

THE BOC 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from the BOC Board of Director President and BOC Executive Director

2011 presented itself as a year of re-organization and research for the BOC Board of Directors and staff. We invited feedback and comments through various sources of communications, surveys, social media and presentations. We value the feedback on what you, our customers, need from us to enhance your professional development and your career.

We hope that you will continue to utilize the services provided and to communicate with the BOC your suggestions as to how we can serve you in the future. As our customers, your opinions do matter. We have listened to your comments and suggestions and have put them into action, we are confident you will see that we listened.

Highlights:

- Continuing professional development/education
 - o Simplified CE reporting form on BOC Central™
 - o 134 new Approved Providers of continuing education in 2011
 - o 156 new Home Studies
- Collaboration
 - o Joint statement on student supervision with NATA and the CAATE
 - o Record setting attendance at the 5th biannual AT Regulatory Conference
 - Assisted seven Regulatory Boards with sunrise applications, sunset reviews and rules and regulation language changes
- Standards of Practice and Discipline
 - o Oversight and enforcement of BOC and State practice standards
 - o 212 discipline cases were opened
 - o 238 discipline cases were decided and/or closed



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- Research, Presentations and Publications
- Task Force on Continuing Professional Education completed data collection for 10 year longitudinal study
- o Newly Certified Kit Market the BOC Certification
- o Interactive Communication through Social Media Channels

The BOC Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing you with timely information that we trust will be beneficial to you as a practitioner, educator, BOC Approved Provider or member of the public and regulatory community. The purpose of the BOC is more than to provide a credentialing exam. Cumulatively, the BOC staff has over 60 years of credentialing experience to provide products and services to promote continued individual improvement through educational resources, approved provider programs, self-assessments and continuing education (CE) monitoring with the goal of providing the highest quality health care to our patients, while ensuring the protection of the public.

Sincerely,

Peter Koehneke, MS, ATC

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BOC Board President

Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE

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BOC Executive Director



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Fast Facts:

- BOC Certified
 Athletic Trainers
 represent all
 50 states, the
 District of Columbia,
 and Puerto Rico
 as well as
 internationally
 (Canada, Japan,
 Ireland)
- The BOC establishes and regularly reviews both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified ATs





Vision of the BOC:

To be the worldwide leader in credentialing

Mission of the BOC:

To provide exceptional credentialing programs for healthcare professionals to assure protection of the public

The BOC has been responsible for the certification of Athletic Trainers (ATs) since 1969. The BOC was the certification arm of the professional membership organization the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) until 1989 when it became an independent non-profit organization to provide a certification program for entry-level ATs. The BOC establishes and regularly reviews both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified ATs.



The BOC has the only accredited certification program for ATs in the US. Since 1982, the BOC has been continuously accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the BOC must undergo review and reaccreditation every five years. The NCCA is

the accreditation body of Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). In 2011, we served over 39,000 ATs.

Member of the Better Business Bureau

The BOC has been a BBB Accredited Business since 2010. Accreditation in BBB is by invitation to companies that, at a minimum, have been in business for at least one year, have demonstrated sound business practices and meet the BBB accreditation standards. To be accredited by the BBB, an organization affirms that it meets and will abide by the standards of building trust, advertising honestly, telling the truth, being transparent, honoring promises, being responsive, safeguarding privacy and embodying integrity.



BOC Initiatives

- Transitioned to a software system that produces electronic certification cards.
 The BOC started sending the electronic certification cards September 26, 2011.
 This process allows for quicker distribution and the AT can always have access to their electronic certification card.
- Collaborated with NATA on recertification fee invoicing and BOC President Koehneke's YouTube Video reached over 3,500 hits.
- Hosted an open house welcoming MAATA District Five to Omaha and recognized National Athletic Trainer Month in March 2011.
- Articles published regularly in the NATA News highlighting news and information concerning the AT profession as it relates to your certification.
- BOC blog team launched and reached over 700 monthly visitors and contributors.
- Attended the 62nd NATA Annual Meeting and Trade Show June 20-22, 2011, which had over 5,000 in attendance. Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE and Shannon Leftwich, MA, ATC presented BOC Continuing Education Requirements Changes and Updates for 2012.
- Honored BOC volunteers and presented eight Dan Libera Service Awards at the BOC's volunteer reception during the 2011 NATA Annual Meeting.



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• The fifth Athletic Trainer State Regulatory Conference in July was another success with over 130 attendees. BOC Staff and Board of Directors hosted a welcome reception at the BOC headquarters in downtown Omaha. The Paul Grace Leadership Award and the Public Advocacy Award were presented at the welcome reception.



