



## HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

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**WHO:** Health Licensing Office  
Board of Athletic Trainers

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. Sept. 29, 2015

**WHERE:** Health Licensing Office  
Rhoades Conference Room  
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320  
Salem, Oregon

### **What is the purpose of the meeting?**

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct board business. Please use appropriate language, manners and protocols when conducting board business. A working lunch may be served for board members and designated staff in attendance. A copy of the agenda is printed with this notice. Please visit

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/Pages/meetings.aspx> for current meeting information.

### **May the public attend the meeting?**

Members of the public and interested parties are invited to attend all board/council meetings. All audience members are asked to sign in on the attendance roster before the meeting. Public and interested parties' feedback will be heard during that part of the meeting.

### **May the public attend a teleconference meeting?**

Members of the public and interested parties may attend a teleconference board meeting **in person** at the Health Licensing Office at 700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320, Salem, OR. All audience members are asked to sign in on the attendance roster before the meeting. Public and interested parties' feedback will be heard during that part of the meeting.

### **What if the board/council enters into executive session?**

Prior to entering into executive session the board/council chairperson will announce the nature of and the authority for holding executive session, at which time all audience members are asked to leave the room with the exception of news media and designated staff. Executive session would be held according to ORS 192.660.

No final actions or final decisions will be made in executive session. The board/council will return to open session before taking any final action or making any final decisions.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions or need special accommodations?**

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. For questions or requests, call (503) 373-2049.

All board members are asked to please give at least 24-hour notice if they are unable to attend the meeting so arrangements may be made.

# **Items for Board Action**

# **Approval of Agenda**



Health Licensing Office  
Board of Athletic Trainers



9 a.m. Sept. 29, 2015  
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320  
Salem, Oregon

1. **Call to order**
2. **Items for board action**
  - ◆ Approval of agenda
  - ◆ Approval of minutes from March 3, 2015
  - ◆ Approval of 2016 meeting dates
  - ◆ Approval of chair and vice chair for 2016
3. **Reports**
  - ◆ Director's report
  - ◆ Licensing and fiscal statistical reports
  - ◆ Policy report
  - ◆ Senate Bill 521
  - ◆ Regulatory report
4. **Public/interested parties' feedback**
5. **Executive session** - Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) for the purpose of considering information or records exempt from public inspection. (Investigation cases)
6. **Items for board action II**
  - ◆ Investigation cases
7. **Other board business**
  - ◆ ATR and ATC designation
  - ◆ Update on national legislation provided by Board Chair

Agenda is subject to change.  
For the most up to date information visit [www.oregon.gov/OHLA](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA)

# **Approval of Minutes**



Oregon Health Licensing Agency  
Board of Athletic Trainers



9 a.m., March 3, 2015  
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320  
Salem, Oregon

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**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gregor (Greg) Hill, Vice Chair  
Jeremy Ainsworth  
Nelson Lomax

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Russ Cagle, Chair

**STAFF PRESENT**

Holly Mercer, Executive Director (joined at 9:39 a.m.)  
Sylvie Donaldson, Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager  
Joanna Tucker Davis, Assistant Attorney General, Oregon  
Department of Justice  
Bob Bothwell, Regulatory Operations Manager  
Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst  
Maria Gutierrez, Board Specialist  
Sarah Kelber, Communications Coordinator

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**Call to order**

Vice Chair Greg Hill called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Trainers to order at 9:06 a.m., on March 3, 2015, at the Health Licensing Office (HLO), in Salem. Roll was called.

**Items for board action**

◆ **Approval of agenda**

Jeremy Ainsworth made a motion, with a second by Nelson Lomax, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Approval of minutes**

Jeremy Ainsworth made a motion, with a second by Nelson Lomax, to approve the minutes for Sept. 29, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Application education review**

Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager Sylvie Donaldson told the board that applicant number 110636 was seeking a license and needed to have her education reviewed. She is Board of Certification (BOC) certified, and has been since 2001. Her 1998 bachelor's degree is in physical therapy. She qualified for BOC certification with an internship back then, but qualifications have changed and she wouldn't now. The Board's current rules require certain education or for an applicant's education to be approved by the

Board.

