

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**August 7, 2020**

**8:00am**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * Director Flanagan called the meeting to order at approximately 8am.
2. **Roll Call:**
   * **Members Present:**
     + Katie Walsh Flanagan – District Director
     + Jason Mitchell – District Secretary
     + Jay Sedory – District Treasurer
     + Patricia Aronson – Past District Director
     + Michael Walker – President, DCATA
     + Gina Palermo – President, MATA
     + Nina Walker – Vice-President, NCATA
     + Jeremy Searson – President, SCATA
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Zach Garrett – President, WVATA
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Marty Sataloff –District Parliamentarian
   * **Members and Guests Absent:**
     + Jim Bazluki – President, NCATA
3. **MAATA Elections – District President & District Vice-President:**
   1. Director Flanagan discussed the timing of upcoming elections
      1. As per the MAATA Constitution & By-Laws, elections must be complete by November 1
         1. Elected officers will then shadow until after the District Meeting in May, then will take official office
      2. Past Director Aronson addressed creation of Letter of Obligation for both positions
      3. Discussion of holding election over a 2-3-week period in October
      4. Initial announcement will be made in upcoming Eblast
         1. More details will be sent to membership beginning of September
4. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (05/14/2020)
      1. Motion to approve – Michael Walker
         1. 2nd – Chris Jones
         2. No discussion
         3. Passed – 9-0-0
   2. Discussed DST database
      1. Will continue to update each State’s Dropbox with membership data
      2. There have been some technical issues with the DST database, resulting in not all membership data being available
         1. Encouraged State Presidents to continue looking at membership data and notify Secretary Mitchell of any discrepancies
5. **District Treasurer – Jay Sedory**
   1. Will reach out to State Treasurers to ensure accurate contact information
   2. Informing State Presidents on membership dues disbursements in the case a member pays for multiple years
      1. States will receive a lump sum up front, not spread out over the course of that individual membership
6. **State Presidents Updates:**
   1. *District of Columbia* – Michael Walker
      1. DC universities/colleges are showing a mix of all-virtual/hybrid models
      2. Public high schools going completely virtual for upcoming year
      3. Consensus for athletics beginning in January, with condensing all seasons
   2. *Maryland* – Gina Palermo
      1. Most universities are in-person instruction
         1. Athletics varying in decision on proceeding with fall sports
      2. Most public schools are going virtual for student learning
         1. Regulations differing county to county
         2. Most schools have cancelled all fall & winter sports
      3. Private school are mostly going virtual, but some are still entertaining hybrid models
   3. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
      1. Colleges still determining between student learning models
         1. Athletic participation different between conferences
      2. Since state is still in Phase 2, Governor stated that start date for high schools’ athletics will be pushed back past the initial September 1 date
         1. Schools do have the opportunity to still conduct conditioning workouts if opted in
            1. Only 40% of schools have opted to participate, with the remaining schools suspending all athletic activities indefinitely
   4. *South Carolina* – Jeremy Searson
      1. Up until now, the state has encouraged the wearing of face coverings, but will require usage once schools open up
      2. High school athletics are still on day-to-day evaluation for operations
      3. Private schools are opening next week, face-to-face everyday
      4. Meeting with Department of Education, in conjunction with the nurses’ association, to extend the AT’s roll within schools to further assist with COVID-related care (i.e. testing/etc.)
         1. Already receiving legislator & credentialing body support
      5. SC Department of Health & Environmental Control is looking to form COVID testing teams
         1. These will transition into vaccination teams
         2. SC AT practice act allow AT involvement in these teams
            1. Looking at trying to perform up to 500 test/month
            2. Hoping to announce in the coming weeks the ability to start hiring ATs for these teams in the next couple of weeks
   5. *Virginia* – Chris Jones
      1. VHSL voted/announced that all sports will have condensed seasons, starting in January
         1. Staggering seasons Winter to Fall to Spring sports
            1. This will extend athletics past the completion of the school year
      2. Only 2 counties are proceeding with a complete in-person learning
      3. Most universities using hybrid learning models
   6. *West Virginia* – Zach Garrett
      1. Each university/college is granted autonomy to decide what’s best for them
      2. Governor has mandated COVID testing of all faculty/staff/instructors for university/college/high schools
      3. High school athletics are scheduled to begin August 17
         1. Changes to current scheduling is expected in the coming weeks, as there have been recent positive COVID tests of some high school students
7. **Other Updates**
   1. ATs Care is holding several call-in sessions over the next couple of weeks discussing racial injustice/uncertainty/COVID.
      1. Director Flanagan encouraged State Presidents & District Council on self-care, and understanding what our membership is encountering
   2. Parliamentarian Sataloff discussed ways of having our District & National leaders help our membership who have concerns/difficulties/etc. with “being an island” with COVID enforcement in their respective areas
8. **Director Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 8:50am.**