



Oregon Health Licensing Agency
BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS



9:00 am Monday, April 26, 2010
700 Summer Street NE, Suite 320
Salem, Oregon

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Cagle, Chair
Gregor Hill, Vice-Chair
Jeremy Ainsworth

MEMBER ABSENT:

Nelson Lomax

STAFF PRESENT:

Samantha Patnode, Policy Analyst
Sinnamon Harris, Board Specialist
Kraig Bohot, Public Information Officer
Tim Molloy, Regulatory Operations Manager
Sylvie McMillan, Business Services Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kathryn Horman

Call to Order

Russ Cagle, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Board of Athletic Trainers at 9:07 am on April 26, 2010, at the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA), Rhoades Conference Room, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon.

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION:

Greg Hill made a motion and Jeremy Ainsworth seconded to approve the agenda for April 26, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

2 Approval of Minutes

MOTION:

Greg Hill made a motion and Jersey Ainsworth seconded to approve the minutes for October 12, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Reports

○ Director's Report

Sylvie McMillan, Business Services Manager, substituting for Randall Everitt, Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation to clarify OHLA's role as an agency and the Board of Athletic Trainers' role as an advisory board. Highlights included the purpose of the agency to provide for the more effective coordination of administrative and regulatory functions involved in protecting the public. In addition, part of the Board of Athletic Trainers' role is to determine qualifications and documentation required for registrations, permits, temporary registrations and waivers. The board also establishes policies and criteria for the assessment of the quality of the practice of athletic trainers.

○ Outreach and Communication

Kraig Bohot, Public Information Officer, provided information regarding a new online publication entitled "Central Issues." The goal is to communicate the key, or central, issues of each profession from a licensing and regulatory perspective to licensees and, to a lesser degree, to consumers. Bohot stated OHLA is requesting feedback from board and council members and other key stakeholders in determining what the central issues of each profession are and what is being done to address these issues. Bohot's suggestions for topic discussion for athletic trainers were the benefits and necessity of regulation, and should the board adopt rules to clarify student direct or indirect supervision.

The board asked Bohot to prepare a rough draft of the publication before the May 8, 2010, Oregon Athletic Trainers Society (OATS) if possible, or before the OATS June meeting of high school athletic trainers.

○ Statistical Report

Sylvie McMillan, Business Services Manager, went over the statistics for licensing, regulatory, active registration, age and gender diversity, and website traffic. Russ Cagle asked if the active registration statistics could also show the Board of Certification (BOC) registration numbers for comparison. McMillan stated that she would have Mike Simpson, Budget & Statistical Analyst, research and incorporate the results into the graph for the next board meeting in November.

○ Regulatory Operations Division

Tim Molloy, Regulatory Operations Manager, presented an overview of regulatory activity from September 22, 2009 – April 9, 2010. Since the last board meeting on October 12, 2009, the agency has received one complaint. This complaint, #09-5850, was classified as a critical licensing complaint. The complaint was determined to be unfounded upon investigation.

The allegations were that a high school and a respondent were misrepresenting the respondent as an athletic trainer on the school's Web site and with the school's athletes.

The school has admitted to unintentionally misrepresenting the respondent and has issued a formal apology to the parents and athletes affected, and have posted the respondent's credential as a "Substitute Teacher" and "First Aid Responder."

○ **New Colored Licenses & Pocket Cards**

McMillan presented the new colored licenses and explained how the color is changed yearly so inspectors can discern right away if the license is expired or current. McMillan showed examples of the security feature if the licenses are copied. While the licenses cannot be defaced in any manner the pocket card may be laminated for athletic trainers to carry with them. The license itself should be posted in the athletic trainer's office and the pocket card, along with identification, carried to all events or wherever the licensee is practicing. Jeremy Ainsworth asked if licensees are working in two locations should they take their license with them. He was advised by Tim Molloy to post the license in his office and just carry the pocket card.

4 Items for Discussion

Russ Cagle presented a list of issues for discussion which included: if the fee schedule should be one or two years, ideas for improving compliance of fee payments, i.e., reduced rate for athletic trainers attending graduate programs, a special rate for academic athletic trainers, and special rate for "retired" or limited athletic trainers such as volunteers. Cagle also noted a need for outreach addressing the benefits and necessity of regulation, which had been discussed previously with Kraig Bohot. Cagle asked McMillan if it were possible for athletic trainers to pay for their registrations through an installment plan. McMillan replied no mainly because a registration could not be issued until paid in full and tracking payments would be unmanageable. McMillan pointed out the agency does accept all major credit cards with the exception of American Express.

Ainsworth inquired about responsibility for the students practicing as athletic trainers if there is a complaint. The board decided that more research is required to answer that question. Ainsworth pointed out that there were changes that needed to be made to the rules such as OAR 688.718 2(e) regarding National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification along with other "housekeeping" issues.

Samantha Patnode, Policy Analyst, weighed in on the discussion remarking that the board needs to start the dialogue with colleges and universities regarding setting parameters around direct/indirect supervision of students practicing as athletic trainers. A suggestion was made to move the issues into the Board of Athletic Trainers Legislation/Rules Committee for further review and discussion.

MOTION:

Jeremy Ainsworth made a motion with a second by Greg Hill to move the all the issues under "Items for Discussion" on the April 26, 2010 agenda to the Legislation/Rules Committee for further discussion and development.

1. Fee Schedule – Two Year or One Year
2. Improving Compliance of Fee Payments
 - Reduced Rate for ATs Attending graduate Programs
 - Special Rate for Academic AT
 - Special Rate for "Retired" and Only Work as AT very limited (i.e. volunteer)
 - Provide Different Fee Payment Options with Incentives: Annual, Biannual, or Pay Over a Year
3. Set parameters around direct/indirect supervision of students
4. Change 688.718 2(e) regarding: National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification
5. General maintenance issues will also be reviewed during the rulemaking cycle to ensure consistency with agency and other program rules.

The motion passed unanimously.

5 Items for Board Action

There were no items for board action.

6 Public Comment

No public comment.

7 Executive Session

No executive session was held

MOTION:

A motion was made to adjourn by Jeremy Ainsworth and seconded by Greg Hill. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:13 am.

Prepared by: Sinnamon Harris, Board Specialist