



The most important contribution that I can make to the BOC Board of Directors is my unique and diverse experience as an AT in what was once considered an emerging setting. Having established NASA's first athletic training clinic at the John F. Kennedy Space Center and spent nearly my entire professional career with NASA, I have provided the highest level of health care to its employees as well as astronauts in the U.S. space program. I have been exposed to the nuances of occupational athletic training, working with a wide range of patient populations and adapting my work environment and skill set to meet their needs and providing them access to the highest level of athletic training health care. Entering my 30th year with NASA, I have a firm grasp on the past, with a vision towards the future.

As NATA liaison to the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity from (1999-2006), I participated in numerous discussions regarding policy and programmatic decisions that would affect the health and wellness of all Americans. The team building and communication that I developed during that time lead to my election as NCPPA President for a two-year period, highlighting a level of professional capability and moderation across diverse organizations and associations. Additionally, my eight-year tenure as Chair of the NATA's Council on Employment (2000-2008) allowed me the unique opportunity to restructure the committee to reflect the emerging employment settings at that time, to work with extraordinary ATs across a broad spectrum of work environments and to participate in the NATA's strategic planning sessions.

In approaching a complex decision, I use a multi-faceted approach to gather as much information and insight into the situation in order to make a well-informed decision. Contacting stakeholders and influencers, those who have succeeded and/or failed in a similar situation add value to the decision. I tend towards the conservative side when making a difficult decision and feel the need to ensure that it makes logical sense to me with regard to the parameters that are under consideration. I classify myself as a behaviorist, and am continually noting characteristics that are, in NASA speak, nominal or off-nominal. Most importantly, I trust my gut and use prayers always to make my life decisions.

In consideration of this position, I brought forward the following items for consideration by the BOC BOD nominating committee: 1) Our American health care system is broken, and the need for access to quality health care providers will be even more evident over the next 3-7 years. 2) Electronic and/or virtual medicine will be a game changer, with Watson-type capabilities enabling a pin-point effectiveness for medical diagnosis and intervention. 3) Social media and its effect on interpersonal skills for the next generation will impact our education, communication and psychosocial components of health care. 4) I foresee a tipping point with regard to recognition of ATs and the athletic training profession. The efforts of the Strategic Alliance, coupled with our personal fatigue and/or exasperation at being called "trainers" and second-class PTs will lead to greater grassroots efforts to achieve recognition at the local, regional and national health care policy levels.

Our profession has the responsibility to protect and defend those in our care and our credential must be recognized as a gold standard in health care that is acknowledged by the public and allied health care providers for the quality of care that we bring to all orthopedic and/or musculoskeletal conditions. As with each of you working in and for this great profession, I consider my time to be extremely valuable. You need to know that if elected to the BOC Board of Directors, I will work to make a difference and have a positive impact on athletic training now, and in the years to come. I thank you for the work you have done on behalf of our great profession and for the consideration of voting for me as your BOC AT Board of Directors representative.

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