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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE**

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

**Room 121C, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison**

**Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112**

**May 12, 2015**

*The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.*

**AGENDA**

**9:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

- A) Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B) Welcome New Members**
- C) Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2014 (4-7)**
- D) Appointments/Reappointments/Confirmations**
- E) Administrative Updates (8-11)**
  - 1) Staff Updates
  - 2) Election of Officers (**9**)
    - a) Chair
    - b) Vice Chair
    - c) Secretary
  - 3) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates (**10**)
  - 4) Delegated Authority Motions (**11**)
- F) Legislative/Administrative Rule Matters**
  - 1) Current and Future Rule Making and Legislative Initiatives
  - 2) Administrative Rules Report
- G) Wis. Stat. § 15.085(3)(b) – Biannual Meeting with the Medical Examining Board (12)**
- H) Discussion of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Health and Safety Guidelines for Independent Medical Care (13-18)**
- I) Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)**

- 1) Consider Attendance at the Board of Certification Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference – July 10-11, 2015 – Omaha, Nebraska **(19-21)**

**J) Board of Certification (BOC) Matters**

- 1) BOC Regulatory Update **(22-28)**

**K) Informational Items**

- 1) Supreme Court Decision Involving North Carolina Dentistry Board **(29-30)**

**L) Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:**

- 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- 2) Administrative Updates
- 3) Education and Examination Matters
- 4) Credentialing Matters
- 5) Practice Matters
- 6) Legislation/Administrative Rule Matters
- 7) Liaison Report(s)
- 8) Informational Item(s)
- 9) Disciplinary Matters
- 10) Presentations of Petition(s) for Summary Suspension
- 11) Presentation of Proposed Stipulation(s), Final Decision(s) and Order(s)
- 12) Presentation of Proposed Decisions
- 13) Presentation of Interim Order(s)
- 14) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 15) Petitions for Assessments
- 16) Petitions to Vacate Order(s)
- 17) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 18) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
- 19) Motions
- 20) Petitions
- 21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
- 22) Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)

**M) Public Comments**

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats. and § 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.).**

**N) Case Status Report (31)**

**O) Deliberation on Administrative Warning(s)**

- 1) 14 ATB 002 (J.R.C.) **(32-33)**

**P) Case Closing(s)**

- 1) 14 ATB 001 (M.J.V.) **(34-36)**

Q) Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

- 1) Education and Examination Matters
- 2) Credentialing Matters
- 3) Disciplinary Matters
- 4) Monitoring Matters
- 5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
- 6) Petition(s) for Summary Suspensions
- 7) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 8) Administrative Warnings
- 9) Proposed Decisions
- 10) Matters Relating to Costs
- 11) Complaints
- 12) Case Closings
- 13) Case Status Report
- 14) Petition(s) for Extension of Time
- 15) Proposed Interim Orders
- 16) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
- 17) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 18) Remedial Education Cases
- 19) Motions
- 20) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

R) Consulting with Legal Counsel

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

S) Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session

T) Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD  
WEB/VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 22, 2014**

**PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING:** Ryan Berry, Kurt Fielding, James Nesbit, Gregory Vergamini

**STAFF:** Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Gretchen Mrozinski, Legal Counsel; Karen Rude-Evans, Bureau Assistant; Taylor Thompson, Bureau Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ryan Berry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. A quorum of four (4) members was confirmed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Greg Vergamini moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** James Nesbit moved, seconded by Greg Vergamini, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** James Nesbit moved, seconded by Greg Vergamini, to approve the minutes of October 1, 2013 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**BOARD CHAIR**

**NOMINATION:** James Nesbit nominated Ryan Berry for the Office of Board Chair. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Tom Ryan called for other nominations three (3) times.

Ryan Berry was elected as Board Chair.

**VICE CHAIR**

**NOMINATION:** Kurt Fielding nominated himself for the Office of Vice Chair. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Tom Ryan called for other nominations three (3) times.

Kurt Fielding was elected as Vice Chair.

**SECRETARY**

**NOMINATION:** James Nesbit nominated himself for the Office of Secretary. Nomination carried by unanimous consent.

Tom Ryan called for other nominations three (3) times.

James Nesbit was elected as Secretary.

<b>2014 ELECTION RESULTS</b>	
<b>Board Chair</b>	Ryan Berry
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Kurt Fielding
<b>Secretary</b>	James Nesbit

**APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS, ALTERNATES, AND DELEGATES**

<b>2014 LIAISON APPOINTMENTS</b>	
<b>Credentialing Liaison</b>	<b>Ryan Berry</b> (Alternate: James Nesbit)
<b>DLSC Liaison</b>	<b>James Nesbit</b> (Alternate: Greg Vergamini)
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<b>Website Liaison</b>	<b>James Nesbit</b> (Alternate: Ryan Berry)
<b>Screening Panel</b>	<b>James Nesbit, Kurt Fielding</b> (Alternate: Greg Vergamini)

**MOTION:** Greg Vergamini moved, seconded by James Nesbit, to approve the Liaison and Panel appointments as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

## DELEGATED AUTHORITY MOTIONS

**MOTION:** Greg Vergamini moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, that the Board delegates authority to the Chair (or order of succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board. In order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chair has the ability to delegate this signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The Chair delegates the authority to a Department representative to sign the name of the Chair (or order of succession), or any and all Board members, on documents as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Kurt Fielding moved, seconded by Greg Vergamini, that, in order to facilitate the completion of assignments between meetings, the Board delegates its authority by order of succession to the Chair, highest ranking officer, or longest serving member of the Board, to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters and to act when knowledge or experience in the profession is required to carry out the duties of the Board in accordance with the law. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ryan Berry moved, seconded by James Nesbit, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaisons to address all issues related to credentialing matters with the exception of denials during the application process. Motion carried unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 61 – REPORT FROM JAMES NESBIT

