

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: Bob Cable

1. What unique skills would you bring to the position of DIII Director?

I have had the opportunity to volunteer at every level of Athletic Training. From the State Level, where my volunteerism included being one of the authors of the Sun Rise Application for licensure for Athletic Trainers in the State of West Virginia and serving other roles in the state association. My state volunteerism was capped by being fortunate enough to be able to serve three consecutive terms as the President of the West Virginia Athletic Trainers Association.

At the District Level it was my honor to served two terms as the MAATA Treasure / CFO. Where I worked closely with the Annual Meeting Committee and was a part of running four MAATA District meetings. I, presently, continue to serve as the WV Representative to the MAATA Annual Meeting. I addition, have served 2 terms as the MAATA Dist. III representative to the NATA Political Action Committee (PAC) and have enjoyed my yearly trips to Washington DC to advocate for the profession. I have also had the pleasure to serve on the most recent committee to update the MAATA Constitution.

Because of my background, the learning curve will be less than it might be for someone else.

I also, believe that my ability to listen and work toward compromise when issues arise will be a huge asset. The MAATA District Director needs to be able to work with all members of the MAATA to move the profession forward in an ever-changing time. I think we, as a Profession, are on the cusp of a new time in Athletic Training and I want to help lead the next generation of Athletic Trainers into an exciting time in the profession of Athletic Training...

2. How did you become interested in the profession of athletic training?

By sheer accident... I was all set to be a Physical Education/ History teacher and when my friend, High School Basketball Coach and Mentor stepped down, be the next basketball coach at my alma mater. Because he had acted as the "Athletic Trainer" during my high school years and I wanted to follow his example, I took a basic Athletic Training class in college. Upon completion

of the course the AT, ask if I would be interested in assisting him. He introduced me to amazing individuals, those individuals introduced me to the world of Athletic Training, and I was enthralled. I could not get enough, and I still cannot, it's impossible for me to imagine not learning something new every day, not being able to bring something new to the table every time I work with an athlete.

3. As you go about your daily duties as an athletic trainer what are you most passionate about?

I am passionate about every aspect of Athletic Training. I believe that the profession is the next great medical field. I want to be able to give my patients, the athletes that I work with, the very best I have to offer. Because of that desire, I spend countless hours making sure that when the time comes, I am ready to give my athletes and patients the best Athletic Training has to offer.

4. Have you ever discontinued a service/leadership activity or position pre-maturely in the past? NO, nor would I...Is so, under what circumstances?