After some questions, Jeremy Ainsworth made a motion, with a second by Nelson Lomax, to approve the applicant's background and offer licensure. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **◆ Director's report**

Donaldson, speaking on behalf of Director Holly Mercer, updated the Board on the Health Licensing Office's (HLO) transition to the Oregon Health Authority, and introduced new staff members Maria Gutierrez, Board Specialist, and Sarah Kelber, Communications Coordinator.

Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst, told the Board about legislation that could affect some of HLO's boards and could create new boards and programs.

#### **◆ Licensing and fiscal statistical reports**

Donaldson told the Board that the BOC said they were planning on requiring those certified with the board to update their addresses. Addresses are from the original applications and the data can't be compared with HLO's licensees to see if certified Athletic Trainers in Oregon are getting licensed. Unfortunately, Donaldson said, the BOC is now only asking those who hold certification to update their information, not requiring them to do so. Thompson said she would call the BOC again to see if their data was more reliable and could be compared to HLO's information.

Donaldson updated the Board on licensing trends, pointing out that the licensing base is younger, has grown 56 percent in five years, and the majority of the license holders are female. She said the Board's fiscal picture is so good that renewal fees will be reduced from \$225 to \$125 starting on July 1, 2015.

#### **◆ Policy report**

Thompson showed the Board the prototype of the brochure.

#### **◆ Regulatory report**

Regulatory Operations Manager Bob Bothwell told the Board that in the current biennium, HLO received five complaints; three are open, two are closed.

### **Public/interested parties' feedback**

None.

### **Executive session**

Vice Chair Greg Hill called for the Board of Athletic Trainers to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) at 9:30 a.m. on March 3, 2015, for the purpose of considering information or records exempt from public inspection. (Legal advice)

Hill concluded executive session and the board reconvened regular session at 11:03 a.m. It was noted that no final decisions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

### **Other board business**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst



# **2016 Meeting Dates**



## 2016 meeting dates

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Athletic Trainers (Board) must meet at least once a year.

### ISSUE

The Board must approve 2016 meeting times and dates. The Health Licensing Office proposes:

- 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 1
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27

### BOARD ACTION

The Board approves 2016 meeting times and dates:

# **2016 Chair and Vice Chair**



## Chair and vice chair – 2016

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Russ Cagle has served as chair for the Board of Athletic Trainers (Board), and Gregor (Greg) Hill has served as vice chair during 2015.

### ISSUE

The Board must nominate and elect a chair and vice chair for 2016.

#### **Role of the chair in meetings**

- Officially call the meeting to order.
- Keep order and impose any necessary restrictions for the efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Direct the “flow” of the meeting and to ensure the meeting is conducted in a professional manner.

Some key points regarding meeting protocol include:

- Board members wishing to speak must wait to be addressed by the chair.
- Once addressed by the chair, the board member must state their last name for the record before speaking.
- The chair guides members through the motion-making process.
- If public comment is being accepted by the Board, audience members must wait to be addressed by the chair and state their full name and affiliation to the Board.
- Officially enter/exit executive session.
- Officially adjourn the meeting.

#### **Role of the chair outside of meetings**

- Collaborate with the director regarding the Board budget. The director may contact the chair to discuss the Board budget regarding revenue, expenditures and possible fee changes.
- Assist in generating meeting agendas. The board specialist or analyst may contact the chair to discuss the agenda for an upcoming meeting. The chair may be asked to comment on topics to be discussed and the format or order in which the topics should be presented at the meeting.

#### **Role of the vice chair**

The vice chair must assume the responsibilities of the chair if there is an absence or if the chair is no longer a member of the Board.