**MOTION:** Ryan Berry moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, to note that James Nesbit completed the review and no changes are recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

## CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** James Nesbit moved, seconded by Greg Vergamini, to convene to Closed Session to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85(1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats. and § 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.). Ryan Berry read the language of the motion aloud for the record. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. **Roll Call Vote:** Ryan Berry - yes; Kurt Fielding - yes; James Nesbit - yes; Gregory Vergamini – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:39 A.M.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Kurt Fielding moved, seconded by James Nesbit, to reconvene in Open Session at 9:45 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

## CASE CLOSINGS

### 13 ATB 001

**MOTION:** Greg Vergamini moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, to close DLSC case number **13 ATB 001**, against **P.T., for prosecutorial discretion (P5)**. Motion carried unanimously.

### 13 ATB 002

**MOTION:** Ryan Berry moved, seconded by James Nesbit, to close DLSC case number **13 ATB 002**, against **A.R.K., for no violation (NV)**. Motion carried unanimously.

### 13 ATB 003

**MOTION:** Ryan Berry moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, to close DLSC case number **13 ATB 003**, against **N.T.N., for no violation (NV)**. Motion carried unanimously.

### VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION, IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE

**MOTION:** Greg Vergamini moved, seconded by James Nesbit, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** James Nesbit moved, seconded by Kurt Fielding, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

<b>1) Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:</b>  Kimberly Wood, Program Assistant Supervisor-Adv.		<b>2) Date When Request Submitted:</b>  4/30/15  Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting									
<b>3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:</b>  Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board											
<b>4) Meeting Date:</b>  5/12/15	<b>5) Attachments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?</b>  Administrative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Updates</li> <li>• Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)</li> <li>• Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates</li> <li>• Delegated Authority Motions</li> </ul>									
<b>7) Place Item in:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	<b>8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ( <a href="#">Fill out Board Appearance Request</a> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:</b>  N/A									
<b>10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:</b>  1) Staff Updates – No Action 2) Election of Officers – Conduct election of Board Officers for 2015 3) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates – Chair appoints Board liaisons 4) Delegated Authority Motions – The Board should consider continuation, modification or additions to previously delegated authorities.											
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		Items will be considered late if submitted after 5 p.m. and less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 8 business days before the meeting for paperless boards</li> <li>▪ 14 business days before meeting for all others</li> </ul>	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Section: Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 5/12/15	5) Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Wis. Stat. s 15.085 (3)(b) – Biannual Meeting with the Medical Examining Board	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session <input type="checkbox"/> Both	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Fill out Board Appearance Request) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:			
<b>15.085 Affiliated credentialing boards.</b>			
<u>15.085(3) (3)</u> FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS. <u>15.085(3)(b) (b)</u> The chairperson of an affiliated credentialing board shall meet at least once every 6 months with the examining board to which the affiliated credentialing board is attached to consider all matters of joint interest.			
<b>11) Authorization</b>			
Taylor Thompson		9/15/2014	
Signature of person making this request		Date	
Supervisor (if required)		Date	
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3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:  Athletic Trainers Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date:  TBD/2015	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?  NCAA Health and Safety Guidelines for Independent Medical Care	
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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:  Review and discuss attached article.			
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# NCAA Health and Safety Guidelines for Independent Medical Care

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By Erin Chapman, MS, LAT, ATC

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As an Athletic Trainer (AT) working in an athletic model, I was interested to read the [guidelines](#) released by the Safety in College Football Summit. However, are these guidelines reachable for an institution that is currently in an athletic model? How can these guidelines be incorporated into an athletic model? Will it result in a higher cost to the institution? Money and resources seem to be obstacles many institutions are facing with the current economic status.

In an athletic model the Athletic Director often supervises ATs. Discussions regarding promotions, hiring and firing are often not made by those with a background in healthcare, but rather athletic administration. Athletic Directors may have a better understanding of what an AT does on a daily basis compared to other administrators, but they often do not have the healthcare expertise to make decisions related to the effectiveness of healthcare professionals. Many may feel that a conflict of interest between the safety of the student-athletes and winning can be blurred in this model.

The Princeton Model was established years ago by Princeton University. I often go back to the [article in the NATA News](#) from March 2011 to see how this model would be appropriate and feasible for my setting. I often ask why it took so long for the NCAA to establish these guidelines.

The Health and Safety Guidelines for Independent Medical Care are considered just that, guidelines, and many ATs might have an interest in learning how other institutions have implemented these guidelines in their clinical settings. Being at an institution that has a strong athletic history and a limited budget, the idea behind implementing these guidelines is not as easy as one might think. While I have never had an issue with a coach trying to impose demands on a medical decision or established recommendations, creating a barrier between the medical staff and coaches would ultimately eliminate any risk of this occurring in the future.

Athletic Trainers are healthcare professionals but are not always viewed as such when established within athletics; rather, they are seen as support staff. Often they are at the mercy of a coach's decision, which often disrupts scheduling and medical coverage. Placing ATs in a medical model would require coaches and medical staff to discuss scheduling and guidelines for changing practices and/or games so that adequate healthcare services would be provided.

While creating these guidelines will get sports medicine professionals talking and brainstorming, further research into implementing these guidelines is essential in producing positive outcomes in providing individual healthcare that separates sports medicine from athletic administration effectively as stated in the guidelines.

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# Room for Change

*Some colleges are trying a new model, aligning athletic training with campus health services instead of athletics*

Text **Darrin Scheid**

In a perfect world, athletic trainers in the college and university setting work no more than 45 hours per week, on average. They are treated like health care professionals, even by the most inexperienced assistant coaches and newly hired operations directors, and they make 20 percent more than the current national average.