Bernadette Olson, EdD, ATC

o The Paul Grace Leadership Award was established by the BOC Board of Directors in 2005 to recognize individuals who have excelled in developing, designing and/or implementing programs or practices that have contributed to the mission of the BOC. The 2011 Paul Grace Leadership Award was presented to Bernadette Olson, EdD, ATC. A BOC Certified AT for 23 years, Olson has been an active volunteer and advocate for the BOC having various roles as examiner for the BOC exam, role delineation panelist, home study reviewer, Athletic Trainer Director, board vice president and board president.



Rusty McKune, MS, ATC

o The Public Advocacy Award was established in 2007 to recognize an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated leadership in protecting athletic training consumers. Public Advocacy Award recipients are leaders in the conception, construction and/or modification of Athletic Trainer regulation that protects the public and athletic training consumers. The 2011 Public Advocacy Award was presented to Rusty McKune, MS, ATC, for his role in legislative and regulatory efforts in organizing the Nebraska State Practice Act and Statutes for Athletic Training and being instrumental in the development of LB260, The Concussion Awareness Act.



2011 Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference

The BOC hosted the fifth Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference in July 2011 and welcomed more than 130 attendees, making a record attendance. Attendees included ATs as well as members of state regulatory agencies and state associations, with representation from 41 of the 50 US states, and two Canadian provinces.

Keynote Speaker

Keynote speaker Brad Sherman, AT Ret, opened the conference by providing his keynote address "Healthcare Regulation in a Time of Political and Financial Chaos."

The conference is designed to create a communication network among state athletic trainer leaders and state regulatory boards. Program topics are appropriate for all audiences with a vested interest in the athletic training regulation, leadership and public protection.

National speakers and "Best Practicies" topics at the conference included:

- Healthcare Regulation in a Time of Political and Financial Chaos Brad Sherman
- Reading Between the Lines: Will Healthcare Reform Affect Scopes of Practice?
 - Catherine Dower
- Preparing for Sunset John Parsons
- Redesigning Continuing Education in Health Professions (Institute of Medicine)
 - Wendy Rheault
- Continuing Professional Development Mark Doughty
- Continuing Professional Development David Berry
- Discipline Reporting (National Practitioners Data Bank) Bill West
- Public Safety (Athlete Safety in Schools) BJ Maack
- Public Safety (Brain Injuries) Vicky Graham
- Public Safety (Heat Illness) Greg Rose
- Public Safety (ATs in Secondary Schools) Brian Robinson



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- Board Member/Leadership Training David Montgomery
- Legislative/Regulatory Relations Keith Gardner
- Best Practices for Standard Terminology Thoughts and Updates from Leading Organizations - Judy Pulice, Mike Chisar, Sara Brown, Micki Cuppett and Pete Koehneke

Event Co-Chairs

Dave Montgomery of Nebraska and Kurt McClurg, ATC, of Ohio were Co-Chairs of the Advisory Panel that assisted with planning the event.

Sponsors

Gold Sponsors: Johnson & Johnson Mutual of Omaha

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Conference Reviews

"As a young professional, I am still trying to identify my personal areas of interest in regulation. This conference exposed me to a variety of domains within regulation and offered just enough information to entice me to learn more about each area. I am excited to become more involved in the progression of the profession and will strongly encourage my colleagues to participate in the 2013 session."

"This conference has really made me think about how I teach about state regulation and practice acts in the classroom to future athletic trainers. It also made me think about how we practice and how we could enhance some of the practices we do in the clinic setting."



BOC Community Involvement

Our Community Involvement "Holiday Cheer"

Every year the BOC selects a charity during the holidays to support with donations and staff volunteer time.

In December 2011, BOC staff supported the Food Bank for the Heartland and sorted over five tons of food, which will help food pantries, emergency shelters, meal providers and rehabilitation centers throughout Nebraska and western lowa.



Our other gift to the Food Bank for the Heartland was donating \$10 for each person who attended the BOC Holiday



Party, to sincerely thank our guests for their continued support of BOC. A total of \$800 was donated, which will provide 2,400 meals for families in need.