### BOARD ACTION

The Board nominates and elects:

Chair:

Vice chair:

# **Director's Report**

# **Licensing and Fiscal Statistical Reports**

# HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

## Board of Athletic Trainers

AT- AT-10113649

Athletic Trainer

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KAREN VOLPE  
2630 CALIFORNIA AVE  
KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97601

### RENEWAL NOTICE

Please return entire form with payment.

Indicate changes **ONLY, ON REVERSE.**

New personal information? Yes ☐ No ☐

New work location? Yes ☐ No ☐

Continuing education (CE) period:

10 Hours required by 10/31/2015

**YOU MUST RESPOND TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ATTEST TO CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLIANCE AS A QUALIFICATION FOR RENEWAL:**

1. Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony since your last renewal / application? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
If YES, please explain:

2. Are you currently on probation or parole? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
If YES, you must provide a letter of release from your probation or parole officer allowing you to obtain an authorization to practice. HLO may conduct a criminal background check.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SELF-ATTESTATION

☐ I am currently in compliance with continuing education credit/hours as required under Oregon Administrative Rules and adequate proof of attendance is available for audit or investigation by the Health Licensing Office.

(Registrants must complete two hours of continuing education specifically on Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury once every three years.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

License/Registration

AT AT-10113649

Active through:

10/31/2015

Renewal fee (1 year):

\$125.00

Method of Payment:

☐ Check ☐ Money Order

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**Renew Online!**

It's fast, easy and  
secure.

[www.oregon.gov/OHLA](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA)

**Your PIN code: 9389**

If you do not receive your new license in the mail within 14 days, please contact HLO at (503)378-8667 or [hlo.info@state.or.us](mailto:hlo.info@state.or.us).

Please enclose **EXACT AMOUNT** indicated above or your renewal will be returned.

**Please write registration/license number on check. Make checks payable to the Health Licensing Office.**

Enclose late fee if postmarked after your renewal date. Late fee is \$40 per year up to three years.



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### Concussion management resources available online

Information and resources have been compiled to assist Athletic Trainers in understanding the requirements and regulations regarding concussion management in Oregon for both school based athletic teams (Max's Law) and non-school based athletic teams (Jenna's Law).

Go to <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/pages/index.aspx> or [http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/docs/features/AT\\_Concussion\\_Letter\\_3-10-14.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/docs/features/AT_Concussion_Letter_3-10-14.pdf)

### Stay up to date—

- Find information about Board meetings and other opportunities to get involved.
- Keep your address and employment information current.
- Make renewal payments with debit or credit card.
- Check on latest laws, rules, and Board issue responses.
- And more!

Visit our web site at [www.oregon.gov/HLO](http://www.oregon.gov/HLO)

**Changes to your personal licensing record?** Please indicate below or check here: ☐ **No changes at this time.**

If your NAME has been changed, you are required to submit approved documentation—marriage certificate, divorce Decree, court judgment documents, etc. (OAR 331-010-0040) **AND** current government-issued photo ID (OAR 331-030-0000). Contact HLO for complete requirements.

#### Physical Address:

(where you live)

City

State

Zip

#### Mailing Address:

(where you want mail delivered, if different from physical address above)

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone Number: (       )       —

**Work Location/ Facility Information:** You are required to notify the Health Licensing Office of your current work location or change in work location. Indicate below or check here: ☐ **I am not working at this time.**

#### Name of Facility / Business:

#### Facility / Business Physical Address:

(where facility / business is located)

City

State

Zip

#### Facility / Business Mailing Address:

(where mail is delivered, if different from physical address above)

City

State

Zip

#### Facility / Business Phone:

#### Facility License Number:

(If Applicable and Licensed by HLO)

If working in more than one location please include additional information on a separate sheet of paper.



