

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**October 20, 2021**

**8:00am**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * President Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00am.
2. **Roll Call:**
   * **Members Present:**
     + Steve Cole – District President
     + Katie Walsh Flanagan – District Director
     + Donita Valentine – District Vice-President
     + Jason Mitchell – District Secretary
     + Jay Sedory – District Treasurer
     + Patricia Aronson – Past District Director
     + Christina Carrillo – President, DCATA
     + Gina Palermo – President, MATA
     + Jim Bazluki – President, NCATA
     + Amy Hand – President-Elect, SCATA
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Zach Garrett – President, WVATA
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Marty Sataloff – District Parliamentarian
     + Nina Walker – President-Elect, NCATA
     + Jean Perez – Vice-President, MATA
     + Danny Carroll – President-Elect, VATA
   * **Members and Guests Absent:**
     + Jeremy Searson – President, SCATA
     + Renee Adamonis – Student Senate President
3. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (05/14/2021)
      1. Motion to approve – Jim Bazluki
         1. 2nd – Treasurer Sedory
         2. No discussion
      2. Passed – 11-0-0
4. **District Past Director – Pat Aronson**
   1. Reviewed process conducted by Elections Committee regarding the recent District Director Election
      1. 359 initial votes/273 votes in the runoff
   2. Ray Davis was elected as our new District Director
   3. Thanks to Marty Sataloff, Tina Carrillo, and Sharri Jackson for their work on the Elections Committee
   4. Discussion
      1. NCATA President Bazluki inquired on percentages of voting membership and how to increase voting participation
      2. Past District Director Aronson discussed only 273 votes versus ~4000 total members within District 3
         1. Encouraged District Council to continue to push through Eblasts/social media/etc. to promote membership voting.
         2. Director Flanagan added that she specifically added State Associations to her social media posts to further promote the elections
      3. Past District Director Aronson discussed that she will be updating the Policies & Procedures for elections and will submit to President Cole once completed.
5. **District Treasurer – Jay Sedory**
   1. Discussed Budget
      1. D3 finances are currently stable. Little change in status since last meeting
         1. CPA Report
            1. Taxes have been filed electronically. Positive feedback on Quickbooks transition. CPA recommends using a “Quickbooks Consultant” to ensure settings are accurate and customized reports are developed.
            2. Director Flanagan inquired on estimated costs for this consultant. Treasurer Sedory stated he currently does not have that information.
         2. Reviewed current accounts status
      2. Discussion forming a Finance committee to discuss/approve any budgets/proposals/etc.
         1. President Cole discussed currently no committee has a budget
            1. Tasked Treasurer Sedory to create a mechanism where a level-playing field would be present for committees to receive funding
            2. Would like to start process with the District Council in order to have State Presidents involved
         2. Further discussion
            1. NCATA President Bazluki proposed including 2 State Presidents/District Treasurer/District Vice-President on the Financial Committee, as opposed to including all state presidents
            2. President Cole proposed possibility of the inclusion of State Treasurers as opposed to State Presidents

Director Flanagan & NCATA President Bazluki addressed possibility of including state representation through the State President, or “their designee” to capture what’s best for each state.

* + - 1. President Cole tasked Treasurer Sedory to contact State Presidents individually for their recommendations for state representation for this proposed committee

1. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Membership Update
      1. Discussed State Breakdowns vs. this time last year
      2. Showing a decrease in membership (~200 members)
   2. eBlast & Newsletter submission dates
      1. call for State Presidents & State Secretaries provide their respective state eblast/newsletter submission dates
      2. Need to improve the coordination of correspondence out to the membership
   3. President Cole requested that all State Associations send him their State Eblasts
2. **District Vice-President – Donita Valentine**
   1. Annual Meeting update – Charlotte, NC – Charlotte Hilton University Place May 12-15, 2022
      1. Renee Cork beginning her work as Annual Meeting Planner
         1. Working with Sharri regarding website updates and creation of registration page.
         2. Working with Educational Program Chair, Zach Garrett to begin programming outline.
            1. Looking at initial call-for-proposals for beginning of November
            2. Would like to begin reviews end-December 2021/early-January 2022
            3. Focused on looking for D3 speakers with variety of topics
            4. Zach Garrett added that he is still looking for a rep for South Carolina & for Free-Communications
         3. Hotel
            1. Already contracted and must provide finalized numbers by April 27
            2. Looking to schedule a site visit in the near future
         4. Working with Student Educational Program Chair, Emily Hildebrand to begin programming outline.
      2. Director Flanagan asked Donita & Zach Garrett coordinate with the District Social Media Chair, Kassy Mosley, to get the word out on all channels to the membership.
      3. WVATA President Garrett inquired how many states are having issues with funding freezes for travel. Currently in WV, in collegiate setting, travel is still restricted
         1. VATA President Jones stated that in VA private institutions are not restricted but will coordinate with Danny Carroll to check other settings within the state.
      4. President Cole addressed that the District has not been in any conversations about changing the meeting status. The District is still planning on an in-person meeting this May.
3. **District President – Steve Cole**
   1. Reviewed the current MAATA Committee Liaisons
      1. Review & update assignments
      2. Expectations of Liaisons is an established regular communication and attendance to those respective committees. The liaison will bring back reports to the District Council on pertinent information.
   2. Review process for appointments to District committees
      1. Encouraged State Presidents to bring forward candidates for committee positions. Must have consistent/fair methods, initiating all materials first through the District Secretary.
   3. Honors & Awards nominations
      1. Asked District Council to encourage nominating qualified ATs. We need to recognize those who are making great contributions to our profession
4. **District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**
   1. NATA Updates
      1. New Director-Elect – Ray Davis
         1. Will be shadowing all EC/DC/BOD meetings moving forward. He will take over in June 2022
   2. Wanted to ensure that State Presidents are getting invitations to Governmental Affairs meetings
      1. Applauded D3 as one of the most diverse District regarding State leadership!
      2. President Cole reviewed last GAC meeting which had wonderful information in how to quickly, yet effectively, describe the Athletic Training profession.
      3. Next meeting is November 3
         1. Meeting information is advertised thru gATher
   3. SSAC
      1. NCATA President-Elect Walker presented the next zoom meeting with leaders of TUFFs & ATLAS to discuss Secondary Schools later in November
      2. AT your own risk – updating the website. Need Secondary School keep their information up to date.
   4. ATlas
      1. Collects information from Secondary Schools every other year
      2. Please encourage your members keep their information current
      3. Data used by KSI to drive legislation
      4. President Cole gave big shout out to the quality of ATlas. Encouraged State Presidents to keep spreading the word to your members to get their info in & updated.
   5. BOC
      1. Upcoming presentation today to provide feedback on what they want to do moving forward regarding Continuing Education.
      2. The first BOC presentation asking for member feedback caused many questions within the membership.
   6. DEI&A
      1. Currently have 12 proposals in front of the BOD.
         1. BOD has been very meticulous in reviewing these proposals to ensure that we are doing the right things for the right reasons, not just “checking a box.”
         2. One initiative is providing different materials to renewing member, for them to access if they choose/want to.
   7. Membership data
      1. BOD looking at live data to compare District membership renewals in comparison to the number of BOC ATs
5. **State Presidents Reports:**
   1. *District of Columbia* – Christina Carrillo
      1. Continuing to work on getting committees up and running with finding volunteer
      2. YPs getting their first volunteer/fundraising evert in November with a Rock & Roll race
      3. Honors & Awards Committee is now ready to start inaugural awards class!
      4. In talks with KSI to bring them back for another meeting.
   2. *Maryland* – Jean Perez
      1. TUFFs meeting last week
         1. Unfortunately, it followed the death of a student at a local school. The meeting provided great information & generated great ideas on how to move the state forward.
      2. Jean Perez will officially take over as state president in June
   3. *South Carolina* – Amy Hand
      1. Annual meeting held this past July
         1. Held virtually just wrapped up. 587 total registrations
         2. 13 Cat A/1.75 EBP CEs
         3. Have already met to start the planning of next year’s meeting
      2. TUFFs
         1. Have sent invitations for the next meeting, November 15
         2. 4 main topics: cold immersion/S&C sessions as punishment/EAPs/Heat acclimatization
      3. Lobbyist
         1. Have details in place to push forward Licensure bill as soon as they come back in January
      4. Amy Hand will officially take over as state president in July
   4. *North Carolina* – Jim Bazluki
      1. Nina Walker will be taking over as NCATA President in March
      2. Working on outreach with other organizations
         1. For the first time, NCATA is presenting to the NC School Board Association to discuss the importance of having Athletic Trainers in the schools
         2. Been accepted, for the 2nd time, to present at the NC EMS Directors meetings about ATs working with/alongside EMS
   5. *Virginia* – Chris Jones
      1. Continuing to work on house bill to add AT to the billing code
         1. Table last year, but working with representative during several meetings
         2. Hoping to have it voted into law during the 2022 General Assembly
      2. Doing pilot study in VA regarding Third-Party Reimbursement
      3. Along with GAC chair, met with Medical Advisory Board of VA Board of Medicine
         1. Discussed changes in practice for ATs (e.g. suturing/IVs/scope of practice of dry needling)
      4. Great KSI meeting last week
         1. Hoping this meeting would be an effective springboard to initiating a Heat-Illness bill
      5. VATA Annual Meeting – January 7-9 – Harrisonburg, VA
      6. Danny Carroll will officially take over as state president in January
   6. *West Virginia* – Zach Garrett
      1. Brought in a part-time Executive Director
         1. Process of working on creating more partnerships/sponsorships within the state
      2. WVATA Annual meeting is scheduled for April, Morgantown, WV
      3. Recent TUFFs meeting went well
      4. Working with State Board of Education to help develop CTE programs. Idea to create more AT position within the state and create more interest in AT profession.
      5. Interim legislative session meeting this November
         1. Present to the Education & Finance committee about what it would look like to put an AT in every school from a financial standpoint.
         2. Excited about the opportunity to meet with this group
      6. Pushing the Heat-Illness bill in the next legislative session
      7. Looking at developing chapters within WV as an initiative to increase membership
         1. Scheduling first social opportunity for members & non-members, in Morgantown, WV during the first weekend in December
      8. Tom Belmaggio will take over as president in June
6. **Other Updates**
   1. President Cole encouraged again to continue pushing NATA membership renewals
      1. Membership dues help fund many initiatives at the local levels (e.g. TUFFs/ATlas/KSI/GAC projects)
7. **Adjournment of meeting**
   1. Motion to adjourn meeting – Secretary Mitchell
      1. 2nd – Director Flanagan
      2. Approved 11-0-0
      3. Meeting was adjourned 9:27am.