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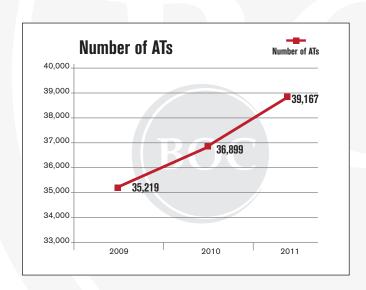
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Exam Report	2009	2010	2011
Candidates Certified	2,122	2,787	3,098
Exam Applications Processed	3,068	3,082	3,463
RBE Applications Processed*	43	135	161
* Not necessarily all reinstatement by exam, may have been reinstatement by CE and/or fee			

Reinstatement by Exam: 26 individuals sat for the exam to be reinstated in 2011 and 24 passed the exam, an overall pass rate of 92.3%

Individuals that allow their certification to lapse have options to reinstate their certification. The requirements for a successful return to certified status are based on the total number of years the individual's status has been expired. Basically, you need to show that you have completed the required continuing education requirements while expired or pass the BOC exam. For reinstatement details visit the BOC website, www.bocatc.org.

CE Report			
	2009	2010	2011
Certified ATs	35,219	36,899	39,167
Total # of New Certifieds for the Year	2,122	2,787	3,098





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Approved Provider Report 88.4% of 2010 Approved Providers renewed in 2011 by 3/31/2011	2009	2010	2011
Total # of Providers	1,190	1,209	1,229
New Providers	146	115	134
Home Study Courses Approved	37	94	156
Providers Audited	0	0	160

Protecting the Public

The Professional Practice and Discipline (PP&D) Committee is responsible for the oversight and adjudication of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice, which consist of the Practice Standards and the Code of Professional Responsibility. The PP&D Committee has jurisdiction over all BOC Certified ATs and both current and prospective BOC exam applicants. The BOC Standards of Professional Practice and Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures can be viewed on the BOC website at www.bocatc.org.

Discipline	
PPD Cases Opened	212
PPD Cases Closed	238
Emergency Suspensions	5



Research and Publications

The *Certification Update* is published in the summer and the winter and mailed to ATs, Program Directors and BOC Approved Providers. It is emailed to athletic training candidates and State Regulatory agencies. Archived copies are available on the BOC website.

BOC Approved Providers receive *The Approved Provider*, a semi-annual e-newsletter specifically designed for them and contains the latest information about CE, news from the BOC and trends in athletic training.

We send out email updates to the 10 NATA districts after each district meeting highlighting what is new at the BOC and what important facts and changes are critical to BOC certification and the profession.







Social Media

The BOC stays connected with students and Athletic Trainers via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, the BOC blog, YouTube and Screencast. Don't miss a thing. Add the BOC to your social media list and get the latest on athletic training, certification, continuing education, concussions and more from the BOC and our partners.

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BOC Volunteer Facts:

- 5 Committees
- 11 BOC Board of Directors
- 143 Home study reviewers
- 104 Item writers
- 7 Bloggers

298 volunteers

X \$21.36/hour

@ 2 hrs/month each =

\$12,731 gift in

kind service.

We Thank you for your Service!

Volunteers

We thank the hundreds of volunteers who serve on various committees.

The contribution of volunteers such as BOC item writers, committee members and board of directors is critical in developing the high professional standards expected of today's ATs.

2011 BOC volunteer accomplishments:

- Publicized the BOC's Role Delineation Study/Practice Analysis, Sixth Edition (RD/PA6) for the entry-level AT
- Attainment of Better Business Bureau accreditation
- Delivery of over 5,000 certification exams
- Recertification of over 10,000 ATs
- Continued development of over 800 new exam items for experimental testing
- Reviewed over 100 home study courses
- Completed data collection of a 10 year longitudinal study regard continuing professional development
- Researched and developed global standards for ethics
- Validated the Global Practice Analysis

The continuous commitment to the development and administration of a quality certification program has produced a highly regarded program recognized as the gold standard for identifying entry-level athletic training professionals. The BOC thanks everyone for their service to support the growth and success of the BOC.



BOC Board of Directors and Staff



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James Kinderknecht, Michael Ferrara, Susan McGowen, Chad Kinart, Jim Malseed, Frank Walters, Sue Pereira, Jessica O'Neel, Stacy Arrington, Mindy Lindquist, Kendra Aspegren, Russ Ulmer, Brittney Ryba

Seated:

Shannon Leftwich, Marcia Anderson, Denise Fandel, Jerry Diehl, Jan Vidlak, Paul DeMartinis, Amy DeRosa, Stephanie Setlak, Jan Lauer, Peter Koehneke, Anne Minton



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A nine member board of directors governs the BOC. There are six AT Directors, one Physician Director, one Public Director and one Corporate/Educational Director.

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Dan Libera Service Award

The BOC Dan Libera Service Award was established in 1995 in recognition of Dan's contributions to the BOC certification program. The award recognizes individuals who have shown dedication to the mission of the BOC. Long-standing contributions to the BOC's programs are the primary criteria for the award.