# Health Licensing Office Board of Athletic Trainers

*Licensing Division Statistics as of **June 30**, 2015 \**

*2013 - 2015 Biennium*

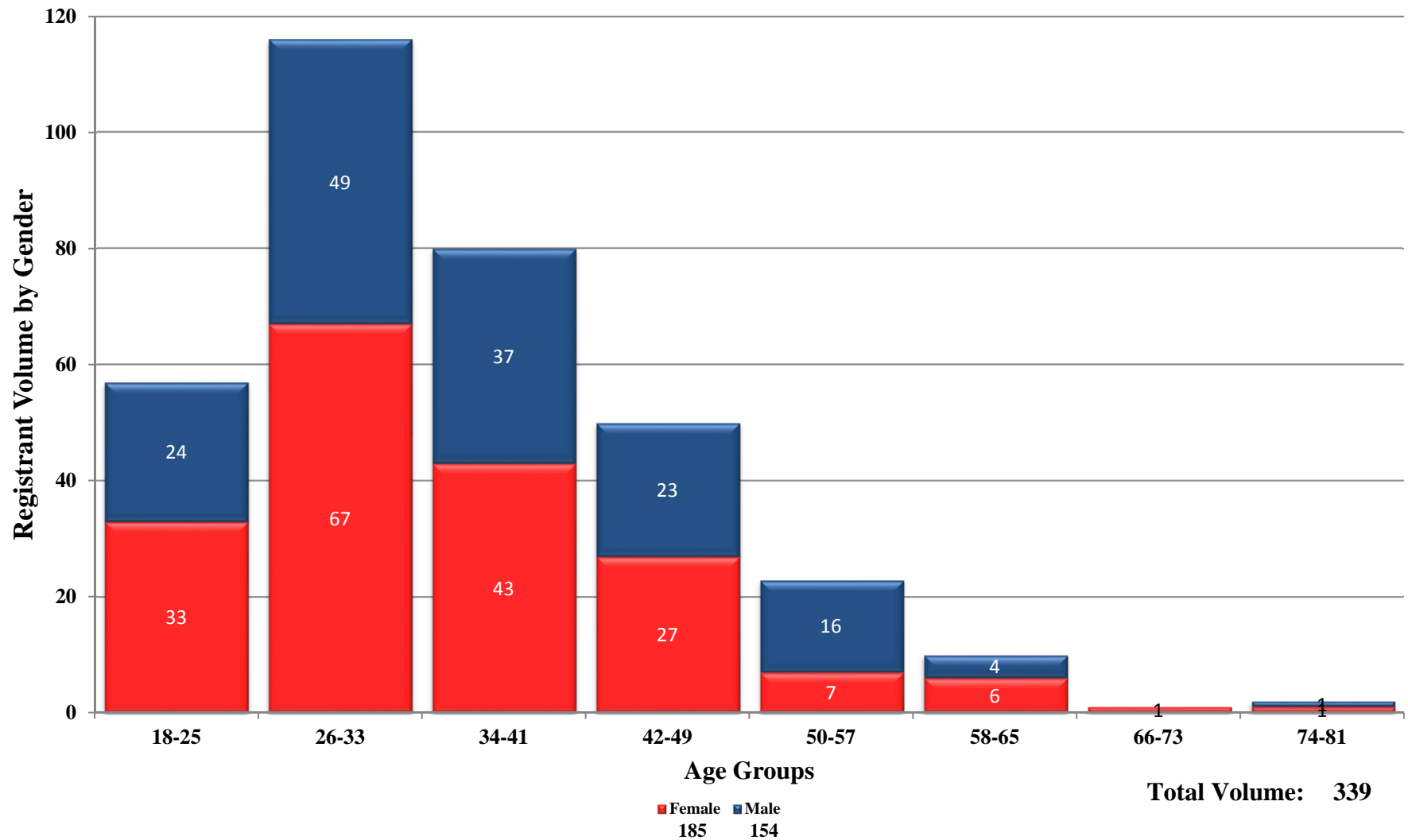
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Registrations Issued</b>	<b>Renewals Processed</b>	<b>% of Renewals Processed Online</b>
<b>1st</b>	19	80	68.8%
<b>2nd</b>	8	55	54.5%
<b>3rd</b>	6	36	66.7%
<b>4th</b>	7	74	56.8%
<b>5th</b>	30	101	67.3%
<b>6th</b>	9	49	67.3%
<b>7th</b>	11	36	69.4%
<b>8th</b>	19	72	63.9%
<b>Total:</b>	109	503	64.3%

