

District Council Meeting Minutes: October 13, 2006, 8:30am

Members participating: Bob Cable (WV), John Reynolds (VA), Jerry Shadbrook (SC), Thad Moore (MD), Charlie Rozanski (District Director), Rod Walters (Past District Director), Jill Manners (Student Program Coordinator), Brent Arnold (Program Coordinator, District Meeting), Martin Baker (Secretary/Treasurer).

Comments by Director Rozanski:

- NATA is submitting an appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the CMS Issue. In addition to the Supreme Court action the NATA is pursuing congressional legislative action but this is likely to take 2-3 years to develop. In the state of Michigan, BCBS of Michigan reversed a decision that would allow athletic trainers to provide care incidence to a physician visit. Action by the Michigan athletic trainers association was instrumental in achieving this success.
- Internships and Fellowships: The NATA and REF are looking into the funding of these experiences. There are tax issues (tax exempt status). More information will follow.
- The BOD has committed \$20,000 for an outcome study summit to support the CMS issue to facilitate a positive outcome.
- Announced that Herman Bunch has been honored by the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association with the Olive V. Wortman Service Award. This is one of the highest honors given by the NCPTA and reflects Herman's lifetime contributions to health care in North Carolina. Herman was instrumental in the development of the profession of athletic training in the MAATA serving as a District Director as well as other capacities. The membership of the MAATA and North Carolina would like to add our congratulations to Mr. Bunch on the well deserved honor and thank him for all he has done for athletic trainers in North Carolina and District III during his impressive career.

New Business:

Brent Arnold: Conference call has taken place within the program committee. The program is developing on schedule.

Jill Manners: Reviewed progress on student leadership group. State Presidents will submit student representatives for membership within the group. The leadership of this group will sit as a non-voting member of the district council. Some concern was expressed about the need to amend the District Constitution and By-Laws to allow for participation by this representative. This will be reviewed. At the next scheduled conference call the state presidents will be asked to provide the names of those students who will serve on this leadership group.

Other Business:

There was general discussion about the election for district treasurer. A discussion occurred regarding eligible participants.

A question was put forward regarding funding for state and district participants to meetings with funds from the district. There is no current plan for these funds at the district level.

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State News:

Maryland: Continues to work on practice act which has been submitted to the legislature.

No other new business was discussed.

Next Conference call is scheduled for January 5, 2007 at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.