**VATA**

**Executive Council**

**Annual Meeting Agenda**

Friday, January 03, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Mike Kotelnicki MS, LAT, ATC Presiding

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| **Voting EC** | | |
| **Position** | **Officer** | **Attendance** |
| President | Mike Kotelnicki | P |
| President Elect | Kirk Armstrong | P |
| Treasurer | Sara Spencer | NP\* |
| Secretary | Tom Campbell | P |
| Past President | Danny Carroll | P |
| Capital | Annemarie Francis | P |
| Central | Michael Higgins | P |
| Eastern | Jason Doctor | P |
| Shenandoah | Siaura Saville | P |
| Tidewater | Corinne Hupp | P |
| Western | Anne Bryan | P |
| **Committees** | | |
| **Committee** | **Committee Chair** | **Attendance** |
| Annual Meeting | Sara Pittelkau | P |
| ATs Care | Angela White | P |
| Constitution & By-Laws | Lucas Bianco | P |
| Council on Practice Advancement | Liz Washington | P |
| Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | Brittany Brown | NP\* |
|  | Emily Madrak | P |
| Research | John Goetschius | P |
| Education | Mike Krackow | NP\* |
| 3rd Party Reimbursement | Brice Snyder | P |
| Governmental Affairs | Rose Schmeig | P |
| Lobbyist | Becky Bowers-Lanier | P |
| Historian | Sherry Summers | NP\* |
| Honors & Awards | Jess Kotelnicki | P |
|  | Lauren Sander | P |
| ICSMC | Kelsey DeShambo | NP\* |
|  | Beth Druvenga | NP\* |
| Leadership Academy | Heather Murphy | P |
| Membership | Katie Grover | P |
| Public Relations | Lauryn Kenon | P |
| Scholarship | Ellen Hicks | P |
| Secondary Schools | Angela White | P |
| Student Affairs | Jenn Cuchna | P |
| Young Professionals | Mairin Wood | NP\* |
|  | Siaura Saville | P |
| **Guests** | | |
| KSI Ambassador | Siaura Saville | P |
| Incoming Eastern Region Rep  Incoming Secretary  Incoming Western Region Rep | James Kegley  Kelley Wiese  Kristen Mathis  Paul Peterson | P  P  NP\*  NP\* |

**Officer Reports**

**President – Mike Kotelnicki**

* Treasurer report
  + Getting about 4% increase in finances
  + Investments ~$150,000
  + State of the association is stable
  + Operational budget and Committee budgets in green
  + ~900 members throughout state
* Annual meeting
  + Thank you to all who have assisted in the planning
  + Increase in labs
    - Targeted efforts to MSAT programs for increase in proposals
  + 2026 will be at Hampton Roads Convention Center
  + Future meetings potentially at Higher Ed institutions
  + Cancellation insurance
    - Future discussions to decide whether or not to purchase for future annual meetings
  + Year-round liability insurance for all events VATA hosts
    - More information provided at future meetings
  + Future Meetings schedule – proposed by Kirk Armstrong
    - Separate EC meetings and EC/Committee meetings
    - Will hopefully also increase members attendance
* National AT Month
  + Would like to promote video of NON-ATs – Educators, nurses, Athletic Directors, etc.
* Getting region reps involved more
  + Would like to have representatives have vision to host events within region
    - Think outside the box
      * “Be innovative and fail”
* Hall of Fame Pin
  + New pins for all Hall of Fame members
* Crazy ideas
  + High school student shadowing
  + Combination of scholarships?
    - Will discuss at future meeting
  + Free CPR in exchange for a vendor spot

**President-Elect – Kirk Armstrong**

* See above

**Treasurer – Sara Spencer**

* See above

**Secretary – Tom Campbell**

* Transitioning to Kelley Wiese
* PLEASE make sure to review your webpages and get updates to Kelley.

**Past President – Danny Carroll**

* Registered agent for business address.
  + Will hopefully have more options in the future

**Committee Reports**

**Annual Meeting – Sara Pittelkau**

* Update on registration numbers (minus on-site).
  + ~175 before on-site
  + ~185 including on-site
* Begin transition to Meghan Shifflett.

