

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**May 14, 2021**

**12:30pm**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * Director Flanagan called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
   * **Members Present:**
     + Katie Walsh Flanagan – District Director
     + Jason Mitchell – District Secretary
     + Jay Sedory – District Treasurer
     + Patricia Aronson – Past District Director
     + Christina Carrillo – President-Elect, DCATA
     + Gina Palermo – President, MATA
     + Jim Bazluki – President, NCATA
     + Jeremy Searson – President, SCATA
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Zach Garrett – President, WVATA
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Steve Cole – District President-Elect
     + Donita Valentine – District Vice-President-Elect
     + Jean Perez – Vice-President, MATA
     + Scott Cook – Annual Meeting Planner
     + Marty Baker – D3 representative to the NATA Foundation
     + Emily Hildebrand – Student Senate Advisor
   * **Members and Guests Absent:**
     + Michael Walker – President, DCATA
     + Marty Sataloff – District Parliamentarian
     + Kaitlyn Whipp – Student Senate President
3. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (03/16/2021)
      1. Motion to approve – Jim Bazluki
         1. 2nd – Zach Garrett
         2. No discussion
         3. Passed – 9-0-0
   2. Membership stats report
      1. Motion to approve Secretary’s report – Treasurer Sedory
         1. 2nd – Chris Jones
         2. No discussion
         3. Passed – 9-0-0
4. **District Treasurer – Jay Sedory**
   1. Now aligning fiscal year along with NATA’s fiscal year
   2. Review end of year budget (current budget/accounts)
   3. Review proposed budget (vote in DC Meeting)
      1. Vote on 2021-2022 Budget
      2. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report – Jim Bazluki
         1. 2nd – Secretary Mitchell
         2. No discussion
         3. Passed – 9-0-0
5. **MAATA Meeting Update – Scott Cook**
   1. Business Meeting registration numbers
   2. Business Meeting – must be on call whole time/use email NATA
   3. Post Business Meeting CEU/EBP
   4. VMAATA May 17-June 17
   5. Updated new refund policy (fee for lost policy/not issued after X date)
   6. 2022 MAATA Annual Meeting – May 13-15, 2022
      1. Charlotte Hilton University Place, Charlotte, NC
         1. 3rd and final year of contract
   7. Discussed Annual Planning Committee work for next Annual Meetings for 2023 & beyond
      1. Continued work with HelmsBriscoe
         1. Received 5 RFPs for committee to review
         2. This is based off of our District’s meeting specifications on meeting space/events/etc.
   8. MAATA Annual Symposium Location 2023-2024
      1. Motion to approve holding 2023 & 2024 Annual Business Meeting & Symposium at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA – Chris Jones
         1. 2nd – Zach Garrett
         2. NCATA President Bazluki inquired reasonings for not shifting the current 2020-2022 contract to have additional meetings in NC
            1. Due to COVID cancellations, allowed the District to get out of meetings without any fees.
            2. The future of meeting structure (i.e., all in-person/virtual/hybrid) is unknown. The proposed 2yr contract in Virginia Beach is considered a financially safer option, to allow the District time to see where the Annual Meeting should be held after 2024
         3. No further discussion
         4. Passed – 9-0-0
6. **NATA Foundation – Marty Baker**
   1. Discuss the NATA Foundation’s Circle of Champions.
      1. Monthly gift to significantly assist the Foundation
         1. Members can also choose to make their contribution annually
   2. Request a permanent line item in the budget for the district to support initiatives of The Foundation
      1. Director Flanagan addressed that the District already has a $1000 line-item that goes to the Foundation, along with $3 from each member with their annual membership dues
      2. Marty Baker requested increasing that designated line-item
      3. Treasurer Sedory requested that Marty provide updated information regarding what other Districts contribute to the Foundation to allow the District Council to make informed decisions moving forward.
7. **District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**
   1. MAATA Updates – Director Flanagan
      1. By-Laws updates for the Business Meeting
         1. Will be voting on a couple of By-Law changes tomorrow at the Annual Business Meeting
      2. Saturday Business Meeting
         1. Business meeting
         2. NATA By-laws
            1. Use “Chat’ function for questions (monitored by Secretary Mitchell)
      3. Order of Business Meeting
      4. Leadership Transition
         1. District President Steve Cole & District Vice-President Donita Valentine will officially be on board at the end of our Annual Business Meeting tomorrow!
      5. For the Summer Awards Newsletter – send Photos and descriptions to Flanagan
      6. Looking for leaders in committees
         1. Volunteers – go FIND that person who has energy and drive
         2. Not one looking to ‘pad’ resume
         3. Look for under-represented populations
         4. Still looking for: Meeting Planner, Education Planner
   2. NATA News/Updates
      1. Discussed some upcoming updates to NATA By-Laws
      2. NATA President Dieringer will officially be starting this upcoming mid-June
