



District Business Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2023
12:30pm

- I. Call to Order**
 - o District President Steve Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 12:41pm.

- II. Approval of 2022 Business Meeting Minutes (5/21/2022)**
 - a. Motion to approve – Katie Walsh Flanagan
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Motion passed (no opposed or abstention)

- III. Secretary Report – Jason Mitchell**
 - a. Discussed District Membership data

- IV. Treasurer Report – Mat Lyden**
 - a. Discussed 2022 expenses/finances and upcoming budget
 - i. Finance Advisory Council will start working on FY24 budget

- V. MAATA Annual Meeting Update**
 - a. Scott Cook
 - i. Reported attendance
 - ii. 2024 MAATA Annual Meeting will be here at the Founders Inn May 17-19, 2024
 - iii. Very Important – Please do the MAATA Annual Meeting Survey to give feedback on future meetings
 - iv. Thank you to our Volunteers
 - b. MAATA Educational Program Committee – Zach Garrett
 - i. Samantha Weber, Sharon Rogers Moore, Renee Cork, Ashley Santo and Claire Adkinson
 - ii. Total Available CEUs:
 1. Pre-Conference – Up to 6 Category A
 2. General Conference – Up to 12 Category A
 3. Post-Conference – Up to 5 Category A
 - iii. Free virtual options on some of the lectures coming at a later date. People can also purchase as on-demand version

- VI. Awards**
 - a. NATA Awards
 - i. Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award
 1. Alice McLaine & Murphy Grant
 - ii. Athletic Training Service Award
 1. John Knaul, Edward Strapp & Toni Torres-McGehee

- iii. NATA Fellow
 - 1. Susan Yeargin
- iv. NATA Secondary School Awards:
 - 1. Servant Heart Award
 - a. Christina Carrillo (DC, Friendship Collegiate Academy)
 - 2. Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year
 - a. Steven Lough (WV, Ripley High School)

VII. NATA News & Updates – District Director – Ray Davis

- a. Continuing to address the New Strategic Plan. President Dieringer presented on this today
- b. JCM
 - i. Connections between the 4 Cornerstones of the NATA
 - 1. Knowledge Initiatives (KI)
 - 2. Marketing/Communication (MARCOM)
 - 3. Membership
 - 4. Advocacy
- c. Strategic Alliance Organizations, 4 leading organizations committed to the athletic training profession and to the delivery of quality health care to the public
 - i. Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC)
 - ii. The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Educate (CAATE)
 - iii. NATA
 - iv. NATA Research & Education Foundation
- d. NATA Membership Benefits:
 - i. Professional Growth Opportunities to Advance our Careers
 - ii. Advocacy for AT's
 - 1. Federal, State, Regulatory efforts – Boot camps for states
 - iii. Support
 - 1. ATsCare, Resource Toolkits, etc.
 - iv. Connection
 - 1. GATHER, Professional Interest Communities, NATA Annual Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, Mentorship, Volunteerism, Social Media, Podcasts
 - v. AJ Duffy is the NATA incoming President. He will shadow President Dieringer for 1 year and his tenure will begin in June 2024
 - vi. SSSA: in 2022 168 new or renewed awards presented to D3 schools
 - 1. DC – 14, MD – 9, NC – 63, SC – 25, VA – 49, WV – 8
 - vii. Special congratulations to Marje Albohm as she has been recognized as the 2023 AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award recipient
 - viii. Key Board of Director actions:
 - 1. Updated Code of Ethics
 - 2. Address Liaison presentations
 - 3. Committee presentations
 - 4. Budget requests
 - 5. Various projects
 - ix. Convention information and presentation have been numerous, discussions of the separate roles and responsibilities of our Strategic Alliance partners
 - x. NATA Gather
 - 1. Encourage each of you to login and look at various opportunities that may be of interest to you
 - xi. Can't stress the importance of each members involvement and engagement, "Athletic Training, it's who we are and what we do"
 - xii. NATA Mission
 - 1. The mission of the National Athletic Trainers' Association is to represent, engage and foster the continued growth and development of the athletic training profession and athletic trainers as unique health care providers
 - xiii. NATA Vision

1. Athletic trainers will be globally recognized as vital practitioners in the delivery and advancement of health care. Through passionate provision of unique services, athletic trainers will be an integral part of the inter-professional health care team

