The BOC website has a new look! The goal of the website redesign was to make the user experience as simple and intuitive as possible. In addition, the new BOC website will be responsive whether viewed on a desktop, tablet or smartphone.

What’s new:
- Clean and fresh look
- Easy to read, simplified content
- Quick and easy to find information
- Cutting edge, simplified navigation
- Exclusive awareness images and ads
- Clearly labeled sections
- Visually appealing images
- Easy to find downloadable forms
- Mobile-friendly

For your convenience, the new website does maintain some of the same organizational structure. It will continue to be organized by audience type including Athletic Trainers, Candidates, Approved Providers and Educators. BOC Central™ will continue to be available via our website.

Be sure to scroll down to visit the interactive map to review your state’s information.
BOC NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual Exam Report
The annual exam report for the BOC’s 2016-2017 testing year will be posted in May on the BOC website.

Regulatory Network
News affecting Athletic Trainer regulation happens every day. Are you up to speed on changes at the state and federal level?

The BOC State Regulatory Network collects news and provides a space for discussion among peers in the regulatory community. Don’t miss it. Sign up or log in today!

Disciplinary Action Exchange
The Disciplinary Action Exchange (DAE) was developed to help the BOC, states and consumers locate disciplinary actions in an efficient manner. The BOC posts all public disciplinary actions that have been deemed public.

We strongly encourage you to participate in the exchange. The DAE is also available to states to post state regulatory disciplinary actions.

PROMOTING AWARENESS

As healthcare professionals, Athletic Trainers (ATs) are seldom in the limelight. Being noticed generally means an athlete has been injured – something no one wants to happen. However, that can make it difficult for everyone to understand the important work ATs do. That’s why the BOC, along with the NATA, is working to raise awareness of the work that ATs do every day to keep people healthy and active.

The advertisement shown highlights the role of the AT in keeping young athletes safe, particularly as youth sports grow increasingly demanding and competitive. These ads are available to you for promoting awareness about licensed ATs and your state agency’s information.

To get your Promoting Awareness for free today, visit the BOC website to select an advertisement and email Shannon Fleming, ShannonF@bocatc.org.

We will provide the advertising artwork file, in PDF format, to you within 3 business days. Standard artwork file dimensions are 5x7, 8x10, 8 ½ x 11 and 24x36.

2017 BOC ATHLETIC TRAINER REGULATORY CONFERENCE

The 2017 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference will be held July 14-15 in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference assists regulators and state leaders in developing strategic initiatives and resolutions to protect both the public and credential holder. Program topics are appropriate for all audiences with a vested interest in the athletic training regulation, leadership and public protection. Athletic Trainers will receive continuing education credits for attending.

Fees for the conference are $250 for general attendees and $100 for students from a CAATE accredited program. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and an evening reception on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. The conference begins at 8:00am on Friday, July 14 and ends at noon on Saturday, July 15.

Personal invitations have been sent to state regulatory agencies and state association Presidents. These invitations include an event invite code which will allow them to take advantage of BOC funding.

All other guests can visit the BOC website to register for the conference.

Learn more at www.bocatc.org/conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25, 2017
NATA State Leadership Forum

June 26-30, 2017
NATA 68th Clinical Symposium & AT Expo
Houston, Texas
http://convention.nata.org/

July 14-15, 2017
BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference
Omaha, Nebraska
www.bocatc.org/conference

September 13-16, 2017
Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) Annual Education Conference
Denver, Colorado
www.CLEARhq.org
Arizona
SB1437 [https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/801130](https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/801130)
SB1437 was introduced recently and it would give citizens the right to legally challenge any board rule that he/she felt was a barrier to entering or practicing an occupation. This might mean that they could challenge anything they didn’t like (entry requirements, CE, discipline, exams, scores).

Because this represents a danger to boards’ ability to protect the public, some associations have taken the step of engaging a lobbyist.

Florida
- S0582 [https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/801336](https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/801336)
  - S0582 has been introduced which requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to indemnify all former and current Board members. The bill can be found here: [http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/0582/BillText/Filed/HTML](http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/0582/BillText/Filed/HTML)

Kentucky
- HB276 - [https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/820381](https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/820381) (PASSED and signed by Governor)

KY bill HB276 repeals various sections in the KRS to abolish inactive boards, commissions, committees and councils. This bill included the Athletic Trainers Advisory Council.

- UPDATE: The Athletic Trainers Advisory Council was removed from the bill.

Mississippi
Governor seeks veto power over 100 state boards
A Senate panel recently tabled a bill that would have given Gov. Phil Bryant power to review, change or veto any regulation put in place by between 80-100 state boards and commissions.