      3. Will discuss with membership about the NATA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access (DEI & A) at tomorrow’s Annual Business Meeting
      4. Will discuss the future of District XI at tomorrow’s Annual Business Meeting
      5. News from NATA BOD meeting May 7-9
      6. vNATA
      7. Membership database
         1. NATA has requested to State Presidents that they send requests to contact past members through the national office only
            1. NATA feels that contacting past members needs to be controlled for those particular people and their information.
         2. SCATA President Searson expressed concern of NATA’s stance of not allowing states access to past members’ data
            1. Reviewed the current NATA policy
         3. SCATA President Searson expressed concern that NATA does not govern the State Associations, only the Districts, asking what options to States have to ensure they have a voice to the NATA.
            1. Treasurer Sedory discussed the NATA State Association Advisory Committee, which allows State Associations to meeting prior to the NATA meeting to address business
            2. SCATA President Searson acknowledged that State Presidents have a voice and voting privileges with the District 3 Council, but readdressed concern that State Presidents don’t have direct access/accountability to the NATA
            3. WVATA President Garrett discussed any contractual agreements between NATA & State Associations regarding disbursement of membership fees
         4. Past District Director Aronson discussed that States create a State membership database, as opposed to only relying on the District Secretary provided membership data
            1. DCATA President-Elect Carrillo & WVATA President Garrett acknowledge that they create a state-only database to be able to help with contacting state members.
8. **Student Senate – Emily Hildebrand**
   1. Provided review of Student Senate structure/makeup
      1. 2 Student Senators for each state
      2. Students submit applications from which State Presidents vote
      3. Call for new Senators will be this upcoming late summer/early fall
   2. Discussed Virtual Student Symposium – Sunday, May 16
   3. Student Senate Service Project –
      1. Collected funds for an AT in need, who may have experienced professional under-funding or damage/destruction of materials. So far have collected $300 for the cause.
   4. Thank you to the District Council for continuing to disseminate the Student Senate newsletter which provides state information
   5. Asked District Council for future direction on the Annual Student Meeting
   6. Promoted the Student Quiz Bowl tonight on Facebook Live!
9. **District Vice-President – Donita Valentine**
   1. Thanked members of the District Council for their service. Her and President Cole are excited to officially join the group tomorrow!
10. **State Presidents Reports:**
    1. *District of Columbia* – Christina Carrillo
       1. Hosting 1st virtual State Symposium until May 16
          1. 3 Cat A/1 EBP CEs
       2. DCATA President-Elect Carrillo mentioned that she officially begins her term as President this upcoming Monday!
    2. *North Carolina* – Jim Bazluki
       1. Announced that he will be rolling off as NCATA President next March 2022
          1. Will hold elections this upcoming fall
       2. Inducted 2 to the NC Hall of Fame Randy Pridgeon & Bill Griffin
    3. *Maryland* – Gina Palermo
       1. Shared good news of a state member who encounter commotio cordis in a private school men’s lacrosse athlete, was able to have quick, quality response with positive outcomes! Reports that the athlete is doing really well in recovery!
       2. Looking on horizon to possibly introduce new legislation for Dry Needling
       3. State virtual business meeting June 12
       4. Announced that she is rolling off as MATA State President next June 2022 and introduced Jean Perez who will take over!
    4. *South Carolina* – Jeremy Searson
       1. Still working on Licensure component
          1. Pushed back until the next session, due to several important things such as open carry/transgender athletes/etc. that need to be addressed immediately.
       2. Looks like the certification bill needs to get to the floor, where plan is to change the language and move it into a more appropriate board
          1. Anticipate this being done before the end of next session next year
       3. Announce virtual state meeting tomorrow
          1. 18 CEU’s
          2. Student Program within Professional Program
       4. Restructuring By-laws to move up elections to allow for an apprentice type positions to enable better on-boarding prior to officially taking over position
    5. *Virginia* – Chris Jones
       1. Announcing he will serve as VATA President until January 2022
          1. Danny Carroll will roll on as President at that time
       2. Announced a life-saving state news
          1. Cardiac event where a secondary-schools AT was able to provide quick intervention, saving the student’s life at her high school!
       3. Working with KSI on collaborative meeting
          1. Tentatively scheduled for October 12, 2021
          2. Looking at hosting it at The Washington Football team training complex
          3. Looking to use this as preparation of their goal to push out new legislation
             1. VA currently does not have heat-illness legislation