VIII. MAATA Committee Report

- a. EDAC – Xavion Santiago
 - i. MD, VA & SC working on connecting HBCUs and PWIs to increase candidate diversity
 - ii. All states are now represented with WV seat being filled
 - iii. DC student symposium
 - iv. NC CEU events and book club
 - v. Joint town Hall with LGBTQ+ tonight
- b. LGBTQ+AC – Kirk Armstrong
 - i. Town Hall tonight with the MAATA EDAC Committee
 - ii. Ensure presentation of LGBTQ+ healthcare content within the MAATA Annual Symposium
 - iii. Submitted an educational technique to the *Athletic Training Education Journal* to increase educators' knowledge and skill in teaching LGBTQ+ content
 - iv. Collaborating with EDAC to develop a district level Inclusive Excellent Award (including eligibility criteria and application process)
- c. Research and Grants – Bonnie Van Lunen
 - i. Awarded 3 Grants in General Category in November 2022
 1. Susan Yeargin, University of South Carolina, Dr. John Goetschius, James Madison University & Elaine Reiche, UNC-Chapel Hill
 - ii. Developed doctoral award criteria and process. Will award 2 doctoral grants in late May 2023
 - iii. Aligning format of grants with NATA Foundation processes
 - iv. Determining new deadlines and categories for 2024
 - v. Developing procedures for additional funding support through philanthropic approaches
- d. Government Affairs – Ed Strapp
 - i. Maryland completed dry needling legislation
 - ii. DC has official licensure
 - iii. Virginia successfully passed HB429 Emergency Care; exemption from liability; athletic trainer & will be honored with a class 1 Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award (NATA)
 - iv. South Carolina positive votes for S 0397 & Updating SC Licensure
 - v. North Carolina tracking and supporting other legislation
 - vi. June 22nd 1-2pm Meeting at NATA
- e. Secondary School - Adam Wall
 - i. SSAT Town Hall & Social yesterday and hope to have it again next year
 - ii. District NATA Safe Sports Award grants listed
 1. Please apply, typically in March
 - iii. Follow @MAATA_SSC
- f. Young Professionals Committee & Career Advancement Committee – Kelley Crowe outgoing, Incoming Kassy Mosley
 - i. Conducted needs assessment survey and created mission/vision statement (see YPC website on MAATA page)
 - ii. Hosted virtual career workshop
 1. Partnered with Minority Women in Sports Medicine (nonprofit founded by our MD rep, Andrea Durham)
 2. Put forth a proposal for a D3 Most Distinguished Young Professional Award
 3. Please come out to our YP social tonight
- g. Social Media – Kassy Mosley
 - i. Social media policy template created for MAATA committees wishing to create social media page
 - ii. Conducted social media NATA renewal contest
 - iii. Provided updates and news to the district
 - iv. NATA month highlighted “There’s an AT for that”

- h. Scholarship – Sara Pittelkau
 - i. Filled 3 state vacancies (DC, NC, WV)
 - ii. Revised scholarships for 2023 to reflect the current education pathway
 - iii. 2023 MAATA Scholarship Winners
 - 1. William Prentice: Neely McGinty – Towson University
 - 2. A.C. “Whitey” Gwynne: 1st Place – Breanna Portillo Gwynne – University of South Carolina. 2nd Place – Jack Lehker – University of South Carolina
 - 3. Larry Sutton: Jenna Tomlinson – High Point University
 - 4. Edward Block: 1st Place – Rebecca Perry – Towson University. 2nd Place – Konatsu Baba – Western Carolina University