It sounds like a fantasy – but this is the reality at Princeton, Boston University and Dartmouth. The University of North Carolina fits this description, and so does Division II Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

What these schools and a handful of other institutions across the college landscape have in common is the way they handle the business of providing care for athletes. These schools don't have identical models, but one consistent theme is that athletic trainers report to the university's health care center and not the department of athletics. Charles Thompson, MS, ATC, Princeton's head athletic trainer, said once you have worked in this system, you wouldn't even think about going back.

"For the athlete, everything related to care is expeditious because we work so closely with other health care professionals on campus," Thompson said. "For the athletic trainers, we're treated in every respect as health care providers, from salary to how we're viewed by other medical professionals. And with coaches, I want coaches to understand why we're doing something. Ask questions, but don't question me. That's the way I look at it because we don't answer to a coach."

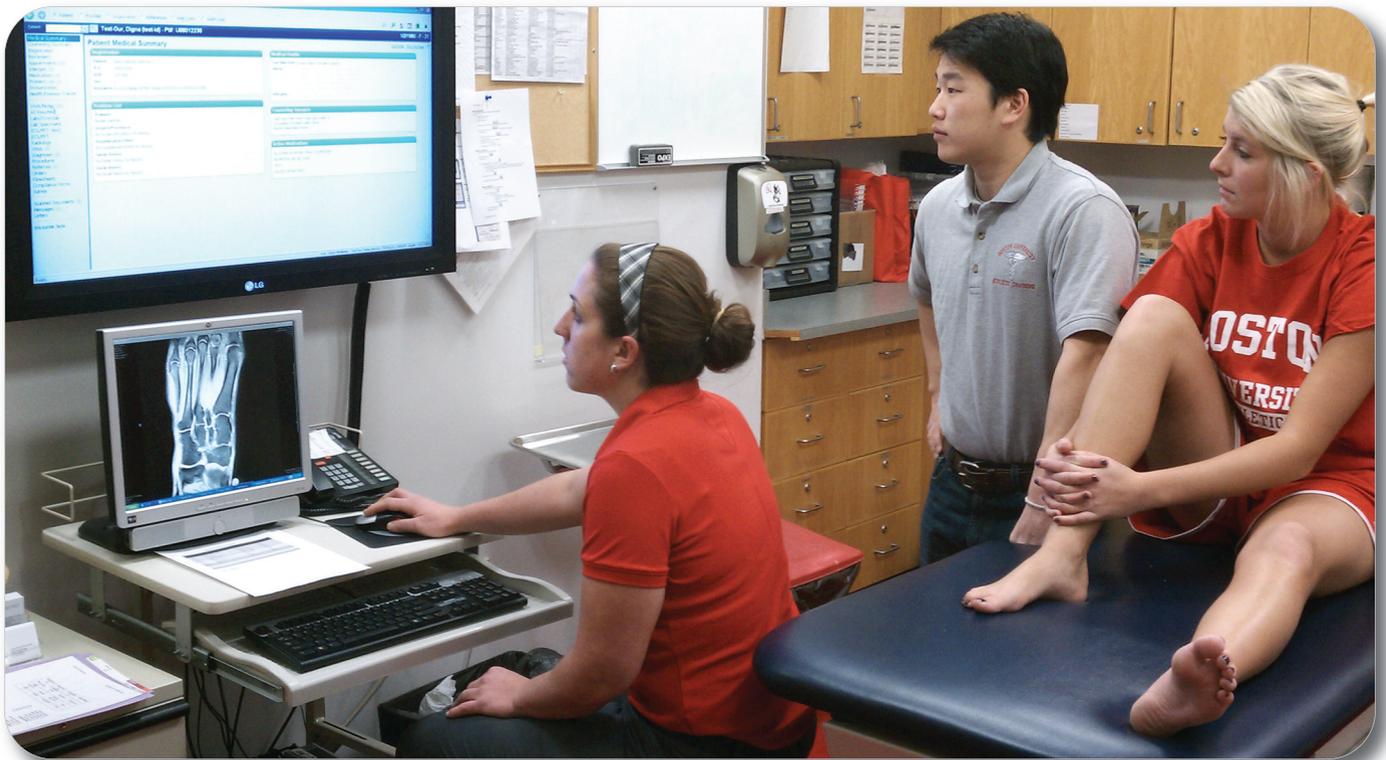


A Kutztown University football player receives medical attention from **Rennie Sacco**, MEd, ATC, the school's Coordinator of Sports Medicine.

At Princeton, the model works like this: University Health Services has an executive director that heads the operation and supervises a medical director and director for counseling services. Under the medical director is the director of athletic medicine, who is the team physi-

cian and Thompson's supervisor. Thompson has a staff of nine athletic trainers who oversee 38 sports at the Division I school.

Thompson said his staff members make at least \$50,000, and if they aren't enjoying life outside of work, it's not Princeton's fault. They



**Amanda Thoens, MA, ATC**, and athletic training education program students **Eric Hwang** and **Christine Kelly** study a foot evaluation in the Boston University athletic training room.

average 45 hours per week, and Thompson said these numbers aren't estimates because hours are documented just as they would be in a clinic. Coaches know that Princeton's athletic training room opens at 8 a.m., although somebody is usually there a quarter hour before that.

