meeting this morning, anyone can watch live stream, and it is recorded as well. David discussed the overview of the meeting. One of the big topics, with one year of data, was the pass rate on the exam. The pass rate on the LAT exam is 25% on the written exam. TDLR is here to help us. Recommendation for an education discussion with all the LAT programs and tell them the data and the problems. “Education Effort” with approximately 50 schools with LAT programs. Also TDLR compliance and enforcements are working. HB 4007 was passed, it was just to clear up repetitive language. We now have 3651 LAT’s in the state and the next TDLR meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> in Austin.

**IX. Regional Directors Reports**

**Region 1 – Rich Hanson**-he reported his report was short due the health issues because he has not been to too many events. He will be back at mid-winter.

**Region 2- John Overton**-he stated Everett Blackburn clinic went great with 125 people in attendance. The Davis Mountain clinic went great too.

**Region 3 – Josh Woolbright**-report as submitted, no further discussion

**Region 4 – Mark Gilbert**-report as submitted, no further discussion

**Region 5 – Mike Waters**-report as submitted, but he elaborated on the scholarships. “I received a total of 33 scholarship applications. Of those, 5 were disqualified due to the student or sponsoring AT not being TSATA members or the application was incomplete. The remaining 28 applicants were then divided into

two groups of 14. One group was evaluated by Billy Laxton and Bubba Wilson and the other group was evaluated by Red Ganus and myself. The top 2 from each group were awarded the scholarships. Let me also add that of the 28 applicants, there were many well qualified and deserving students applying for the scholarships, which really made the final selection process difficult.” As submitted by DOB Waters.

**Region 6 – Bubba Wilson**-report as submitted and added Houston TV station asked for all Houston school that were 6A-4A to give them the last four (4) years of heat/concussion data. NATA and the city of Houston both liked the conference and would be six (6) years if it were to come back.

**Region 7 – see Chair’s report**-report as submitted and discussed at the first of the meeting.

**Region 8 – Rodney Murray**-report as submitted but added times are needed for the BOD to man the TSATA booth during SWATA.

**Region 9 Terry Greenup**-report as submitted

X. **New Business**

Introduction of new BOD members are Region 6 – Catherine Marr, and Region 9 – Jeff Darr. Chairman Laxton thanked BOD Wilson and Greenup for their service.

XI. **Election of Board Officers**

TSATA Rep to SWATA – Mike Waters was appointed.

Chair-Laxton would like to continue as Chairman. Murray motioned for Billy Ray to continue as chair and Gilbert seconded the motion. All were in favor, with none opposed, motion carries.

Vice Chair-John Overton stated he would like to continue as Vice Chair. Chairman Laxton motion for Overton to continue as Vice Chair and BOD Woolbright seconded the motion. All were in favor, with none opposed, motion carries.

Treasurer-BOD Woolbright needs to step down due to new job. The motion by John Overton for new BOD Jeff Darr to become Treasurer and the motion was seconded by Chairman Laxton. No discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Parliamentarian-Reappointment of Britney Webb, motioned by BOD Overton and seconded by BOD Gilbert, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

XII. **Approval of any Budget Amendment**-none was needed as this time.

XIII. **Goals, Tasks & Assignments for 2017 from Chairman Laxton**

1. Task Rodney to keep working on the HOH and all BOD make recommendations to Rodney by October 31.
2. Task Rich and Chairman Laxton to keep reviewing P&P document.
3. Task Tim Moore and Shandra Esparza to not post jobs on the FB page before they are posted on the website.
4. Task for the midwinter meeting to put together a game plan for the TEA Chapter one pursue to add ATs to the list.
5. Task Britney Webb and John Overton to get a list of names to Chairman Laxton by 7/24/17 for the historian position.

XIV. **State Forum**

Place items in power point, review the process of the forum and give Rodney times for the booth.

XV. Adjourn of meeting was motioned by BOD Overton and seconded by BOD Woolbright. All were in favor, none opposed, and motion carries. Meeting was adjourn at 5:40pm. Next Meeting will be Midwinter 2017 in Austin Texas.

Respectfully submitted by Britney K. Webb 7/24/2017