In 2011, we presented 8 individuals with the Dan Libera Service Award.

- Mark Cherwony, ATC
- Joe Harvey, presented posthumously
- John Leard, ATC
- Joseph Lueken, ATC

- Jack McNeeley, AT Ret.
- Bernadette Olson, ATC
- Bonnie Siple, ATC
- Ken Wolfert, AT Ret.

Dan was well-known throughout the nation for his enthusiasm and commitment to the profession of athletic training. Through his work at the University of Northern Colorado and his volunteer activities with the NATA and the BOC, he was able to pass on these traits to the students and colleagues who had the privilege to work with him.

Dan was a founding member of the Colorado Athletic Trainers' Association, serving as secretary from 1979 until 1983. In addition, he held several offices in the NATA, including the District 7 Research and Injury Committee, the Membership Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Certification.

In 1995, Dan was inducted in to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame. In pursuit of educating others, Dan gave presentations throughout the country and served as a consultant to NIKE, Kodak of Colorado, the NCAA and several high schools in Colorado. In 1997, Dan was inducted in to the NATA Hall of Fame. Dan passed on August 2, 1997, from complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).



2011 Exam Development Committee

The Exam Development Committee is responsible for the development, construction and validation of each portion of the BOC certification exam and other assessment tools approved by the BOC Board of Directors.

Committee Chair

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Orthopedic and Sports Therapy Associates, LLC

Multiple-Choice Co-Chairs

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Christine Odell, PhD, ATC

Metropolitan State Collete of Denver

Alternative Item Type Co-Chairs

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Keith Wiedrich, MA, ATC
Minnesota State University Moorhead



2011 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee implements the process and procedures for nominating candidates for the BOC Board of Directors and chairs for the BOC standing committees.

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Weber State University

Athletic Trainer Members

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United State Air Force Academy

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Sue Stanley-Green, ATC

Florida Southern College

Ericka Zimmerman, ATC

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Public Member

Holly Farnese

Drexel Hill Middle School



2011 Professional Practice & Discipline

The Professional Practice and Discipline Committee is responsible for overseeing and upholding the BOC Practice Standards and Policies.

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University of Hartford

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Texas Orthopedic Specialists

Cynthia Clivio, ATC

Kamehameha Schools

Brian Razak, ATC

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Public Members

Anna Battle, PhD

Desert Vista High School

Jack McNeeley, AT Ret.

Retired Athletic Trainer



Standards

The Standards Committee recommends entry-level and continuing education requirements and policies to the BOC Board of Directors (BOC-BOD) and reviews relevant issues at the request of the BOC-BOD. Additionally, the Standards Committee reviews the *Standards of Professional Practice* and recommends any revisions to the BOC-BOD.

Committee Chair

Mark Doughty, MS, ATC

Newark High School

Athletic Trainer Members

Michele Monaco Klucar, ATC

Ursinus College

James Knue, ATC

Cirque du Soleil

John Parsons, PhD, ATC

A.T. Still University and Arizona School of Health Sciences Katherine Newsham, PhD, ATC

Saint Louis University

Public Member

John Knote

Retired Physician



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Task Force on Global Practice

In March of 2009 the BOC Board of Directors charged the Task Force with investigating and reporting to the BOC Board of Directors by July 2010 on the state of, and need for credentialing of Athletic Training and Therapy (ATT) globally. The Task Force continued their work in 2011 and created proposed Ethics Standards for the global practice of Athletic Training and Athletic Therapy.

Name	Country
Alessandro Falcioni	Italy
Areta Potgieter	South Africa
Cathy Ortega, ATC	United States
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Dexter Nelson	Canada
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Maretha Delport	South Africa
Enda Whyte	Ireland
Stephen Mutch	United Kingdom



Task Force on Continuing Professional Education

In 2000 the BOC Board of Directors charged the Continuing Education Task Force to:

- a) investigate the efficacy of the current Continuing Education (CE) system,
- b) to recommend a mechanism for ongoing assessment of the continuing education requirements of the BOC, and
- c) make recommendations for changes in the BOC requirements, if any.

Over the course of the past 12 years the Task Force has conducted research on the continuing education and professional development of athletic trainers.

Task Force Chair

David Berry, PhD, ATC

Weber State University

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Ball State University

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UW Health



Continued Professional Development Working Group

The CPD Working Group was formed in 2011 to provide the recommendations to the BOC Board of Directors relative to current trends in professional development.

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