



**District Council Conference Call Minutes
October 18, 2023
9:30am**

I. Call to Order

- President Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35am

II. Roll Call:

- **Members Present:**
 - Steve Cole – District President
 - Ray Davis – District Director
 - Scott Cook – District Vice President
 - Erin Cash – District Secretary
 - Mat Lyden – District Treasurer
 - Shannon Fooks – President, DCATA
 - Jean Perez – President, MATA
 - Nina Walker – President, NCATA
 - Amy Hand – President, SCATA
 - Mike Kotelnicki – Vice-President, VATA
 - Tom Belmaggio – President, WVATA
 - Anna Chidester – Student Senate Chair
- **Guests Present:**
 - Marty Sataloff – District Parliamentarian
 - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
 - Will Christman – President-Elect, SCATA
 - Kirk Armstrong – Chair – LGBTQ+
 - Kassy Mosley – Chair – Young Professionals Committee
- **Members Absent:**
 - Danny Carroll – President, VATA

III. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. Approval of minutes of previous District Council Meeting – (9/20/2023)
 - a. Motion to approve – Scott Cook
 - 1. 2nd – Ray Davis
 - 2. No Discussion
 - b. Passed – 11-0-0

IV. MAATA LGBTQ+ Committee – Kirk Armstrong

- a. <https://www.nata.org/lgbtq-award-nomination-form>
- b. Email Kirk for nominations: Armst2k@jmu.edu
- c. Working on Athletic Training Community within D3
- d. A big project they are working on is LGBTQ+ content in education, database of speakers

V. **MAATA Young Professionals Committee & Social Media – Kassy Mosley**

- a. YP filled SC position, Abby Earich
- b. EDC rep and a few more positions needed
- c. Distinguished YP award on the website – please nominate!
- d. Working on mock resume/interviews
- e. Timely topics – why to renew
- f. Nick Saul EPC Rep for D3, from Clemson

VI. **District Director – Ray Davis**

- a. BOC:
 - a. Office Address Update: 1411 Harney Street, Suite 100 Omaha, Nebraska 68102
 - b. Congratulations to Bonnie Van Lunen – new AT Director, 2024 Onboarding, term begins 1/1/2025
 - c. Speciality Exam candidates increasing
 - d. Check website for CPC resource page: www.bocatc.org/CPC-overview
 - e. ATs are encouraged to join the BOC Power Panel (members include BOC volunteers who provide feedback on strategic initiatives using a feedback tool, such as a survey, on an as needed basis.) Volunteers may opt out at any time. Apply online at: <https://bocatc.org/about-us/who-is-the-boc/volunteer/explore-opportunities>.
 - f. **Foresight Champions Task Force**; The task force will provide recommendations to the BOC Board of Directors and these recommendations will be used to inform the next strategic planning process.
 - g. **Strategic Alliance Education Group**; The BOC recently joined other members of the Strategic Alliance (SA), led by the CAATE, to share education related strategic priorities and work plans. The group of SA staff and volunteers will meet quarterly to discuss how we can collaborate and/or support each other's education initiatives.
- b. CAATE:
 - a. 2 new accredited Residency Programs; Iowa and SC
 - b. **New online educational resources** have been made available to support residency programs. The following programs are available in the CAATE's **on-demand videos**:
 1. Assuring Quality With the 2022 Standards as a Foundation for Success With Program Improvement
 2. What is in a Name...Residency & Fellowship
 3. Assessing and Progressing Learner Behaviors on the AT Milestones
 4. Residency Development: Things to Consider
 5. Program Assessment: The Basics
 - c. Next CAATE Town Hall on November 30th
- c. NATA Foundation
 - a. AT Research Committee Relaunching; Brain Research Focus on Telehealth
 - b. Free Coms; window open through Nov 1st, abstracts for New Orleans
 - c. Scholarships open Nov 15th-Jan 15th
 - d. State Gift Champions are being promoted through social media
 - e. Jennifer Yoder is leaving soon and we thank her for her service and leadership!
- d. EPC/CAC
 - a. Collaborated on a Committee Research project and provided an Executive Summary
 - b. Post COVID-19 survey project that has been submitted to JoAT for publishing
- e. Committee Recordings and Notes Follow Up
 - a. Dave Saddler presented info on immediate and future recordings of Zoom meeting and minutes. All BOD meetings will have minutes taken. All others, only notes. Recordings will not be archived due to legal actions for court proceedings if requested. Triangle is preparing for changes. Zoom meeting recording can have expiration dates
- f. GA
 - a. This month's NATA News is dedicated to advocacy and updates please take the time to read!
 - b. Updated information on Iowa & Kansas
 - c. Encouraging states to seek help from NATA GA in addressing these issues before they arise.
 - d. Thank you to SC for your upcoming Bootcamp 2.0
 - e. NATAPAC Sweepstakes was a success with donations surpassing \$10K target. If you donated Thank You!!!!
 - f. To date 5,027 letters have been sent to Lawmakers in support of NATA Advocacy.
 - g. NATA represented at NIH recently; CMS & OSHA are on the horizon!
 - h. Board reps to Districts should be actively pushing donation reminders.
 - i. Chris Ina from Wake Forest Atrium, NC is a Rock Star with his recent presentation in hiring ideas

- g. KI
 - a. JoAT has been released as a double month issue July/August. Same thing for Sept/Oct
 - b. COPA Con summary presented
 - c. NATA on Demand ends 10/21/23 11:59pm
- h. Membership
 - a. Renewal is open! Please encourage members to download the digital campaign frames for their social media posts, go to nata.org under membership tab to download
 - b. Don't forget to check GATher for volunteer updates and opportunities – many positions are open!
 - c. JCM 2024 information coming soon
 - d. Please share NATA posts on social media. Quite a few postings happening!