*\* Note that the licensing table reflects activities through June 30, 2015 only since it is based on the 2013-15 biennium, and the remaining charts and graphs in this report are more current, including activity on through September 15th. Licensing activities for the July timeframe forward will be included in the next update to this table once we shift to the 2015-17 biennium.*

# Board of Athletic Trainers

## Active Athletic Trainer Registrants

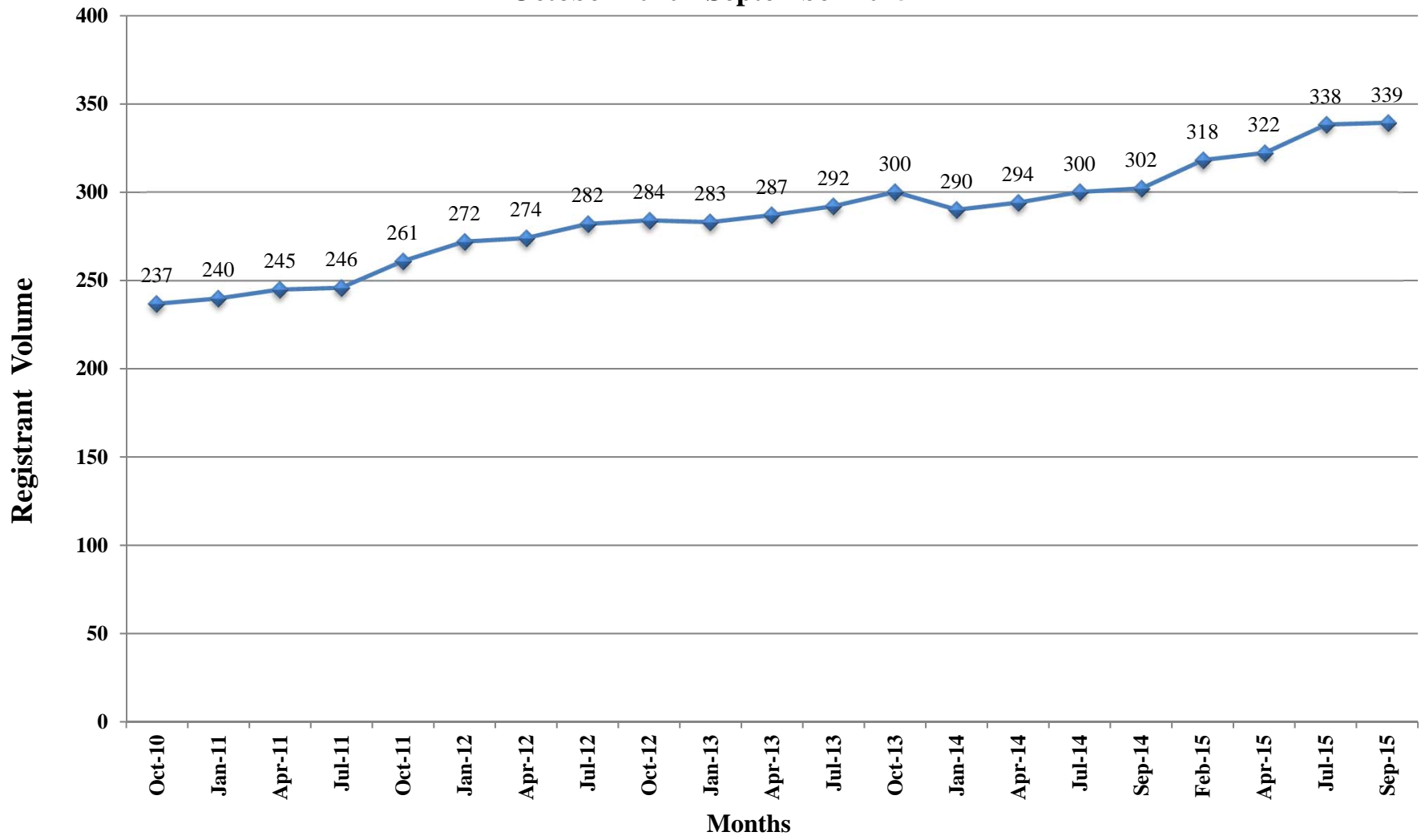
Statistics grouped by Gender and Age Group as of September 15, 2015  
2013 - 2015 Biennium



