

**Idaho State Board of Medicine
Board of Athletic Trainers
Board of Medicine Office and via Zoom
May 25, 2021 – 9:00 AM**

Chair Richard Bingham, AT, Twin Falls, called the Board of Athletic Trainers (AT Board) to order at 9:02 a.m. via Zoom and at the Board of Medicine office. AT Board members in attendance were Alta Graham, Public Member, Kuna, and Forrest Pecha, AT, Boise.

Board staff in attendance included: Anne Lawler, Director; Yvonne Dunbar, Board Attorney; Claudia Lawson, Licensing Specialist; and Irina Voyce, Management Assistant.

No public comment was provided by guests at this meeting.

The AT Board is seeking nominations to replace James Spooner who resigned after moving out of state for a new job. Members will reach out to potential candidates. Director Lawler recommends that the AT Board proposed updated Practice Act include five AT Board members. The other Allied Health Boards have five members, making it easier to have a quorum for meetings.

Members discussed the AT Practice Act reword. The proposed updated AT Practice Act will go before the Idaho Legislature during the 2023 session. Prior to that legislative session, it will be important to educate the Legislature about the profession as a high-level medical degree focusing on the athletic portion of the medical process.

Member, Forrest Pecha, AT, discussed the 2011 National Athletic Trainers Association lawsuit with the Physical Therapy Association. The National Athletic Trainers' Association and American Physical Therapy Association came to an agreement that athletic trainers and physical therapists may both perform appropriate rehabilitation with patients.

Board Attorney, Yvonne Dunbar asked for clarification on removing chiropractors as supervisors of athletic trainers. Pecha explained that currently ATs are identified as being able to manage concussed patients; however, the AT cannot return a concussed player to play under a chiropractor due to the chiropractor's more limited scope of practice.

Pecha explained that the profession is moving away from the word "athlete." It is being replaced with "patient" in the draft AT Practice Act. Although the AT profession's roots are in the athletic setting, there are more athletic trainers working in clinics and hospitals rather than schools. The term "athlete" can limit the practice setting.

Members discussed reviewing model practice acts from other states. Director Lawler will review earlier Board research regarding nomenclature and best practices, along with reviewing the Oregon and Massachusetts statutes. Forrest Pecha will also research these items and report back at the next interim meeting.

Board Attorney Dunbar will make the draft AT practice act consistent with the recently updated RT Practice Act and email a draft to the Members for review and discussion at the next meeting.

The next AT Interim Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 29, 2021, to continue working on the Practice Act.

Chair Bingham adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

**Board of Athletic Trainers Meeting Minutes
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Dani M. Moffit (dm)

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Signed by Board Chair

Date