A plan for medical service is organized at the beginning of the year, and whether or not an athletic trainer attends a practice is based on the sport. At many colleges and universities, athletic trainers try to cover all practices. At Princeton, sports are categorized red, orange or yellow. Football and ice hockey are red, which means the team should not practice unless an athletic trainer is present. Basketball, baseball and softball fit under yellow, meaning practices should take place when an athletic trainer is at least available in the athletic training room. Tennis, swimming and squash are green, allowing those teams to practice without an athletic trainer as long as the coaches are versed in the emergency action plan for whatever facility they are using. All coaches are trained in First Aid and CPR.

"Basketball is an important sport here, but we don't sit and watch basketball practice every day," Thompson said. "If you're paying me by the hour, do you want me to sit on the basketball court and watch 15 kids run

around for two hours, or would you rather me be in the athletic training room treating patients? If something happens, coaches know what to do, and we're never far away. And a physician is here on campus."

Athlete medical records are stored in a database on campus and shared between the health center nurses, doctors and athletic trainers. If a women's lacrosse player gets a concussion, she can stay in the health center on campus overnight.

"I had some hamstring problems early in my career and recently had some ankle issues and a sports hernia operation, so I've spent a lot of time in the (athletic) training room," Princeton football player Andrew Kerr said. "If we talked about an injury and decide that I should see the doctor or get an X-Ray, I could come back down and have a diagnosis by that afternoon. The communication and how they work together makes it very efficient. It was pretty easy to be treated."

If it's so great, why aren't more people doing it?

Tradition is tough to break, said Renard Sacco, MEd, ATC, the Coordinator of Sports Medicine, at Kutztown. Sacco said there is usually a change in athletic administration that allows for college presidents and vice-presidents to shift their thinking, and that's

exactly what happened at this university in eastern Pennsylvania. It was nearly seven years ago that a change in athletic administration opened the door for discussion on how to better manage athlete health care.

The Sports Medicine Department was placed under KU's Health, Wellness and Counseling. Both Intercollegiate Athletics and Sports Medicine is under the Division of Student Services and Campus Life (Student Affairs). KU's athletic trainers are faculty (non-teaching), and starting pay and raises for them are determined the same way they are for all faculty. Sacco manages the university's sports medicine program, which today includes three additional full-time athletic trainers, who are responsible for the health care needs of more than 500 athletes in 22 sports.

"Athletic trainers, by and large, haven't had somebody in the athletic department to champion their cause," Sacco said. "A big percentage of athletic directors, are former coaches who don't have the same view or approach to athletic medicine as the athletic trainer or other medical professionals. That actually hurts athletic trainers moving forward, especially if they're trying to get their work environment better organized and more efficiently run."

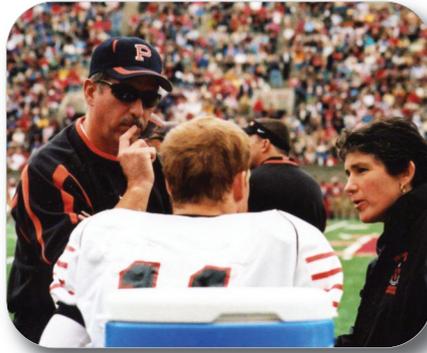


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Sacco was able to use the new realignment at Kutztown to his advantage. The program added two faculty athletic trainers in the first three years since the move and recently completed a \$500K sports medicine facility move and renovation. Sacco was able to explain his facility needs to his supervisor, another medical professional who then appropriately championed their needs to the university vice president and so forth. What they ended up with is much-needed private exam space, additional staff offices and an improved medical records system. Although it was considered a small renovation and sorely needed for patient privacy, Sacco says it wouldn't have happened if the sports medicine department remained under the old model.

"I was not only able to explain our needs to a fellow health care professional, but it was somebody who understood that there are different specialized fields within health care," Sacco said.

Kutztown is much like Princeton when it comes to having an athletic trainer at practices. It's not necessary in every case. Additionally,



**Charles Thompson, MS, ATC, head athletic trainer at Princeton University, examines a football athlete with team physician Dr. Margot Putukian.**

their sports medicine department also has a written agreement, approved by management, with athletics regarding complete coverage of athletic activities, which includes not scheduling home games on Sundays.

"This departmental realignment was a natural fit for us because of our close working

relationship prior the move, and now it has allowed us to have a more reasonable work life," Sacco said.

But a mid-major in the Ivy League and a school in Division II are different than a Bowl Championship Subdivision school with big-time football such as North Carolina. The work model still succeeds, according to medical professionals at the university in Chapel Hill.

It has for a long time, too. UNC moved its sports medicine program away from the athletic department in the early 1970s as a result of a tragedy.

Bill Arnold, a junior guard on the football team, died of a heat-related illness suffered during a preseason practice on Sept. 6, 1971. He was running wind sprints on a hot, muggy day and had trouble finishing the exercise. He pushed through, collapsed and was taken first to the athletic training room and eventually to the local hospital emergency room.

UNC took a comprehensive look at athlete care in the weeks that followed Arnold's death. Changes included moving the sports medicine





**Rennie Sacco, MEd, ATC, Coordinator of Sports Medicine at Kutztown (Pa.) University, works with a track and field athlete along with athletic training student aid Erin Orth.**

program to student health services, an increase in staff and the creation of an Athletic Training Education Program, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dan Hooker, PhD, UNC's Associate Director of Sports Medicine, wasn't at North Carolina when the incident occurred but arrived in time to be involved with the changeover.

"The athletic training room was basically scapegoated," Hooker said. "The university administration said, 'We can do a better job of delivering care, and it's unacceptable for people to die participating in intercollegiate athletics. Figure out how to do it, let us know how much it's going to cost and we'll go from there.' What they came up with was putting it under university health services. This was the only one I knew of at the time that was structured this way. The university saw this as a crisis, not just at this level but in high schools and colleges everywhere with regard to understanding the needs of our athletic population."