# Board of Athletic Trainers

Active Athletic Trainer Registrants  
Active Registration Trend  
October 2010 - September 2015

+12.3% change in growth over 1 year  
+43.0% change in growth over 5 years



**HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE  
Fund 7510 - ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW  
FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/13 - 06/30/15**

CURRENT

<b>13-15' Beginning Cash Balance</b>	\$ 140,592.74
Revenues	\$ 160,774.61
Expenditures	\$ 50,446.00
Less: Accrued Expenditures	\$ -
Less: Total Expenditures	\$ (50,446.00)
Subtotal: Resources Available	\$ 250,921.35
Change in (Current Assets)/Liabilities	\$ -
<b>Ending Cash Balance (Actual)</b>	<b>\$ 250,921.35</b>

Indirect Charges are calculated using the following rates:

\*Based on Licensee Volume as of May 20, 2013

Shared Assessment %	0.40%
Examination %	0.00%
Small Board Qualification %	4.73%
Inspection %	0.00%

**HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE  
Fund 7510 - ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW  
FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/13- 06/30/15**

PROJECTED

<b>13-15' Beginning Cash Balance</b>	\$ 140,592.74
Revenues	\$ 160,774.61
Expenditures	\$ 50,446.00
Less: Accrued Expenditures	\$ -
Less: Total Expenditures	\$ (50,446.00)
Subtotal: Resources Available	\$ 250,921.35
Change in (Current Assets)/Liabilities	\$ -
<b>Ending Cash Balance (Projection)</b>	<b>\$ 250,921.35</b>

Indirect Charges are calculated using the following rates:

\*Based on Licensee Volume as of May 20, 2013

Shared Assessment %	0.40%
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# Policy



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May 11, 2015

Dear school principals and athletic directors:

The Health Licensing Office (HLO) and the Board of Athletic Trainers write to ask you to ensure that any athletic trainers under your employ are complying with the registration laws governing athletic trainers. Unless covered under an exemption found in ORS 688.718, if a person is performing the duties of an athletic trainer or purporting to be an athletic trainer, the person must register as an athletic trainer with Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). Persons practicing athletic training without the required registration are subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

Athletic trainers are required to post their Oregon registration certificate and to carry a document verifying their compliance with Oregon law.

If you would like to ensure that the athletic trainers you employ are in good standing, you can check Oregon Health Licensing's website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/pages/index.aspx>

We have included the definition of athletic trainer and the exemptions from licensure for your review. Additionally, OHLA's website contains links to the laws governing the licensure of athletic trainers and information on how to become registered: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/AT/pages/index.aspx>

If you have any questions, contact Policy Analyst Anne Thompson at (503) 373-1904 or [anne.p.thompson@state.or.us](mailto:anne.p.thompson@state.or.us).