**ATs Care – Angela White**

* No report given

**Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA) – Liz Washington**

* No report given

**Constitution & By-Laws – Lucas Bianco**

* No report given

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Brittany Brown, Emily Madrak**

* Support Statements:
  + Explicit:
    - Statement of Support
      * At our facility, we are dedicated to fostering an environment of belonging where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered. We believe that diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) are fundamental to providing exceptional care and support to our patients. Together, we can create a supportive and inclusive space that promotes the well-being, and success of every patient. We prioritize the needs of our patients, delivering care that is respectful of and responsive to their individual values and needs.
    - Pieces to add to a pledge as needed/necessary:
      * Diversity: We celebrate and embrace the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of all individuals.
      * Equity: We strive to ensure fair treatment, opportunities, and advancement for all, while actively working to identify and eliminate barriers.
      * Inclusion: We are committed to creating a welcoming environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging and can participate fully.
      * Accessibility: We ensure that our services and facilities are accessible to all, accommodating the diverse needs of our community.
  + Implicit:
    - At our facility, we are dedicated to fostering an environment of belonging where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered. We recognize and honor the rich tapestry of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives that each person brings to our community. Together, we can build a community that celebrates each person’s unique contributions and promotes mutual respect and understanding.
    - Pieces to add to a pledge as needed/necessary:
      * Humility: We are committed to continuous learning and self-reflection, understanding that awareness is an ongoing journey. We approach each interaction with openness and respect, acknowledging the unique experiences and identities of those we serve.
      * Supportive Environment: We aim to provide a space where everyone can participate fully and confidently, knowing that their contributions are appreciated and their needs are met.
      * Patient-Centered Care: We prioritize the needs of our patients, delivering care that is respectful of and responsive to their individual values and needs.
* Infographic in the works

**Education – Michael Krakow**

* No report given

**3rd Party Reimbursement – Brice Snyder**

* VOS meeting – May 2-4th in Virginia Beach
  + Virginia Orthopedic Society
  + Approached to have AT present at annual meeting
  + Same weekend as MAATA
    - Potential coordination
* “Guidance Documents” Topic on ATCs Assisting Surgery for VATA website; Dry-needling, etc.
  + Solely for VATA website
* Liaison to Advisory board/Virginia Concussion Initiative; Insurance lobbyist; Employer advocate
  + Would help to increase presence of VATA
  + Can VA AT Advisory Board member be committee member of VATA?
    - Mike Kotelnicki will follow up
* TPR at NATA 2025; Impactful article/Presentation
  + From Joe Greene
    - Will produce a manuscript in JAT
* Rural High School AT Funding strategy/ideas
  + Alabama had article in NATA News promoting legislation for allocating funding for ATs in all secondary schools in state

**Governmental Affairs – Mike Puglia, Rose Schmeig**

* Inpatient in the practice act
* Heat illness bill being proposed and with emphasis on EAP and acceptable treatment
  + Becky Bowers-Lanier
    - Is in the House and Senate
      * Drafts released 1/2 and 1/3
    - Does NOT include rectal thermometry
* Guidance documents online – VATA.us
  + Since we have been advised to not release these with the Board of Medicine, we will put them together and post similar documents on website
    - All topics will follow same template

**Lobbyist – Becky Bowers-Lanier**

* Heat bills

**Historian – Sherry Summers**

* No report given

**Honors & Awards – Jess Kotelnicki, Lauren Sander**

* Will be honored at this year’s lunch
* Initiative to contact nominators of previous nominations to encourage re-nominations
  + Extend nomination for an additional year
    - Committee chairs will email nominators to keep as is, retract or edit
    - Opportunity for nominators to update application for the following year
    - Up to committee chairs – Jess and Lauren approve
* Michael Higgins – would be nice to notify those who have been nominated

**Intercollegiate Sports Medicine Committee (ICSMC) – Kelsey DeShambo, Beth Druvenga**

* No report given

**Leadership Academy – Heather Murphy**

* No report given

**Membership – Katie Grover**

* No report given

**Public Relations – Lauryn Kenon**

* HEARTS act
  + Would it be worth the VATA putting out an official statement?

**Research – John Goetschius**

* No report given

**Scholarship – Ellen Hicks**

* No report given

**Secondary Schools – Angela White**

* Upcoming secondary school symposium and EAP workshop:
  + EAP Workshop – 2/14/2025
  + SS Symposium – 2/15/2025
  + $30 for 7 Cat A CEs
  + Keep an eye out on VATA social media and e-blast
* Options for region reps for CE events on a regional basis.
  + If any region representative would like to discuss future opportunities, please speak with Angela White

**Student Affairs – Jenn Cuchna**

* Doing a new event – scavenger hunt
  + Opens 1/4 at 5:30
* Quiz Bowl event tonight from 8-10
* Jenn is looking to step down from chair but will help out with transition
  + If interested, speak with Jenn

**Young Professionals – Mairin Wood**

* No report given

**Region Reports**

**Capital Region – Annemarie Francis**

* No report given

**Central Region – Michael Higgins**

* No report given

**Eastern Region – Jason Doctor**

* No report given

**Shenandoah Region – Siaura Saville**

* No report given

**Tidewater Region – Corinne Hupp**

* No report given

**Western Region – Anne Bryan**

* No report given

**Task Forces**

* No report given

**Announcements**

* None

**Guests**

**Adjournment – Motion made by Anne Bryan; seconded by Jason Doctor at 7:03pm**

**Next Meeting: TBD**