IX. NATA Committee Report

- a. EDAC – Xavion Santiago
 - i. Virtual Career Day: May 22, 2023 at 6pm
 - ii. Events in Indianapolis
 - 1. Day of Service – June 21, 2023 8am-12pm
 - 2. Examining Ethic Diversity in AT: A Critical Look & Conversation: June 22, 2023 at 7:30am
 - 3. EDAC Town Hall – June 22 4-6pm
- b. LGBTQ Advisory Committee – Kirk Armstrong
 - i. Revising (Introductory) Safe Space Ally Training (currently on pause through NATA’s PDC)
 - ii. Developing Advanced Safe Space Ally Training (to be launched this summer)
 - iii. Collaborating with PEC/EDAC to develop Bystander Training
 - iv. Town Hall at NATA: Thursday June 22, 2023 5-7pm
- c. Secondary School - Adam Wall
 - i. NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers’ Committee ssatc.nata@gmail.com
 - ii. Jenn Rheeling – Chair
 - 1. DEIA – need shadow volunteers
 - 2. HOSA Volunteers are needed in Texas during the same time as NATA Convention
 - 3. ATLAS Ambassadors – Vacancies in NC & MD (Apply via NATA Gather)
 - 4. NATA Safe Sports Award Grant
 - 5. SSATC session in Philadelphia
 - iii. Meetings in Indianapolis
 - 1. SSATC Educational Session
 - a. Friday June 23rd 1:40-2:45pm
 - 2. SSATC Town Hall
 - a. Friday June 23rd 3-4:30pm
- d. NATA Career Advancement Committee (CAC) – Kassy Mosley
 - i. Partnered with Early Professional Committee on survey to examine COVID 19 impact
 - ii. Hosting educational session at NATA
 - iii. Tools for communicating needs for Career Advancement in Athletic Training
 - iv. CAC National Distinction Award Winner – Jasmine DeBose, TX
- e. NATA Early Professionals’ Committee (EPC) – Kassy Mosley
 - i. NATA Timely Topics: The State of Athletic Training: Employment and the Early Professional AT; a Town Hall
 - 1. May 31, 2023 12-1 CST
 - ii. NATA Educational Session: Using Patient Care Data to Demonstrate the Self-Value and Worth of the Athletic Trainer
 - 1. June 24, 2023 11:45am-12:40pm
- f. NATA Foundation – Marty Baker
 - i. Slide 60, NATA Research & Education Foundation highlights
 - ii. 7 MAATA Students received a Foundation Scholarship in 2023
 - iii. 4 MAATA member received a Research Grant
 - iv. Your Foundation relies on us all to fulfill the mission

1. ATC's are the single biggest contributor to your Foundation
2. Join the Circle of Champions
 - a. 42 MAATA ATC's are members of the Foundation Circle of Champions
- v. NATA Foundation Scholarships and Award Winners
 1. The Keith Jones NBATA Scholarship: Jasmin DeBerry, James Madison University
 2. NATA Memorial Scholarship: Aleiza Higgins, UNC-Greensboro
 3. PFATA William Tessendorf Scholarship: Olivia McCusker, University of South Carolina
 4. Rachael Oats Leadership Scholarship: Kimberly Nardi, University of South Carolina
 5. Gatorade Gail Weldon Scholarship: Rebecca Perry, Townson University
 6. William Prentice/MAATA D3 Scholarship: Emma Stith, James Madison University
 7. Richard E. Vandervoort Memorial Scholarship: Jennifer Xu, University of Virginia
 8. NATA Foundation Specialty Award Winner 2023: Ryan McCann, PhD, Old Dominion University, Early Career – Free Communications/Abstract Recognition *“Patient-Reported Outcomes and Walking Boot Use Following an Acute Lateral Ankle Sprain Predict Chronic Ankle Instability”*
- g. NATA Committee on Professional Ethics – Paul Rupp
 - i. Replacing current COPE Chair – Suzanne Konz
 - ii. Lindsey Schroeder is becoming the D3 rep
 - iii. Changes to the Code of Ethics (See Suzi Konz's presentation)
 - iv. Working on changing the structure of the COP due to the case load
 - v. Working on creating educational material for the members
 - vi. Ethics Complaint (Reporting Form and Complaint Process Links)
 - vii. COPE Disciplinary Actions Database
 1. <https://www.nata.org/committee-professional-ethics>
- h. Connection & Engagement Committee – Jenni Johnson
 - i. 12 months of “What the NATA does for you”
 - ii. Letter template to employers
 1. Encourage employer to pay for National Convention
 2. Encourage employer to pay for NATA dues
 - iii. Critical Care Recognition Award
 1. Any ATC who has performed a critical care intervention regardless of the outcome
 - iv. Virtual Meet & Greet
 1. May – New Grads
 2. September – Students
 3. November – Career Advancement
- i. Convention Program Committee – Michael Higgins
 - i. Indianapolis Educational Programming is all set
 1. Please see Convention website for presentation topics and times
 2. 2024 New Orleans – Themes
 - a. Performance recovery
 - i. This theme is focused on strategies to enhance physical and mental recovery and improve performance
 - b. Healthcare administration
 - i. This theme is focused on topics related to the policies, procedure, operation and oversight of healthcare facilities and providers
 3. Proposal submission portal closes in July
 4. Questions regarding topics or submission please email mjh7s@virginia.edu
- j. Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training (PRAT) – Rod Walters