VII. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan

- a. Run off between Matt Gage and Scott Powers as need a 50%> to announce a winner
 - a. 12:10pm email will go out to District that new ballot will be sent on Saturday
 - b. Ballot open Saturday 10/21 – Saturday 10/28
 - c. Please remind your states on Thursday to vote!
 - d. Didn't have to vote in the first round
 - e. Kassy will post on social media
- b. Low voting first round, please vote!

VIII. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. National membership at a glance
 - a. Typically after our monthly meetings – will upload to Drop Box when received
- b. District membership at a glance
 - a. There are no lapsed members because we have started membership renewals. There will be no lapsed members until February again. Thought it switched over October 1st but ended September this year
- c. Website activity at a glance
- d. NATA content plan & schedule
- e. Drop Box Annual Payment Done - Thanks Mat
- f. Talked to State Presidents About Member Correspondences to see if we're over communicating/sending out the same info:
 - a. DC – Newsletter
 - b. MD – Weekly Job Requests/Updates, Fall & Spring Newsletter
 - c. NC – 2 Newsletters & Blasts as Needed
 - d. SC – Monthly Eblast, Fall & Spring Newsletter
 - e. VA – Monthly Eblast/Middle of the Month
 - f. WV – When Things Arise
- g. Possibility to send less 2024 MAATA Eblasts/Newsletters – 5 or 6 Total vs current 10 Total. More discussion upcoming
- h. Newsletter NATA Milestone Year Feedback
- i. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
 - a. November 6, 2023
 - b. December 4, 2023
- j. Working on Website Updates:

IX. District Vice-President – Scott Cook

- a. Proposals up on the website along with Save the Date
- b. 2024 Symposium aiming for early registration Jan 15th, late May 6th
- c. Over budget by about \$5,000 last year but used all of our giveaways and will need to restock
- d. Working with Founders Inn on contract moving room requirement down going forward and other changes for 2025 and 2026
- e. Have all sponsors filled, working to get a few more

X. District Treasurer – Mat Lyden

- a. Financial Advisory Committee is working on the 2024 budget
- b. Expense forms need to be updated on the website
- c. If any DC members need to add a budget line, please do so
- d. Be careful for spam!!

XI. Student Senate/Student Education Program – Anna Chidester

- a. Anna introduced herself as the new Student Senate President, she is an ODU 2nd year
- b. They have closed the call for student senators and had multiple applicants from each state!

- c. Should be emailing next week for respective states to vote
- d. Right now they are focusing on scholarships
- e. Hoping to start a Newsletter in November

XII. State Presidents Reports:

- a. *District of Columbia* – Shannon Fooks
 - a. Hoping the Winter Business Meeting will be in person
 - b. Getting committees up and running
 - c. YP Comm. Chair
 - d. Tina is running social media and has been doing an “ATR Cribs” “Friday Night Lights” that is going well
- b. *Maryland* – Jean Perez
 - a. Elections are starting soon, 3 candidates for treasurer
 - b. 40th Anniversary Bull and Oyster Roast went well, about 60 members there plus guests. The event was purely social/networking. Emily brought about 20 first year Towson students so a great way for them to introduce themselves and network!
- c. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
 - a. Elections just happened, 4 candidates for secretary, under 5% voted so extended one week which doubled the numbers but still less than 200 people voted
 - b. Retired members asked about voting and to align with NATA and MAATA they plan to change that but will need to change it in the By-Laws
 - c. Nina ran unopposed as President so she will serve 2 more years!
- d. *South Carolina* – Amy Hand
 - a. Organizing boot camps for November 12th and 13th
 - b. Nov 14th will be 3rd Party Reimbursements
 - c. Signed a 1 year contract with lobbyists
 - d. Trying to update their concussion law
- e. *Virginia* – Mike Kotelnicki
 - a. Working with lobbyists to change coding/practice act to help ATs in the operating rooms. Seems to be more of an employer based issue though
 - b. 30% of the House and Senate will be changing over so waiting for the change before starting back up
- f. *West Virginia* – Tom Belmaggio
 - a. Licensed under the board of PT but no ATs on the board currently. However to add an ATC to the board would open both the ATC and PT Practice Acts. Continuing to work through this

XIII. Adjournment of meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Scott Cook
 - a. 2nd – Mat Lyden
 - b. Approved 11-0-0
 - c. Meeting was adjourned 10:30am