



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board

*Athletic Trainers Section*  
*September 8, 2011*  
*9:00 a.m.*

**Members Present**

Rebekah Bower, AT, Chairperson (arrived from  
ATERP @ 9:50 am)  
Jason Dapore, DO (arrived @ 9:30 am)  
Brian Hartz, AT, PhD, Secretary  
Aaron Galpert, AT  
Vincent O'Brien, AT

**Legal Counsel**

Yvonne Tertel, AAG

**Staff**

Lisa Ratinaud, Enforcement Division Supervisor  
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director

**Call to Order**

Brian Hartz, Section Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. Rebekah Bower was not present due to attending the AT Enforcement Review Panel.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Aaron Galpert moved that the minutes from the July 13, 2011, meeting be approved as submitted. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Rebekah Bower and Jason Dapore were absent for the vote. The motion carried.

**Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved that the retreat minutes from the July 13, 2011, meeting be approved as submitted. Aaron Galpert seconded the motion. Rebekah Bower and Jason Dapore were absent for the vote. The motion carried.

**Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Brian Hartz seconded the motion.

The Executive Director called the roll:

**Roll Call**

Rebekah Bower	Yes
Jason Dapore	Yes
Aaron Galpert	Yes
Brian Hartz	Yes
Vincent O'Brien	Yes

The Section went into executive session at 9:54 am and came out at 9:55 am. There was no action taken.

**Special Orders**

**Election of Officers**

**Action:** Brian Hartz nominated Rebekah Bower to be Section Chairperson for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending immediately following the September 2012 Section meeting. Jason Dapore seconded the nomination. All members present voted to elect Rebekah Bower Section Chairperson.

**Action:** Vincent O'Brien nominated Brian Hartz to be Section Secretary for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending immediately following the September 2012 Section meeting. Jason Dapore seconded the nomination. All members present voted to elect Brian Hartz Section Secretary.

The Athletic Trainers Section chairperson shall be the Executive Committee representative.

Appointment of Liaisons

The liaison appointments beginning September 8, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 are:

Enforcement Division Liaison: Rebekah Bower

Licensure Liaison: Vincent O'Brien

Continuing Education Liaison: Brian Hartz

Correspondence Liaison: Aaron Galpert

**Action:** Brian Hartz moved to authorize the Executive Director to accept or reject consent agreements on the Section's behalf for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action:** Brian Hartz moved to authorize the use of signature stamps or electronic signatures by the Section Chairperson, Section Secretary, and the Executive Director for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012. Aaron Galpert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action:** Brian Hartz moved to authorize the Executive Director to make editorial changes to motions for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012. Jason Dapore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action:** Brian Hartz moved to authorize the use of hearing officers for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved to authorize the staff to issue licenses to applicants with completed applications and that the Section ratify the licenses issued by the staff at the Section meeting following the issuance of the license for the period beginning September 8, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012. Brian Hartz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Licensure Applications

**Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved that the Athletic Trainers Section ratify, as submitted, the athletic training licenses issued by examination, endorsement, and reinstatement by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from July 13, 2011, through September 8, 2011, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Aaron Galpert seconded the motion. Rebekah Bower was absent for the vote. The motion carried.

Examination Applicants

Aldridge, Hannah  
Benter, Kristyn  
Boyd, Robert  
Cable, Abigail  
Conley, Stefanie  
Danklefsen, Rebekah  
Ebbert, Rachel  
Fehr, Jesse  
Fretthold, Allison  
Goodin, Evan  
Huesing, Heather  
Johnston, Christopher  
Knapp, Kristin  
Mitchell, Matthew  
Nelson, Daryl  
O'Donnell, Garrett  
Rhinehart, Alex  
Rutschilling, Tiffany  
Schrade, Chelsea  
Skudlarek, Timothy

Anderson, Andrea  
Boland, Samantha  
Brelje, Andrea  
Carey, Sara  
Copeland, Alexandra  
Divers, Caitlin  
Elleman, Joshua  
Ferguson, Nicholas  
Geier, Alex  
Grandy, Jennifer  
James, Jarrod  
Jordan, Robert  
Kohls, Amanda  
Morse, Sean  
Nicknair, James  
Pachesa, Jaime  
Roberts, Olivia  
Saul, William  
Shuluga, Ashley  
Smith, Justin