The full article can be found here: [http://www.meridianstar.com/news/state/governor-seeks-veto-power-over-state-boards/article_7c8a37b-d51e-5d19-8b03-f85dcefd5a80.html](http://www.meridianstar.com/news/state/governor-seeks-veto-power-over-state-boards/article_7c8a37b-d51e-5d19-8b03-f85dcefd5a80.html)

North Carolina
- H142 - [https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/833009](https://billtrack50.com/BillDetail/833009)
  - NC bill H142 is an act to increase oversight of occupational licensing boards, as recommended by the joint legislative administrative Procedure oversight committee.

Ohio
- Governor Kasich’s FY2018-19 biennial budget summary (Blue Book) has been released. The Blue Book identifies proposed agency or commission mergers or consolidations under the fiscal year 2018-2019 Executive Budget.

- Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board, the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics and the State Physical Health Services Board
In an effort to better align state programs and regulatory functions and achieve administrative efficiencies, the Executive Budget proposes to merge the functions and duties of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (PYT) and the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (OPP) into the newly proposed State Physical Health Services Board (PHS). This merger will be effective January 21, 2018. For additional information, please see the PYT, OPP, and PHS budget detail within Section D of this Executive Budget proposal.

North Dakota
The North Dakota Board of Athletic Trainers (NDBAT) and the BOC will partner again in 2017 to provide online systems for North Dakota licensees and the public:
- 2017 Renewal Applications - ATs licensed in North Dakota will renew their North Dakota license using BOC Central™ (an online system ATs use to maintain their BOC certification).
- Online Registry - The BOC developed an online registry so that anyone can check the status of a North Dakota licensed AT.
- New License Applications - ATs looking to be licensed for the first time in North Dakota now complete the initial license application using BOC Central™.

According to Brad Reed, Secretary/Treasurer for the NDBAT, they have received only positive feedback with the switch to this new online system developed by the BOC. Mr. Reed stated that the BOC staff “… has been nothing but professional, helpful and very hardworking staff to work with. I wish everyone I worked with was this great, being treated like a person and not as a number, my hats off to you… Thank you for a job well done.”

If you are interested in obtaining more information about what the BOC can do for you, please contact Shannon Fleming at ShannonF@bocatc.org.

Virginia
- HJR 545 - [https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/754411](https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/754411) (PASSED)
  - Provides that the General Assembly may suspend or nullify any or all portions of any administrative rule or regulation by a joint resolution, agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each house. When the General Assembly is not in a regular session, the standing committees of each house acting jointly or the joint legislative commissions as designated by the General Assembly may suspend any or all portions of any administrative rule or regulation until the end of the next regular session.

- SJR 311 - [https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/778475](https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/778475)
  - Grants to the General Assembly the authority to review any administrative rule to ensure it is consistent with the legislative intent of the statute that the rule was written to interpret, prescribe, implement or enforce. The amendment provides that after such review, the General Assembly may approve or reject, in whole or in part, any rule as provided by law and that the approval or rejection of a rule by the General Assembly shall not be subject to veto by the Governor.

- HB 2221 - [https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/771880](https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/771880)
  - Creates the Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Professional and Occupational Licensing Requirements of the various regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The bill sets out the membership of the Joint Subcommittee and enumerates its powers and duties. The bill also provides that to assist the Joint Subcommittee in carrying out its powers and duties, the General Assembly shall adopt a schedule for its timely review of the statutory and regulatory professional and occupational licensing requirements of the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The schedule adopted shall require that no less than 20 percent of such licensing requirements be reviewed annually. The bill states that the General Assembly may delegate this function to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules.
ADVOCACY TALKING POINTS

The Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) has developed a series of resource documents regarding the regulation of licensed professionals. These documents address common sense regulation and promote efficient and effective state licensing boards. These talking points will assist state licensing boards in their discussions with legislators and other stakeholders and are categorized as follows:

1. Effective State Regulation – Statements supporting the regulation of licensed professionals through a state Board responsible for administering the practice/title act and associated state laws.

2. Board Composition – Statements that identify the issues surrounding the composition of state licensing boards and the important role played by all volunteer board members, including active licensees and public representatives.

3. Deregulation of Professions – Statements outlining many of the issues that can arise when a profession is deregulated or monitored by a voluntary, private sector certification program.

4. Active State Supervision – Statements that identify some of the issues surrounding various proposed options to implement additional oversight over decisions made by state licensing boards.

Click here to read the full document.
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Official Certification Verification

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Delivered to: 23456789
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Expiration Date: 12/31/2017
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BOC Holiday Closures

Independence Day July 4
Labor Day September 4
New Year's Day January 1, 2018
Thanksgiving November 23-24
Winter Holiday December 25-26

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