- i. Professional Values
 - 1. To examine the efficacy of an oath for athletic training and make a recommendation whether the NATA should craft one
- ii. Case Studies
 - 1. Provide a structured opportunity for members to being the LERPS conversation
- iii. Awards
 - 1. Overhauled the decision-making process for more transparency and objectivity
- iv. Sports Medicine Legal Digest (SMLD)
 - 1. Resource for athletic trainers with online content specific to current cases and occurrences
- k. Practice Advancement (COPA) – Andy Carter
 - i. A council of 10 committees representing a variety of practice settings
 - ii. COPA council-wide initiatives
 - 1. 3rd Annual COPA-CON
 - a. CEU event targeted for ATC’s in COPA settings
 - 2. Various educational projects
 - a. NATA News, webinars, social media
 - 3. Developing tools and resources to help ATC’s improve their employment situation
 - a. Per Diem & PRN Survey
 - 4. Members should see if they identify with any COPA committees and expand your own network
 - a. An outreach ATC working in high school may identify as secondary school but may also find value in the resources of the COPA Community Outreach Committee
- l. Professional Education Committee – Ashley Thrasher Not Here, Melissa Snyder
 - i. Master Preceptor – Level 3 programming is going live! November 3, 2023 at the NATA Headquarters in Carrollton, TX
 - 1. Open to all preceptors
 - 2. Email ki@nata.org or abthrasher@wcu.edu for more information
 - ii. Teaching Tips
 - 1. 10-minute innovative teaching ideas to use in your classroom
 - 2. Check out previous tips: <https://vimeopro.com/natal950/at-teaching-tips/>
 - 3. If you want to make a tip, contact Ashley Thrasher abthrasher@wcu.edu
 - iii. Clinical Education Coordinator Support
 - 1. Developing a series of resources to assist CECs in their role
 - 2. Watch social media for their release
 - iv. DEIA
 - 1. Developing an audit tool to be used by AT Programs to ensure inclusive policies and procedures
- m. NATA Professional Development Committee – Lisa Custer (lcuster@towson.edu)
 - i. Just a reminder that this is a reporting year. The PDC is constantly working to produce and post new content on the NATA Professional Development Center page. Visit the page and use your free CEU credits
 - ii. The PDC is sponsoring a convention session on Friday in Indy – “Using clinical assessments and documentation to present your worth.” Speakers are Bart Peterson and Kalli Johnson
 - iii. The PDC is now on social media – please follow us on Twitter to get updates on new happenings and CEU opportunities @NATA_ProDev

X. New Business – District President – Steve Cole

- a. Amendments to the MAATA Constitution & By-Laws
 - i. Format Changes Slide 74
 - 1. Motion to approve – Bob Casmus
 - 2. 2nd – Scott Johnson
 - 3. No Discussion

4. Motion passed (no opposed or abstention)
- ii. Motion from the floor – Julie Cavallario
 1. Motion to approve all individual substantial changes
 2. 2nd – Pete Kotz
 3. Points of Clarification – Secretary Mitchell
 - a. Motion is to approve all changes with one vote
 - i. A vote of “Aye” is to approve all changes
 - ii. A vote of “Nay” is to proceed with voting for each individual change
 4. No Discussion
 5. Motion passed (no opposed or abstention)
- iii. Outgoing thank you for your service & Incoming welcome aboard slide
- iv. Thank you to Donita Valentine for her dedicated service as MAATA Vice President
- v. Thank you to Jason Mitchell for 5 years of service as the MAATA District Secretary
- vi. District Director’s Award 2023 presented by District Director Ray Davis
 1. Jason Mitchell for his dedicated service as MAATA Secretary
- vii. District President’s Award 2023 presented by District President Steve Cole
 1. Governance Task Force Service
 - a. Veronia Ampey
 - b. Julie Cavallario
 - c. Jenni Johnson
 - d. Peter Kotz
 - e. Jon Schner
 - f. Jared Williams
- viii. The slides from the committees will be posted on our website (www.maata.org) under the “Members Only” section, Password MAATA2023
- ix. Director’s Reception is tonight – please wear your badge and bring your ID
- x. Thank you to all of our Sponsors
- xi. Indianapolis MAATA District Meeting Friday June 23 5:55pm-6:55pm
- xii. Raffle for 1 free hotel night
 1. Eva Martinez
 2. Christopher Ina
 3. Brian Perez
 4. Nicholas Griffin

XI. Adjournment – District President Steve Cole

- a. Motion – Katie Walsh-Flanagan
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. Meeting was adjourned 2:08pm