Barnett, Dalyann  
Boley, Heather  
Bushey, Cassandra  
Clements, Amy  
Damschroder, Kathryn  
Downs, Brian  
Faciana, Nicholas  
Flore, David  
Ginsburg, Lisa  
Gray, Kimberly  
Johnston, Christine  
Kilboy, Danielle  
Lindsey, Margaret  
Muse, Bradley  
Nowak, Kayla  
Peden, Christa  
Rullestad, Elizabeth  
Scholes, Melissa  
Silva, Kevin  
Smith, Kristen

Smith, Zachary  
Sturgill, Erin  
Torkelson, Dawn  
Werner, Mackenzie  
Woolfe-Patterson, Kelly

Stalf, Stephanie  
Suon, Carolin  
Urbania, Brittany  
Whitehurst, Robert

Stevens, Lauren  
Surman, Nicole  
Weale, Kathryn  
Williams, Jessica

Endorsement Applicants

Briggs, Brian  
Garber, Richard  
Lloyd, Benjamin  
Suffel, Jena

Dailey, Casandra  
German, Rachael  
Procter, Chelsea  
Wilkerson, Phillip

Dotson, Meredith  
Huggins-Sullivan, Siobhan  
Purcell, Steven

Reinstatement Applicants

Labosky, Michelle

Rutledge, Kyle

Schaiper, Courtney

**Continuing Education Approval**

There were no continuing education applications submitted since the July 13, 2011 Section meeting.

**Event Approval**

There were no event approval requests submitted since the July 13, 2011 Section meeting.

**Assistant Attorney General Report**

Yvonne Tertel, AAG, had no formal report for the Section.

**Case Review Liaison Report**

Rebekah Bower reported that the Enforcement Division opened one new case and closed four cases since the July 13, 2011 meeting. There are nine cases currently open.

Rebekah Bower informed the Section that Paul Lessard complied with all terms and conditions and was released from his disciplinary consent agreement.

**Enforcement Division Actions**

Aaron Galpert recommended that the Section accept the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-016 in lieu of going to a hearing. **Action:** Brian Hartz moved that the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-016 be accepted in lieu of going to a hearing. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Aaron Galpert abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Shawn Russell, AT.

Aaron Galpert recommended that the Section accept the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-020 in lieu of going to a hearing. **Action:** Brian Hartz moved that the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-020 be accepted in lieu of going to a hearing. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Aaron Galpert abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Tomas Vera, AT.

Rebekah Bower recommended that the Section accept the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-022 in lieu of going to a hearing. **Action:** Vincent O'Brien moved that the consent agreement for case AT-FY11-022 be accepted in lieu of going to a hearing. Brian Hartz seconded the motion. Rebekah Bower abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Keith Karnes, AT.

Rebekah Bower recommended that the Section accept the consent agreement for case AT-FY12-001 in lieu of going to a hearing. **Action:** Brian Hartz moved that the consent agreement for case AT-FY12-001 be accepted in lieu of going to a hearing. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Rebekah Bower abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Lindsay Harrison, AT.

Aaron Galpert recommended that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case number AT-FY11-010 for disciplinary action taken by another state licensing board. **Action:** Brian Hartz moved that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case number AT-FY11-010 for disciplinary action taken by another state licensing board. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Aaron Galpert abstained from voting. The motion carried.