Beginning with that tragedy, Hooker said UNC did much more than add some staff members and start an ATEP. Administrators wanted the school to be a leader in education and sports medicine research and expand this education to include physical therapy groups and medical professionals training to be team physicians. The university laid out plans to keep the athletic department from being isolated from the general student population, so the same health services available to Tar Heels athletes would be available to all students.

UNC recently added an athletic trainer whose sole responsibility is to care for the sports clubs on campus. The sports medicine budget

is funded by three departments; athletics, campus health and exercise and sports science.

"When I explain our model to a student or parent or recruit, it creates instinctive trust in those who might not know that my boss is a doctor and that the doctor's boss is the director of the hospital," said Scott Trulock, MS, ATC, LAT, UNC's head athletic trainer for football. "It's a powerful element. The danger of our model is that you can have a perception of complacency. If you don't work tirelessly to help the teams succeed, then you won't have trust of your coaches. It's a balancing act. You need to make the right medical decisions based on your skills and ability, but you need to do everything in your power to prevent injuries and get players back as soon as possible."

That balancing act becomes even more difficult because, in most cases, money to pay for the sports medicine staff comes from athletics. But athletics can't make the final decisions.

At Boston University, Mark Laursen, MS, ATC, said there was a short period of confusion at first when BU made the change. Laursen is the Director of Athletic Training Services and Clinical Associate Professor of Athletic Training and helped with the changeover about four years ago at the private Division I university.

Laursen said he and Sara Brown, MS, ATC, director of programs in athletic training, had discussed moving the sports medicine program away from athletics for years before it happened. When a longtime head athletic trainer retired, it opened the window to investigate the switch.

"I think the transition was relatively smooth," Laursen said. "We had good buy-in from the athletic director. He had concerns that we were able to address, and we made sure to do a good job of communicating exactly what we were doing. He has said publicly that he feels like our health care is better now. We just have more people around. We're able to make decisions based on what's best for athlete health care, not tradition."

The biggest shift from the old way of doing things is the quality of life for the athletic trainer.

NATA and the College/University Athletic Trainers Committee conducted a survey of athletic trainers in that setting and found a need for improvement nationwide. Published in the July 2010 *NATA News*, the survey showed that 47.8 percent of athletic trainers in Division I frequently miss family activities because of work; 11 percent said they always miss those events.

The results were similar across all NCAA divisions and slightly better in community colleges and in NAIA. Of the 807 survey respondents, 68.3% said they had considered leaving the profession because of poor salary, a heavy workload and lack of time for family and social events.

"I tell my staff flat out, you don't miss important family events to come in here and do something when we have other people capable of handling your shift," Laursen said. "We try to making it where nobody works six days in a row without a day off. Sometimes, it happens when we get busy. But we certainly don't have that situation you see at a lot of places where people are working 14 days in a row."

From an educator's perspective, seeing a sports medicine department operating in that fashion does wonders for the morale of students, Brown said. She has been a proponent of this model for years and investigated the operation at Princeton long before BU was ready to make the switch. Brown said one reason more colleges and universities don't follow suit is that it's a huge logistical task. Being a private school, she said, made it easier.

But the advantages go far beyond simply being able to make the final decision on an athlete's ability to play.

"It makes critical review easier," Brown said. "In the health care model, we are expected to look back at a patient and ask, 'Did we give this patient the best health care we should have?' The athletic director doesn't expect you to do that, but critical review is expected in health care. Also, students see their clinical instructors as health care providers."

And they see athletic trainers who aren't working from early morning to 10 p.m. every night.

It's documented, too. The athletic training staff at BU averaged 44 hours per week in 2008-09 and 45 hours per week in 2009-10. The staff stands at 18, including graduate students. The university is expanding its health care coverage to the ROTC program.

"This model sends the right message to students that you can do this job and also have hobbies and a family," she said. "We talk to our students all the time about how we made the change here. We also encourage them to compare us to other places and look at the advantages and disadvantages. It shows them that they can change their situation – maybe not shifting the model, but at least asking the question, 'How can we improve patient care here?'"

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Dear State Regulatory Board/Committee Member:

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) is hosting the seventh BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference July 10 -11, 2015, in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference has been designed to create a communication network among state athletic training leaders and state regulatory boards. Program topics are appropriate for all audiences with a vested interest in the athletic training profession, leadership and public protection. Certified Athletic Trainers will receive continuing education units for their participation. Visit the [BOC website](#) to view a preliminary program.

The BOC formally invites you and your colleagues to attend the conference. The BOC will fund hotel accommodations for up to two nights for one representative from each state regulatory board/agency. The registration fee (\$200) and travel expenses will be your responsibility. The BOC has also invited a representative from each state Athletic Trainer association.

### **Register Online**

- Take advantage of BOC funding (two nights in hotel for one invitee)
- [Click here](#) to register. If you are not the person who will be representing your state regulatory board/agency, please forward this email to the individual who will be attending and copy [ShannonL@bocatc.org](mailto:ShannonL@bocatc.org)
- Complete the online form
  - Promo code (one-time use): BOCREG15
- Pay the \$200 registration fee
- Download and print the confirmation ticket

### **Additional Guest Registration**

Additional guests who would like to attend the conference can register on the [State Regulatory Conference](#) page of the [BOC website](#). Again, the registration fee is \$200 per person. The hotel rate for additional guests is \$109 + room tax per night (unless sharing a room with the "Invitee" registrant).

**The registration deadline is June 15, 2015.** Please contact the BOC at (877) 262-3926 or visit the [BOC website](#) for additional program details for questions regarding this exciting, educational conference. We hope to see you in July.

