

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: Ray Davis

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

I feel it is best to have strong Leadership skills as a director. I am committed to communication. I openly listen and facilitate dialogue of opinions concerning pertinent matters as related to specific content presented. I do not shut anyone out. I respect each person's opinions and viewpoints and will work to negotiate to arrive at best solutions for all. I am a strong strategic decision maker and long-range planner, which was evident as I worked with the district's education committee. Its imperative to employ adaptability to members needs especially with our committees. This is all about our membership's best interests. And lastly, I have shown financial responsibility over the past two decades with the NCATA and recently the MAATA. My experience in setting-up & implementing budgets has allowed me to provide financial guidance to manage our member's money. Overall, I am committed to continue stability and soundness of the funds entrusted to the state associations of District 3. I desire to continue representing the membership in all areas that my skills allow.

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

Growing up as I participated in sports I was intrigued by the medical professionals who provided care for athletes on the sidelines. I had a coach who explained more about the profession and who introduced me to athletic trainers at the various local colleges and universities. Those opportunities allowed me to attend Cramer student camps during the summers of my high school years. Furthermore, Fred Cantler athletic trainer at Western Carolina University guided me to become a student member of the NATA. Later Dr. Ken Wright at UNC Charlotte was instrumental as I continued my career path.

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

I'm most passionate about paying it forward for the student athletes. I strive to provide health care to our student athletes and physically active as well as engaging the next generation of athletic training students as they prepare for our profession. I continue to provide countless opportunities as a preceptor and educator to many in my work setting.

4. Have you ever discontinued a service/leadership activity or position prematurely in the past?

My answer to this question is No. I have always felt it important as a volunteer in a leadership role to be committed to the position and carryout the responsibilities of the position.

If so, under what circumstances?