



## **PRONOUNCEMENTS COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Term Start: **June 2025**

Term: Three year term, starting and ending in June, once renewable

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- NATA member in good standing
- ATC, BOC, NPI number
- Potential candidates need to have experience with dissemination of research, including manuscript drafting, editing, and review. A consistent consumer of peer-reviewed evidence is necessary.
- Experience and expertise in at least one of the domains of athletic training, including injury and illness prevention and wellness promotion, exam and diagnosis, emergency care, and therapeutic intervention.
- Looking for individuals who are
  - very organized, efficient, and good at following-up on deadlines
  - good knowledge of areas in which science is plentiful and supports evidence-based recommendations relevant to athletic training practice are desired
  - well-connected with the athletic training research community and aware of current and emerging research evidence are desired.
- Specifically, the committee is looking for a committee member with expertise in **evidence-based grading systems and patient-centered care**.

### **Submission Process**

1. Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae that includes evidence of the requirements.
2. Applicants must submit a cover letter that clearly expresses their
  - a. reasons for wanting to serve on the committee and ability to manage the time commitment.
  - b. identified area of expertise, particularly in relation to those needed by the committee (listed above), and key items that support the expertise
  - c. experience with drafting, editing, and reviewing manuscripts

Applications must be submitted **ONLINE** by January 1.

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### **ABOUT THE PRONOUNCEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Committee Overview and Mission:** The mission of the NATA Foundation Pronouncements Committee is to develop, write and publish position statements relevant to advancing the Athletic Training profession. Position statements are scientifically based, peer reviewed research written by a team of authors who are experts on the relevant field. The NATA Foundation's Pronouncements Committee works with the NATA to develop these position statements based on educational, clinical and/or professional needs.

**Primary Goals and Objectives:** The primary objective of the Pronouncements Committee is to solicit, develop,

review, and oversee the production and publication of NATA/Foundation Position Statements. Specific committee goals and objectives include:

1. Develop and produce high quality position statements leveraging teams of scientific, educational, administrative and/or clinical experts in the appropriate fields.
2. Assess and evaluate the need for future position statements and updates for existing position statements.
3. Identify gaps and areas of needed evidence or synthesis to inform evidence-based clinical practice.

**Board Liaison:** The VP of Research Programs serves as the Liaison from the NATA Foundation Board; The NATA Board will assign a BOD liaison to the committee on an annual basis.

**Staff Support:** The NATA Foundation Director serves as the NATA Foundation staff liaison and the NATA Knowledge Initiatives Director serves as the NATA staff liaison to the committee.

### **Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities**

General responsibilities: members are expected to attend online and in-person meetings. Members will add items for discussion to the meeting agenda as needed and help take minutes on occasion. Members will contribute to committee business by serving as subcommittee chair to position statement author groups, providing detailed manuscript reviews of position statements, developing committee administrative documents, developing administrative templates, presenting at conferences regarding the PC as needed, serving on other committees as a representative of the PC, and educating professionals of the PC mission.

Subcommittee Role: 3 committee members will be assigned to serve as a review panel when a topic has been approved by the BoD. Once the author group finalizes their manuscript, the subcommittee will conduct a detailed manuscript review (see review process for details). The subcommittee will also support the position statement in other ways as needed (i.e. final external reviewer selection)

Subcommittee Chair (SCC): One subcommittee member will serve as chair. The chair will be assigned once the topic has been approved by the BoD. The committee member will lead the PC through the author group development phase. Once the author group is established, the SCC then leads the position statement author group through the writing process until it is published. It is recommended that the subcommittee chair request an update at minimum before each quarterly Pronouncements Committee meeting. Regular communications can be set-up between the SCC and lead author at a higher frequency when the writing process begins in order to facilitate the outline writing process timeline. The SCC will provide an update on the writing group progress to the PC. The SCC may also need to participate in post-publication planning.