## Correspondence

- 1. Scott Carver:** Mr. Carver asked the Section whether an athletic trainer can make a return to play decision for a visiting team athlete that does not have a suspected injury. **Reply:** Athletic trainers may provide visiting teams, traveling without an athletic trainer or team physician, first aid/emergency care and routine care. An athletic trainer can make return to play decisions for visiting team athletes if there is no injury present. They should not provide restorative treatments or return an injured athlete or an athlete with a suspected injury to participation. The information contained in this response would also apply to the visiting team athletic trainer if the home team did not have an athletic trainer. In addition, you only used the credential “ATC” in your letter. The Athletic Trainers Section is working to educate athletic trainers on the correct credentials to use in professional signatures. Licensed athletic trainers in Ohio should use the credential “AT” following their name to indicate licensure. The credential “ATC” is a credential trademarked by Board of Certification to be used by individuals holding current BOC certification. Licensed athletic trainers should sign their name as Jane Smith, AT. The BOC prohibits individuals from adding “/L” after the “ATC” to indicate licensure.
- 2. Albert Goffinett:** Mr. Goffinett asked the Section questions regarding athletic trainer referrals and whether athletic trainers can make referrals to another athletic trainer that have the same SOP and medical director. **Reply:** The Athletic Trainers Section response from November 23, 2010 remains the same. There is no provision in the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act that allows an athletic trainer to athletic trainer referral. Currently, an athletic trainer can provide continued quality care to an athlete. For example, an athletic trainer can delegate continued treatment to another athletic trainer provided that the originating athletic trainer has a valid physician order on file. In most cases, athletic trainers want to extend their standard operating procedure to another athletic trainer. This type of extension does not comply with the Ohio Athletic Training Practice Act. The scenario you described is acceptable because the athletic trainer is functioning under the same medical director with the same standard operating procedures. The standard operating procedures need to be articulated exactly the same way for school A and school B in the same SOP document. In addition, the SOP must be inclusive of all parties involved. The Section will continue to provide education to the athletic trainer community regarding the appropriate way to delegate continued treatment to another athletic trainer. The form that you provided is fine, provided that it has a physician signature for any requested restorative treatments, thus acting as a referral from a licensed practitioner. In addition, you only used the credential “ATC” in your August 31 email. The Athletic Trainers Section is working to educate athletic trainers in the correct credentials to use in professional signatures. Licensed athletic trainers in Ohio should use the credential “AT” following their name to indicate licensure. The credential “ATC” is a credential trademarked by Board of Certification to be used by individuals holding current BOC certification. Licensed athletic trainers should sign their name as Jane Smith, AT. The BOC prohibits individuals from adding “/L” after the “ATC” to indicate licensure.
- 3. Jerry Bean:** Mr. Bean asked the Section for clarification regarding athletic trainer’s ability to provide medical services to visiting athletes. **Reply:** Athletic trainers may provide visiting teams, traveling without an athletic trainer or team physician, first aid/emergency care and routine care. They should not provide restorative treatments or return an injured athlete to participation. As stated in section 4755.60(A) of the Revised Code, treatment consists of the techniques and procedures used in giving care in situations where assistance is required or requested. Such actions should be reasonable and prudent within the scope of practice of athletic training. A progression of categories is listed as a guideline for your use. All treatment should be rendered in accordance with any established protocol for the venue. Physician directives should be followed at all times. Permission to treat should be obtained. Athletic trainers should not attempt any treatment measure unfamiliar to them or outside the scope of athletic training practice. Some variance may be seen in treatment, depending upon educational background, facility or setting limitations, and patient response. A referral is not required for first aide and routine treatment. However, a referral is required for restorative treatment. **First Aid (no referral necessary):** Basic, immediate care given on site to stabilize and prepare for evacuation and referral as needed. **Routine (no referral necessary):** Maintenance and preventative measures commonly used by athletic trainers, such as pre-event warm-up and post-event cool-down procedures. The sole intent of treatments used is to maintain normal function during participation and daily living. **Restorative:** Patient specific instructions for use with a diagnosed injury or as prescribed by the referral source. **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):** A protocol set forth by team physicians and athletic trainers for treatment or various injuries prior to evaluation by a physician. Such procedures should be

followed as outlined with timely referral. This protocol must be documented and on file in the setting where used.

### **Old Business**

#### **Return to Practice Requirements Update**

The Section requested that the Executive Director survey other state Athletic Training Boards to see if they have laws established for out of practice requirements. The Section will send a letter to the Board of Certification to explain the return to practice requirements and verify if they are willing to collect the fees for individuals taking the state exam that is developed by the BOC.

#### **Jurisprudence Examination and Blueprint Update**

The Executive Director informed the Section that the new jurisprudence examination has been posted on the Board website. The Section reviewed the updated the jurisprudence blueprint.

### **New Business**

#### **Presentation Preparation for Specific Audiences**

The Section will create presentations for athletic trainers, students, and consumers of athletic training services. The Board will contact Mark Doughty, Paul Miller and Kurt McClurg to see if they any slides that the Section can use in some of the presentations. The Section members will forward their slides to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will start sorting the current slides into the categories identified.

### **Ohio Athletic Trainers Association (OATA)**

There was no formal report. The Section noted that Kurt McClurg is running for OATA President.

### **Items for the Next Meeting**

- Return to Practice Requirements Update
- Presentations – Audience Specific Update

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date of the Athletic Trainers Section will be Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

### **Adjournment**

**Action:** Brian Hertz moved that the meeting be adjourned. Aaron Galpert seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Moore

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Rebekah Bower, AT, Chairperson  
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Jeffrey M. Rosa, Executive Director  
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