



District Council Conference Call Minutes
August 23, 2023
9:30am

I. Call to Order

- President Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 9:31am

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
 - Danny Carroll – President, VATA
 - Tom Belmaggio – President, WVATA
- **Guests Present:**
 - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
 - Will Christman – President-Elect, SCATA
 - Sara Pittelkau – Chair – Scholarship
- **Members Absent:**
 - None

III. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. Approval of minutes of previous District Council Meeting – (5/19/2023)
 - a. Motion to approve – Scott Cook
 - 1. 2nd – Jean Perez
 - 2. No Discussion
 - b. Passed – 11-0-0

IV. MAATA Scholarship Committee – Sara Pittelkau

- a. The committee will again review the scholarships and make sure they are reaching as many applicants as possible, they will also be reviewing their scoring rubric to make sure it is up to date
- b. Please encourage students to apply for scholarships

V. District Director – Ray Davis

- a. NATA KPI survey has been sent to all members please spread the word to do that survey, it takes about 10 minutes and it will close September 5th
- b. CEU reporting year, more BOC emails will be coming out
- c. CAATE will be having a Town Hall tomorrow at 1pm
- d. Foundation professional research grants are open August 1st and will close September 1st
- e. Professional awards open September 1st and close October 1st
- f. Encourage members to look at the NATA website for educational resources, clinical practice newsletters, etc
- g. The Board approved a gender equity toolkit back in June, district lecture series upcoming this year for that. Of note higher pay for men versus women went from 8% disparity to 11%
- h. Governmental affairs has an October newsletter coming up and that will focus on advocacy for our membership including boot camps. Thank you to VA and SC for utilizing this opportunity
- i. Would like to create a line item for governmental affairs in our budget. This would address states needs for advocacy and how we can assist with that
- j. MARCOM's press conference for Youth Sports Safety and Collegiate Standard of Care were huge hits for the media, over 700 hits
- k. District 5 were Quiz Bowl winners
- l. District 8 Maui fires way to help through D8. No schools were directly affected but students and families in those communities were
- m. NATA awards are open for nominations August 1st through September 15th. Please be sure members review eligibility requirements before nominating.

VI. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan

- a. Election Update President – has heard from a few people who are interested. Please continue spreading the word as the nominations close September 1st
- b. Goal is to vet them and have the election in October so the President-Elect can shadow President Cole until May

VII. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. National membership at a glance: Dropbox: D3 Council, Meeting Minutes, 2023, Month. “Date DST”
- b. District membership at a glance: Dropbox: D3 Council, Meeting Minutes, 2023, Month. “Date District at a Glance”
- c. State Active & Lapsed Member List: Dropbox: Each State
- d. Monthly Minutes: Dropbox: D3 Council, Meeting Minutes, 2023, Month (Once Completed.) At the next DC Meeting, we will vote on the previous minutes. If approved, they will be added to the Website under Members, Meeting Minutes, “Date District Council Meeting”
- e. NATA DST Meeting:
 - a. Emailing Opt Out Members:
 1. Kelly at NATA said we can only email opt out members for a vote and only if our by-laws specifically say we have to
 2. “All qualified MAATA voters will receive ballots, either electronically or by mail. Ballots will be returned either electronically or by mail within an established deadline.”
 3. We will not email opt out members
 - b. Member Recruitment:
 1. NATA sends emails every month to Lapsed and Non Member
 2. They want emails being sent from the District to Lapsed and Non Members telling them to join on the 3rd Thursday each month
 - c. Do we want to recognize milestone years for NATA membership? Bottom of a Newsletter?
 - d. They suggest seeing if someone will sponsor E-blasts and/or Newsletters
- f. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
 - a. September 4, 2023
 - b. November 6, 2023
 - c. December 4, 2023
- g. Newsletter Due Date –
 - a. October 2, 2023

VIII. District Vice-President – Scott Cook

- a. 2023 MAATA Symposium Synopsis Sent
- b. 2024 MAATA Symposium will be May 17-19 at Founders Inn

- c. Annual Meeting RFP 2025 – Founders Inn again is an option and would give us more time to work on 2026 & 2027. Also looking into combining with a state meeting which would move the date and location around to hopefully get more attendance over time.
- d. Call for Proposals
- e. Will make an Annual Meeting Task Force Committee

IX. District Treasurer – Mat Lyden

- a. 2023 Financial Report
- b. Finance Committee Activities
- c. Funding Proposal Process
 - a. OPR and Travel Reimbursement Forms on Website
- d. Phishing Emails/Cyber Security

X. District President – Steve Cole

- a. Committee Liaisons Expectations/Updates
- b. MAATA Committee Appointment Process
- c. State E-Blast & Newsletters
- d. State Annual Meeting Dates & Locations
- e. MAATA Educational Chair Nominees

XI. State Presidents Reports:

- a. *District of Columbia* – Shannon Fooks
 - a. Planning fall meeting in hopes of offering CEU's
 - b. Fielding a lot of questions regarding licensure
- b. *Maryland* – Jean Perez
 - a. 40th Anniversary for Maryland this year so they are doing a boil and oyster roast on October 14th which they are getting registration information out about that
 - b. Raised almost \$10,000 during their 2nd Annual golf outing
 - c. Looking for a new Symposium Chair
 - d. Updating by-laws
 - e. Interview today was a local news station about Youth Safety in Sports
- c. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
 - a. Recognized on the Senate floor with a proclamation and recognition for NC athletic trainers who save lives
 - b. Working to be recognized as health care providers on bills
 - c. Went to Secondary Schools Association meeting to explain the legal implications of not having ATC's. Will also speak at the School Board Association Conference in the Fall
- d. *South Carolina* – Amy Hand
 - a. Annual Symposium was July 13-14th
 - b. Licensure was passed in June, working on the regulations process now
 - c. The law was written to have an Athletic Training Advisory Committee to the board of medical examiner's so that will have 5 athletic trainers, 2 physicians (one has to work on a regular basis with an athletic trainer and then the other works with members of the general population.) Hoping to have the committee in place by November.
 - d. Discussing doing a Governmental Affairs 2.0 Boot Camp
- e. *Virginia* – Danny Carroll
 - a. VATA Jan 5-7 in Hampton Roads at the Hampton Roads Convention Center
 - b. Working to organize upcoming legislative goals for the year
- f. *West Virginia* – Tom Belmaggio
 - a. The West Virginia Physical Therapist Association reached to see if we want to establish a coalition for a youth safety bill. Going to meet with them and come up with a plan for this bill and hopefully find some sponsors and start promoting it.
 - b. Offered Secondary School ATC's 3 CEU's at the WV Secondary Schools Athletic Association meeting
 - c. Dr. Cardenas, new neurologist at WVU, has worked out a deal for every secondary school athletic trainer to have free Impact testing. This Friday is a training session with those ACT's that want to be involved in the project

XII. Adjournment of meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Jean Perez
 - a. 2nd – Tom Bellmaggio
 - b. Approved 11-0-0
 - c. Meeting was adjourned 11:12am