

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**February 12, 2021**

**9:00am**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * Director Flanagan called the meeting to order at approximately 9 am.
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
     + Jim Bazluki – President, NCATA
     + Jeremy Searson – President, SCATA
     + Zach Garrett – President, WVATA
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Steve Cole – District President-Elect
     + Donita Valentine – District Vice-President-Elect
     + Marty Sataloff –District Parliamentarian
     + Scott Cook – Annual Meeting Planner
     + Emily Hildebrand – Student Senate Advisor
   * **Members and Guests Absent:**
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Kaitlyn Whipp – Student Senate President
3. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (11/18/2020)
      1. Motion to approve – Treasurer Sedory
         1. 2nd – Jim Bazluki
         2. Discussion – DC President noted discrepancy in minutes regarding the timing of his final term, ending this May.
      2. Secretary Mitchell sought an amendment to correct that information within the minutes
         1. Motion to approved amended minutes – Treasurer Sedory
            1. 2nd – Jim Bazluki
            2. No further discussion
            3. Passed – 8-0-0
   2. Reviewed updated membership data.
      1. Now that we have entered February, we now have a more-accurate look of our member numbers now that lapsed-memberships have been removed.
         1. These lowered membership numbers from previous years will need further discussion by DC, as this affects the amount of monies that each state receives.
      2. DST committee continues to look at initiatives on how to increase/retain membership
4. **MAATA Annual Meeting Planner – Scott Cook**
   1. Registration opened Feb 1, with early registration going through April 30
   2. Hotel has given us until Feb 28 to discuss changing/cancelling any & all portions of our current year’s meeting
      1. Director Flanigan discussed that the NC Governor is making an update announcement on Feb. 28 about state restrictions moving forward
      2. Working with HelmsBriscoe to negotiate with hotel as the newly announced restrictions allow.
   3. Future planning for 2022-beyond meetings with the Site Selection Committee has begun
5. **District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**
   1. *NATA updates*
      1. Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives
         1. Putting forth a document that’s inclusive/embracive, with strong language to showcase the organization’s stance
      2. Committee Updates
         1. Public Relations committee has been dissolved
            1. Tina Carrillo has agreed to stay on, in a social media role, until May with D3
            2. New committee will be Connectivity and Engagement, and is coming soon!
         2. Young Professionals Committee is splitting into 2 entities
            1. One committee with be to serve newly-certified professionals, with the 2nd committee focusing on <12yrs certified professionals.
      3. Membership updates
         1. NATA has made a clear push to encourage members who are struggling, to please contact the NATA office
            1. Programs are in place to help struggling members, but are not publicized, and require members to contact office to inquire further.
         2. Highest membership total was back in 2017 at 47,120
            1. BOC has 54,000 individuals, worldwide, who hold an AT credential
      4. NATA Annual Campaign
         1. This year’s theme is “Built For This”
            1. Throughout the year, they will focus on 1 of the 5 domains of AT
      5. NATM
         1. *Essential to Healthcare*
      6. NATA Annual Meeting
         1. Will be virtual this year
            1. Current details are TBD
         2. This year’s theme: “*Always Evolving*”
      7. BOC
         1. Upcoming platform, BOC 360, is replacing BOC-Central and hub for CE reporting
         2. With constant improvements is all CE offerings, EBPs will be discontinued after the current reporting year.
      8. KSI’s AT Location Services for SS (ATLAS)
         1. Identify schools who have access to AT services
         2. Updated every 2 years
            1. DC – 58%
            2. MD – 71%
            3. NC – 72%
            4. SC – 80%
            5. VA – 69%
            6. WV – 43%
      9. Team Up For Sports Safety (TUFSS)
         1. Meet up with state officials to go over safety policies & procedures
            1. Coming to SC this month
            2. Coming to MD & WV in October
      10. NATA/APTA joint statement
          1. NATA BOD voted/approved this milestone document
   2. *MAATA updates*
      1. Call for Volunteers
         1. Encouraged State Presidents to find members who have energy and drive to serve in their respective committee roles
         2. Looking for: Annual Meeting Planner & Educational Program Committee Chair
      2. By-Laws update
         1. Need to make a couple small adjustments with the addition of the District President
      3. Summer Newsletter
         1. Looking for any photos of H&A from respective states to showcase our members!
      4. EC positions transition
         1. Director Flanagan discussed with DC, of her meetings with both Steve & Donita, at a minimum of every 2 weeks
            1. Both District President/Vice-President elect have been periodically taking on additional tasks, to optimize their taking over those roles this May
6. **District President-Elect – Steve Cole**
   1. Working hard with involving State Presidents regarding the onboarding of position appointments
   2. Encouraged State Presidents to include him on any state-wide Eblasts/Newsletter
7. **District Vice-President-Elect – Donita Valentine**
   1. Donita needs to leave call for another engagement, but Director Flanagan discussed her recent meeting with Sheila Gordon/Secondary Schools.
      1. Will be opening soon, the State School Award Grant
         1. May be adjusting the process to increase transparency in awarding process
8. **Student Senate Updates: Emily Hildebrand** 
   1. Discussed the ongoing monthly Student Senate newsletters
   2. Service Project
      1. Asking for an AT in need from each state, who could benefit from this service.
      2. Raising funds through an online clothing sale
9. **State Presidents Reports:**
   1. *District of Columbia* – Michael Walker
      1. COVID numbers on an overall downward trend
         1. DC public schools starting to open back up, starting with hybrid models
      2. Recently held elections, should have new lineup starting Monday.
      3. Holding state meeting in May, for the first time in 3 years
   2. *North Carolina* – Jim Bazluki
      1. NCATA has decided to hold CE meetings virtually
         1. Holding monthly Zoom CE events in February/March/April
         2. Hosting a 2-hour live event when Annual Meeting is typically held
      2. Discussed issues with the state allowing access to COVID vaccinations for ATs in all settings.
      3. Many ATs have conducted additional training to be able to administer vaccinations throughout the state.
   3. *Maryland* – Gina Palermo
      1. Currently scheduling Annual Symposium, most likely in the Spring (May/June)
      2. COVID Vaccinations
         1. Have seen challenges with ATs (outside of hospital systems) having access to the vaccine.
   4. *South Carolina* – Jeremy Searson
      1. Working with lobbyist, hoping to have the licensure bill up in the next couple of weeks
      2. TUFSS coming next week on February 23
      3. Trained about 600 ATs to provide vaccinations
         1. Continued to work on different settings to recognize that ATs can provide this service
      4. Looking into a hybrid model for state symposium in July
   5. *West Virginia* – Zach Garrett
      1. Legislative sessions just opened up
         1. Met with lobbyist this past week,
         2. Pushing a heat-illness bill to continue improving area that have inadequate care
      2. Working on virtual meeting
         1. 2-day event (March 27 & April 18)
         2. Student meeting on April 17
      3. Readdressed the state statistics from ATLAS
         1. WV stats are most likely lower than reported, representing those who have AT access year round
         2. Hoping to meet with Board of Education in the coming weeks to discuss current/upcoming policies
10. **Other Updates**
    1. Part-Director Aronson
       1. Discussed the upcoming announcement for the election of a new District Director
       2. Pushing candidates to submit materials this upcoming summer, with election in the Fall
          1. Elected candidate will shadow throughout the winter/spring
11. **Adjournment of meeting**
    1. Motion to adjourn meeting – Jim Bazluki
       1. 2nd – Zach Garrett
       2. Approved 8-0-0
       3. Meeting was adjourned 10:03am.