Thank you for your support of our ongoing work to protect the safety and health of athletes in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Russ Cagle, Ph.D., ATC, ATR  
Chair, Board of Athletic Trainers

## **688.701 Definitions for ORS 688.701 to 688.734.**

As used in ORS 688.701 to 688.734:

- (1) “Athlete” means any individual participating in fitness training and conditioning, sports or other competitions, practices or activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed or stamina, generally conducted in association with an educational institution, or professional or amateur sports activity.
- (2) “Athletic injury” means an injury occurring as the result of participating as an athlete.
- (3) “Board” means the Board of Athletic Trainers.
- (4) “Practice athletic training” means the application by a registered athletic trainer of principles and methods of:
  - (a) Prevention of athletic injuries;
  - (b) Recognition, evaluation and immediate care of athletic injuries;
  - (c) Rehabilitation and reconditioning of athletic injuries;
  - (d) Health care administration; and
  - (e) Education and counseling.
- (5) “Registered athletic trainer” means a person who is registered in accordance with ORS 688.720. [1999 c.736 §1]

**688.718 Registration required; exceptions.** (1) A person may not practice athletic training or claim to be a registered athletic trainer unless the person is registered under ORS 688.720.

(2) Nothing in ORS 688.701 to 688.734 is intended to:

- (a) Limit, preclude or otherwise interfere with the practices of health care providers or other persons licensed or registered in this state under any other statutes, or prevent health care providers or other persons from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the health care provider or person is licensed or registered;
- (b) Prevent any person from performing athletic training services if the person is employed as an athletic trainer by the federal government or any of its agencies;
- (c) Prohibit a person from performing athletic training services if:
  - (A) The person accompanies a sports team from another state, a territory of the United States or a foreign country;

- (B) The team is in this state for purposes related to competition or training; and
  - (C) The person performs athletic training services only on members of the team and the services are performed for no more than 60 days in a calendar year;
  - (d) Preclude any person from pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or registration as an athletic trainer in an accredited or approved educational program if the person is identified by a title that clearly indicates student or trainee status;
  - (e) Prevent any person from completing any supervised practical experience requirements established by the Board of Athletic Trainers by rule; or
  - (f) Prohibit any person from performing athletic training services in this state for purposes of continuing education, consulting or training if the services are performed for no more than 60 days in any calendar year and are performed in association with a registered athletic trainer if the person is:
    - (A) Registered or licensed and in good standing as an athletic trainer in another state; or
    - (B) Certified as an athletic trainer by, and in good standing with, the national Board of Certification.
  - (3) Nothing in ORS 688.701 to 688.734 shall be construed to require registration of an elementary or secondary school teacher, coach or volunteer who:
    - (a) Does not purport to be an athletic trainer; and
    - (b) Is acting within the scope of the person's duties as a teacher, coach or volunteer.
- [1999 c.736 §6; 2013 c.62 §1]



## Enrolled Senate Bill 521

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives KENY-GUYER, DAVIS; Senators BEYER, GELSER, HASS, JOHNSON, ROBLAN, Representatives BUCKLEY, HOYLE

CHAPTER .....

### AN ACT

Relating to concussions; amending ORS 336.485 and 417.875; and declaring an emergency.

#### Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

##### **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.485 is amended to read:

336.485. (1) As used in this section[.],:

(a) "Coach" means a person who instructs or trains members on a school athletic team, as identified by criteria established by the State Board of Education by rule.

(b) **"Health care professional" means a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, psychologist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner licensed or certified under the laws of this state.**

(2)(a) Each school district shall ensure that coaches receive annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.

(b) The board shall establish by rule:

(A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, which shall be provided by using community resources to the extent practicable; and

(B) Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach receives the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the beginning of the season for the school athletic team.

##### **(3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section:**

(a) A coach may not allow a member of a school athletic team to participate in any athletic event or training on the same day that the member:

(A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body; or

(B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.

(b) A coach may allow a member of a school athletic team who is prohibited from participating in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, to participate in an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member experienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:

(A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and

(B) Receives a medical release form from a health care professional.

