



WSATA Business Meeting Minutes
NWATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium – Tacoma, WA
March 17, 2017

The meeting called to order at 4:11pm and Craig recognized the WSATA Hall of Fame members in attendance.

The meeting minutes were sent out earlier today due to the transition of the new website. A motion to approve the minutes from the WSATA Business Meeting in April 2016 from NWATA Meeting in Boise, ID was initiated by Joel Buffum and Marty Mattney seconded the motion.

Craig thanked Anne Taylor and DJO for their ongoing support of our state meeting, as well as Brian Aping with Henry Schein and Pacific Medical/Mike Coco for their support as well.

New Honors and Awards Committee Chair Ciara Rink discussed the revamping and changes to the HOF criteria, as well as the addition of new award, “Difference Maker” and award recognizing the AT who is behind the scenes is promoting the profession and providing support to colleagues as an example of those to be nominated. The Honors and Awards committee will be comprised of the Region Representatives Craig thanked his wife, Tiffany, the staff at UPS and previous BOD directors who paved the way for the leadership, including Kasee Hildenbrand and Jenn Stueckle. Craig thanked previous leaders included Russ Richardson, Mike Coco and Marty Mattney for their support and advice during his tenure..

Numerous WSATA members were awarded NATA awards include Larry (NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award). Craig recognized Charlie Brown (WSATA Lobbyist) as well as Katy Pietz (outgoing WSATA Secretary). The WSATA Excellence in Service Award – Andy Mutnan will be awarded at the WSATA State Meeting in July and WSATA Physician’s Award – Patrick Vaughan, MD will be awarded this honor at the UPS Spring Award Banquet to be presented in front of the student athletes. Craig recognizes Katy Pietz for outstanding service with a plaque. Charlie Brown communicated his appreciation for each of us and our dedication to our patients and profession.

Craig introduced the following guests to the WSATA Meeting: NATA Director of Governmental Affairs - Amy Callendar, NATA Board of Directors – Tim Weston (District 1), Carolyn Peters (District 8) and NATAPAC – Michael Goldenberg (former District 2 Director). As well as Cari Wood, current NWATA Director and Director-elect Tony Fitzpatrick.

Each Region Representative were introduced including Region 1 – Jill Harvill, Region 2 – Chris Potvin, and Region 3 – Kerry Gustafson.

The membership numbers are stated below, updated as of 3/15/2017.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Certified	453	541	490	489	538
Associate	4	9	2	5	2
Retired Certified	23	26	30	37	37
Honorary	4	6	4	4	4
Student UG	101	119	87	89	103
Student Graduate	3		7	7	6
Student Certified	14	25	21	11	11
Career Starter Certified	34	27	27	38	38
TOTAL	636	753	668	680	740

The financial report is shown below.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Checking	\$20,792.04	\$17,264.82	\$12,035.26	\$12,245.26	\$28,826.39	\$8,352.30
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$12,451.74</u>	<u>\$12,447.97</u>	<u>\$12,444.19</u>	<u>\$12,443.58</u>	<u>\$12,439.32</u>	<u>\$12,333.01</u>
Total	\$33,244.14	\$29,712.79	\$24,479.45	\$24,688.84	\$41,265.71	\$20,685.31

Craig provided updates including the Orthopedic Technician Certification (OTC) which could be useful for ATs practicing in a Physician's practice setting. The OTC certification allows ATs to be eligible to sit for the OTC exam following BOC certification. Please make sure to use the correct nomenclature for your credentials – highest degree, license, followed by certification.

WSATA Committee Reports

- a. Vice President's Report – Rick O'Leary
 - i. Rick discussed the importance of licensure and the DOH AT Advisory board and recognized the current DOH AT Advisory Board – Ben Henry, Denton Norwood, Cynthia Wright and Larry Brown, as well as Maya Mendoza-Exstrom (AT Large member). Please continue to bring up any concerns regarding individual practicing without the proper credentials, we encourage you to contact your Region Representatives, BOD or DOH AT Advisory Board.
- b. Governmental Affairs – Dana Gunter
 - i. Dana was unable to be here, however Craig encouraged the membership to contact your legislator in home office this summer rather than a WSATA Hit the Hill Day.
- c. SSATC – Lorrie Howe
 - i. KSI ATLAS project, please complete this soon if you have not. Lorrie is currently working on contacting private schools to determine their level of care. Lorrie encouraged us all to continue to represent ourselves as professionals and healthcare providers.
- d. Committee on Practice Advancement – Chris Potvin
 - i. Chris provided an update from attending the WATA 3rd Party Reimbursement Conference this October, providing an example of a pilot program in the midwest. As ATs, we should all have NPI numbers, not only for billing purposes but for an increase in numbers of the profession. Also, credential with CTQH as an AT in a clinical setting.
- e. PR Committee – Craig Bennett (for Lisa Kenney)
 - i. Craig encouraged each of us to follow the WSATA social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter (@wsata) and Instagram (wsata_d10)
- f. Nick Cromidas (WSU student) was funded a scholarship through WSATA to attend the iLead Conference, a student leadership event. Nicker will provided an update from his experience at the iLead Conference at the State Meeting in July.
- g. Craig provided dates for upcoming WSATA Continuing Education programs including the Concussion Symposium – May 6, 2017 @ VMAC in Renton and the WSATA Annual Meeting - July 15, 2017 at University of Washington.

No old business was discussed.

New business presented included the announcement of the new WSATA President, Jen Carroll and WSATA Secretary, Erin Rutledge. The elections closed at noon today. And WSATA Region 1 Representative Jill Harvill was supported by the membership in her vote of confidence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Minutes were submitted by Katy Pietz, outgoing WSATA Secretary on 3/21/2017.