**Register Today**

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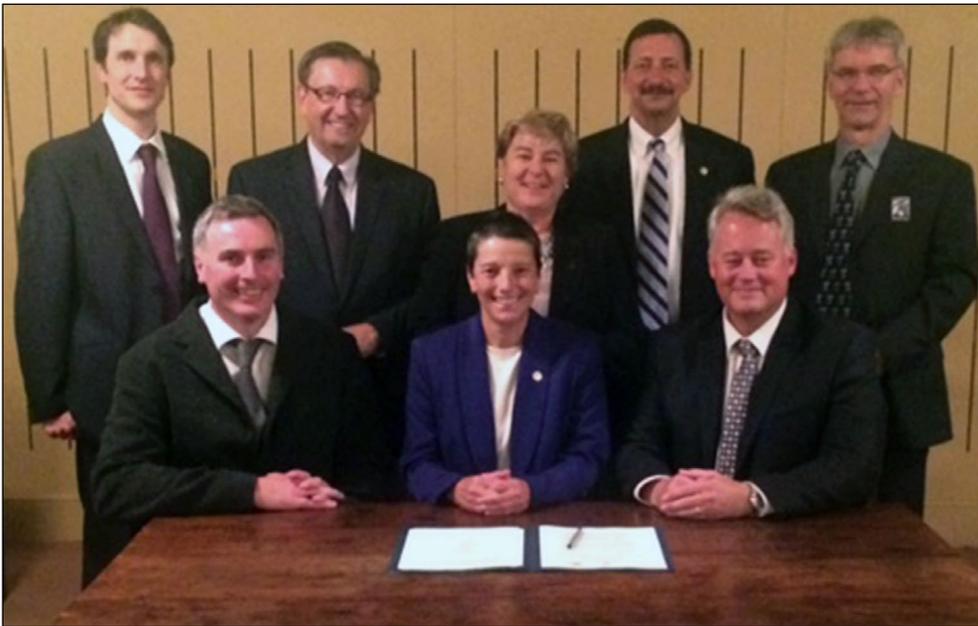
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Present for the signing of the mutual recognition agreement were, back row, from left, Enda Whyte of Dublin City University, Larry Leverenz of WFATT, Denise Fandel of the BOC, Mike Ferrara of iBOC, Glen Bergeron of CATA; and front row, Paul Berry of ARTI, Susan McGowen of the BOC and Richard DeMont of CATA.

## ATs Expand International Reach

Athletic Trainers and Athletic Therapists from the US, Canada and Ireland will now be able to obtain credentials in each other's countries more easily, thanks to an agreement signed in September by the BOC and its Canadian and Irish peer organizations.

Representatives from the BOC, Canadian Athletic Therapy Association (CATA) and Athletic Rehabilitation Therapists of Ireland (ARTI) convened

at a Dublin conference to sign the international mutual recognition agreement (MRA) September 4, 2014. Under the agreement, the national certification bodies for athletic training and athletic therapy in all three countries will recognize each other's education and certification standards.

"We have very strict standards by which we certify our Athletic Trainers," said Susan McGowen, President of the

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# BOC News In Brief

## Exam Reimbursement for Veterans

Do you know that veterans who have taken the BOC exam, or are planning to take it, could be reimbursed for their exam fees?

Since 2002, the BOC exam has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. As a result, veterans may be eligible for exam fee reimbursement. For more information, visit the [GI Bill website](#).

## Continuing Education Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2014, Athletic Trainers (ATs) are required to submit 50 continuing education units (CEUs) every two years. Previously, the BOC used a 3-year reporting period.

The BOC added an Evidence Based Practice (EBP) continuing education category effective for the current reporting period. Out of the 50 required CEUs, at least 10 CEUs must be BOC approved in the EBP category. The next deadline for CEUs is December 31, 2015.

## Certification Verification

Interested in receiving certification verifications electronically? Contact us or visit the [BOC website](#) to learn more.

## Is It Time to Update Your Contact Information?

Visit the [State Regulatory Agencies](#) page of the BOC website, and click on your state to view contact information and links to your agency.

If you find an error, please contact our office immediately with the correct information by emailing Stacy Arrington, [StacyA@bocatc.org](mailto:StacyA@bocatc.org).

## Need to Reach ATs?

The BOC can help you get important information to ATs. We can share your announcements using one or more of the following communication tools:

- [BOC website](#) - Updated frequently
- BOC social media – Includes [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Pinterest](#)
- [Cert Update](#) - Published twice a year and distributed to more than 40,000 ATs. Contact our office for deadlines
- District e-blasts - Sent following each district meeting. Contact our office for deadlines

## Questions? Need help?

Please contact Stacy Arrington or Shannon Leftwich if you have questions or need assistance. Our toll-free number is (877) 262-3926 ext. 113 or ext. 114, respectively, and our email addresses are [StacyA@bocatc.org](mailto:StacyA@bocatc.org) and [ShannonL@bocatc.org](mailto:ShannonL@bocatc.org).