**(4) A coach may allow a member of a school athletic team to participate in any athletic event or training at any time after an athletic trainer registered by the Board of Athletic Trainers determines that the member has not suffered a concussion. The athletic trainer**

may, but is not required to, consult with a health care professional in making the determination that the member has not suffered a concussion.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 417.875 is amended to read:

417.875. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Coach" means a person who volunteers **for**, or is paid to instruct or train members of, a nonschool athletic team.

(b) **"Health care professional" means a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, psychologist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner licensed or certified under the laws of this state.**

[(b)] (c) "League governing body" means a governing body that:

(A) Oversees an association of nonschool athletic teams that provide instruction or training for team members and that may compete with each other; and

(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation established as provided by ORS chapter 65.

[(c)] (d) "Nonschool athletic team" means an athletic team that includes members who are under 18 years of age and that is not affiliated with a public school in this state.

[(d)] (e) "Referee" means a person who volunteers or is paid to act as a referee, as an umpire or in a similar supervisory position for events involving nonschool athletic teams.

[(e)] (f) "Referee governing body" means a governing body that:

(A) Trains and certifies individuals to serve as referees for nonschool athletic team events; and

(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation established as provided by ORS chapter 65.

(2)(a) Each league governing body and each referee governing body shall ensure that the coaches and the referees, respectively, receive annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.

(b) Each league governing body and each referee governing body shall adopt a policy that establishes:

(A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(B) Procedures that ensure that every coach and referee receives the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(3) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section:**

(a) A coach may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to participate in any athletic event or training on the same day that the member:

(A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body; or

(B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.

(b) A coach may allow a member of a nonschool athletic team who is prohibited from participating in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, to participate in an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member experienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:

(A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and

(B) Receives a medical release form from a health care professional.

[(4) *A referee may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to participate in any athletic event during which the member exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body.*]

**(4) A coach may allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to participate in any athletic event or training at any time after an athletic trainer registered by the Board of Athletic Trainers determines that the member has not suffered a concussion. The athletic trainer may, but is not required to, consult with a health care professional in making the determination that the member has not suffered a concussion.**

(5) The league governing body shall develop or use existing guidelines and other relevant materials, and shall make available those guidelines and materials, to inform and educate persons under 18 years of age desiring to be a member on a nonschool athletic team, the parents and legal guardians of the persons and the coaches about the symptoms and warning signs of a concussion.

(6) For each year of participation, and prior to a person under 18 years of age participating as a member on a nonschool athletic team, at least one parent or legal guardian of the person must acknowledge the receipt of the guidelines and materials described in subsection (5) of this section and the review of those guidelines and materials by:

(a) The parent or legal guardian of the person; and

(b) If the person is 12 years of age or older, the person.

(7) A league governing body may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of any season for each nonschool athletic team regarding the symptoms and warning signs of a concussion.

(8)(a) Any person who regularly serves as a coach or as a referee and who complies with the provisions of this section is immune from civil or criminal liability related to a head injury unless the person acted or failed to act because of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the civil or criminal liability related to a head injury of a person who does not regularly serve as a coach or a referee.

**SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**Passed by Senate April 7, 2015**

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Lori L. Bocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Passed by House June 2, 2015**

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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# **Regulatory Report**

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## ***Board of Athletic Trainers***

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### ***2013 – 2015 Biennium***

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2015, 5 complaints were received by the Office. Total open 3. Total closed 2.

ANONYMOUS	CLIENTS	OTHER
1	0	4

### ***2015 – 2017 Biennium***

Between July 1, 2015 and August 31, 2015, 0 complaints were received by the Office.

# **Public/Interested Parties' Feedback**

# Executive Session



ORS 192.660(2)(f) for the purpose of considering  
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# **Item for Board Action**

Investigation (cases)



# **Other Board Business**



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