

Why should I be elected to the BOC Board of Directors?

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I bring a wealth of experience serving on a variety of NATA national committees, service as a board of director member to the NATA Foundation as well as to my state regulatory board. I have a strong working knowledge of the BOC examination process as I served as examiner/model for the oral practical exam and as a test site administrator beginning in 1986. I have been a member of the BOC Exam Development Committee since 1996 and have been directly involved with writing examination questions along with validating questions for the certification exam.

I am fully aware of the expectations of the commitment, duties, and responsibilities as a board of director member to the BOC. I am not afraid to ask questions or voice a concern. My past experiences serving on national committees and boards have equipped me to openly express my thoughts and suggestions or recommendations per agenda items. The key when making the hard decision or voting on an issue is to consider what propels the profession towards positive progress and does it benefit the major majority of the constituency. The focus of the BOC has always been to protect the public and to protect our credential as certified athletic trainers. These two concepts of protecting the public and the ATC credential can never be lost or forgotten in the boardroom. Our highly rated and fully accredited credentialing procedure illustrates that the certified athletic trainer is the most qualified health care provider to the physically active.

As the profession of athletic training evolves and goes through a variety of changes so must the BOC. I will be diligent in my service in meeting those challenges and aspects as they come to fruition. Those to be addressed currently include the concern for state licensure act deregulation attacks by various political groups, the actions underway toward reimbursement for athletic trainers and a move towards globalization. It is imperative that the BOC remain in the forefront. The BOC must continue to promote its mission, vision and values of maintaining recognized standards of competence and continued excellence in credentialing highly qualified health care professionals.

I have had the privilege to study under and learn from so many great mentors and leaders in the athletic training profession. The biggest lesson that I learned from them was for our profession to advance and go forward – one needs to give back. It is to this principal that I seek the position as a board of director member to the BOC. The focus, passion and motivation of my service is to advance the athletic training profession not only for the benefit of those currently in the profession but for those individuals who are to follow.