## Calendar of Events

### Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Annual Forum

January 22-25, 2015

Tucson, Arizona

[www.farb.org](http://www.farb.org)

### National Athletic Trainers' Association 66th Clinical Symposia & AT Expo

June 23-June 26, 2015

St. Louis, Missouri

<http://www.nata.org/annual-meeting>

### BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference

July 10-11, 2015

Omaha, Nebraska

<http://www.bocatc.org/state-regulation/state-regulatory-conference>

### Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) 2015 Annual Educational Conference

September 17-19, 2015

Boston, Massachusetts

<http://www.clearhq.org/event-799422>

## State Regulatory News

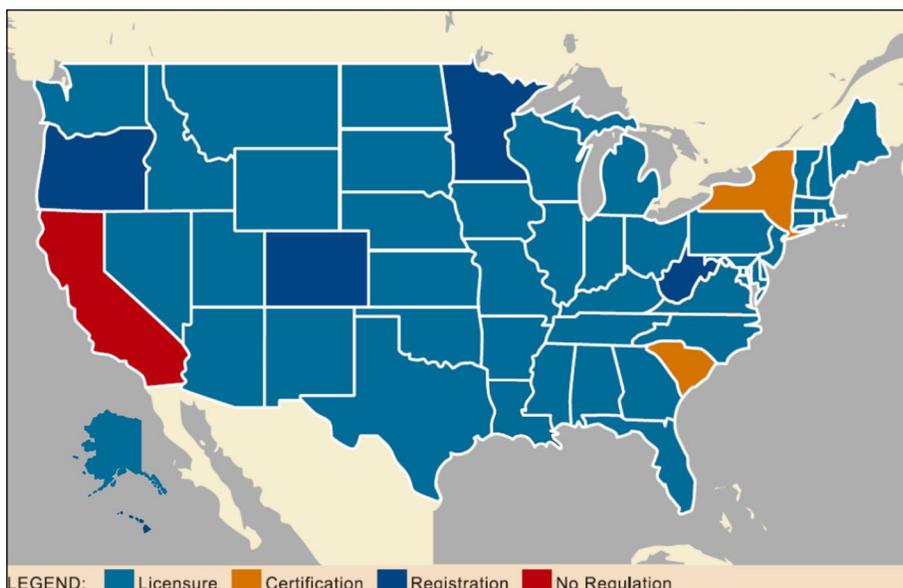
There was good news and bad news last summer for Athletic Trainer regulation. Good news came out of the Alaska and Louisiana legislatures, while California's governor was the bearer of bad news for the profession.

### Louisiana

On June 4, 2014, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal signed into law Act No. 418, which requires that Athletic Trainers be licensed by the state. This was the first major revision to the state's 1985 athletic training practice act. Prior to the passage of Act No. 418, ATs were required to be certified, rather than licensed, by the state of Louisiana. The new law took effect August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Alaska

Alaska law now recognizes Athletic Trainers as healthcare providers, thanks to the passage of a new licensure bill. HB 160, signed by Gov. Sean Parnell on June 18, 2014, requires ATs to be licensed in order to practice. Alaska is the 49<sup>th</sup> state to regulate ATs. State licensure establishes ATs as recognized healthcare



professionals who provide outreach, education and care. Alaska is currently working to draft rules and regulations.

### California

California's Athletic Trainer title protection legislation, passed by the Assembly and Senate, was vetoed by Gov. Jerry Brown on July 18, 2014. AB 1890 had broad support from both legislators and the public.

Following the passage of Alaska's licensure bill, California remains the only state to not regulate athletic training practice. The BOC looks forward to future efforts in California to successfully implement regulation.

## 2013/2014 Exam Report Available on BOC Website

The BOC publishes its Annual Exam Report each spring. As stated in the 2013/2014 Exam Report, statistics concerning the quality of the BOC exam as a measurement instrument indicate that the exam complies with psychometric requirements that pertain to certification and licensure tests. Notably, estimates of reliability and equivalence across forms for the various parts of the exam are strong. Likewise, candidate performance on all parts of the examination is consistent with the public protection mission of the BOC.

The BOC administers the exam **five times a year**. The BOC exam year begins with the March/April exam administration and ends with the January/February exam administration the following year. Exam reports for 1996-2013 are available on the **BOC website**. The 2014/2015 report will be published in Spring 2015.

# Continuing Education Requirements Include Evidence Based Practice

Effective this year, all BOC Certified ATs are required to complete a minimum number of continuing education units (CEUs) in the BOC Approved Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Category. Programming in this category is intended to promote EBP within the profession by enhancing clinicians' ability to find and evaluate evidence, as well as apply it to their practice.

ATs must complete a predetermined number of CEUs during the certification maintenance period. The current period ends December 31, 2015.

- ATs certified in 2013 or before must complete 50 CEUs, which must include at least 10 EBP CEUs
- ATs certified in 2014 must complete 25 CEUs, which must include at least 5 EBP CEUs

All EBP category events, including live events and home study courses, undergo review for BOC pre-approval. Approved EBP programs are listed on the [BOC website](#).

For more information about the new EBP requirements, visit the [BOC website](#).

## BOC State Regulatory Conference Set for July 2015

Planning is underway for the 2015 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference (ATRC), a biannual event designed to connect leaders and other members of the athletic training and regulatory communities. The conference will be July 10-11, 2015, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The ATRC Advisory Panel began planning at a July meeting in Omaha. Panel members chose a theme and reviewed outcomes and evaluations from the last conference. The chosen theme for 2015, "Making Regulation Work," will guide conversation about current state regulatory trends and issues. During the July meeting, organizers discussed possible session topics for the 2015 conference, including the following:

- Updates from the major Athletic Trainer organizations, including the BOC, CAATE and NATA
- Board operations
- External relationships
- Scope of practice
- Statutory interaction
- Fine tuning statutes and rules/regulations
- Ethics
- Impaired practitioners
- Reinstatement

A preliminary program will be available in February or March 2015. Anyone with an interest in state Athletic Trainer regulation is encouraged to attend the conference.

## International Reach *(Continued from Page One)*

the BOC. "ATs' skills are in demand worldwide and this just makes it easier for them to work where they want to go. We are working collaboratively by removing barriers for qualified professionals to reach the top of their profession."

The MRA, signed at the Joint Ireland Faculty of Sports Exercise Medicine and World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) Conference, allows for a certified professional in one country to practice in another signatory nation following the successful completion of the respective nation's examination.