Hoping to bring that to the General Assembly in 2022

* + 1. Last General Assembly, sought out to add Athletic Trainers to the insurance code to allow easier Third-Party Reimbursement
       1. Due to COVID/virtual nature of the General Assembly, found harder to conduct further study, therefore was tabled on the floor
       2. Working with committee to get it voted on in General Assembly in 2022
    2. Virtual Annual Meeting – this past January

* 1. *West Virginia* – Zach Garrett
     1. Announced he will roll off as WVATA President in June 2022
     2. Virtual WVATA Annual Meeting – this past April
        1. Was able to get some portions of the student program to be broadcast live with good results!
     3. Several bills introduced
        1. Trying to find ATs who are utilizing CARES Act monies
           1. Legislators asked further information on specifics of costs
           2. Currently not much info out there to provide, therefore WVATA will work with NATA to put that together to assist Secondary Schools ATs
           3. Director Flanagan discussed that CARES Act monies are available to all states. Noted that President Garrett was able to take federal funded monies and say that we have a need for Athletic Trainers at our Secondary Schools, and make it fit within this CARES act.

NATA BOD discussed this action and was impressed with that forward-thinking…Go West Virginia!

* + - 1. Introduce Heat-Illness bill
         1. Got to committee, but tabled due to Governor other items

1. **Other Updates**
   1. Past District Director posed question about the recently dissolved Public Relations committee and the limited inclusion of D3-related materials within the NATA News publications
      1. DCATA President-Elect Carrillo mentioned that she has received little/no materials from State PR chairs to include into NATA News publications
      2. Director Flanagan encouraged State Presidents to ask their State PR chairs to please submit materials to showcase our members in national publications
   2. NCATA President Bazluki inquired about other options for file sharing outside of DropBox.
      1. Stated recurring issues with privacy in hospital settings, and file capacities of accounts
      2. Secretary Mitchell stated that this is one of the items that will be brought to the NATA DST committee meeting in June.
         1. Currently, District 3 pays for a district account to access NATA information, therefore requiring states to do the same. Further investigation is needed.
   3. WVATA President Garrett inquired about the status of restoration of grants
      1. Director Flanagan discussed the overall financial restrictions of the NATA, and is currently on an “as-case needed” status. Hoping this changes with the new fiscal year in January, but it is driven by membership and meeting attendance.
2. **Adjournment of meeting**
   1. Motion to adjourn meeting – Jim Bazluki
      1. 2nd – Secretary Mitchell
      2. Approved 9-0-0
      3. Meeting was adjourned 2:09pm.