Expanding upon a mutual recognition agreement signed in 2005 by the BOC and the CATA, this new agreement ensures common recognition among those organizations and ARTI, their peer organization in Ireland.

"As standards continue to align globally, the Board of Certification, in cooperation with our current partners and the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy, look forward to future agreements with other organizations of like-minded professionals around the world dedicated to the prevention and care of injuries to the physically active individual," McGowen said.

# Connect through the BOC State Regulatory Network

The BOC recently launched an online network to serve state athletic training regulatory leaders and regulatory agency personnel.

The **BOC State Regulatory Network** keeps members informed of the latest developments in athletic training regulation, while fostering communication across the states.



The purpose of the BOC State Regulatory Network is to:

- Provide a platform for athletic training regulators to share best practices
- Assist board staff and regulators in developing working relationships
- Obtain guidance and direction from athletic training regulators in the development of model language
- Facilitate the sharing of disciplinary actions taken by state athletic training boards and the BOC

Contact Shannon Leftwich, [ShannonL@bocatc.org](mailto:ShannonL@bocatc.org), if you would like to join the network.

## Online Tool Lets States Submit AT Disciplinary Actions

States can now share disciplinary actions in a single online location, thanks to a new BOC tool dedicated to public protection.

The **Disciplinary Action Exchange (DAE)** allows states to submit disciplinary actions to be displayed on the BOC website. The tool then helps states, consumers and the BOC find all public disciplinary actions against ATs – in an efficient, easy-to-use manner. Members of the State Regulatory Network can submit disciplinary actions to the exchange.

How does the Disciplinary Action Exchange work?

1. The submitter uses a link on the State Regulatory Network to submit a disciplinary action
2. The link contains a form and the ability to upload a supporting document, such as a final order or consent agreement
3. The BOC must accept the submission
4. The submitter receives an email asking for final approval of the submission
5. A link in the email allows the submitter to review and approve the submission
6. Once approved, the submission is posted to the BOC website

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Preview of Disciplinary Action Exchange

# BOC to Raise the Bar for Continuing Education in 2016

BOC Approved Providers will be held to a higher standard for their continuing education programs beginning in 2016.

The BOC Board of Directors recently approved the new *Standards for BOC Approved Providers*, following modifications that resulted from a public comment period in the fall of 2013. The new standards require BOC Approved Providers to enhance aspects of administration, business practices, content, development and instruction, assessment, and review and evaluation – all to advance the BOC mission of assuring protection of the public.

“The purpose of the new standards is to ensure consistency and promote the highest quality programming for ATs,” said BOC Executive Director Denise Fandel. “By holding Approved Providers more accountable, we are raising the bar for the athletic training profession.”



The new standards will not affect ATs' certification maintenance requirements. Rather, ATs may notice some changes in the CE programs themselves. For example, ATs will notice greater transparency in the programs they take. Providers will be required to publish objectives and to provide assessments that focus on how programming affects athletic training practice in a way that benefits patients/athletes.

BOC Approved Providers will be required to demonstrate that their educational materials are appropriate for their objectives and that program outcomes are accomplished. In addition, providers will assess participants and give feedback based on the assessment.

The new standards take effect January 1, 2016. For complete information, visit the [BOC website](#).

## BOC Staff Members Attend CLEAR Conference

As a certifying body recognized by 49 state regulatory agencies, the BOC strives to stay at the forefront of the regulatory industry. One way staff members keep up with developments in the regulatory community is by attending professional conferences with their peers.

In September, BOC staff members Anne Minton, Associate Executive Director, and Shannon Leftwich, Director of Credentialing Services, attended the CLEAR Annual Education Conference in New Orleans. CLEAR is the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation.

The conference focused on four areas of inquiry: compliance and discipline; testing and examination; entry to practice; and administration, legislation and policy. CLEAR is an international association of individuals and organizations involved with professional and occupational regulation. As such, representatives from a variety of professions were in attendance, ranging from Athletic Trainer boards to occupational therapy and dietetic agencies.

Leftwich said building relationships with others in the regulatory community helps the BOC stay informed on current topics and learn more about regulators' concerns. Some discussions can help the BOC enhance its own programs. For example, Leftwich said topics like self-assessment activities resonate with the BOC's current work.

She and Minton attended conference sessions that included topics such as:

- Expanding scope of practice
- Practice competencies
- Interprofessional collaborations
- Standards of good regulation
- Unlicensed practitioners
- Re-entry to practice
- Transparency and accountability

The 2015 CLEAR Annual Educational Conference will be September 17-19 in Boston. For more information about CLEAR, visit [www.clearhq.org](http://www.clearhq.org).

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1. The Department is aware that on February 25, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission.
2. The Department, while continuing to analyze this decision, has developed preliminary opinions and guidance to regulatory boards.
  - a. This decision should not affect regulatory boards who are acting within their regulatory authority. For example, when a regulatory board disciplines a credential holder for unprofessional conduct, such board action is within the acceptable parameters of the board's authority and should not trigger anti-trust issues.
  - b. The investigation and discipline of unlicensed practice should be left to the Department. This has been the Department's long-standing position and should not trigger anti-trust issues.
  - c. The Department is, and has been, aware of potential anti-trust issues concerning regulatory boards. As such, this decision is not a surprise.
  - d. The Department has consistently advised regulatory boards to act within their powers set out in the statutes. This advice remains the same following this decision.
  - e. The Department will continue to analyze the decision and to monitor discussions about the decision especially in areas with potential anti-trust implications such as unlicensed practice, scope of practice and advertising. The Department will update the boards on any important developments.