

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**April 6, 2022**

**9:30am**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * President Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30am.
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
     + Nina Walker – President, NCATA
     + Jeremy Searson – President, SCATA
     + Danny Carroll – President, VATA
     + Zach Garrett – President, WVATA
     + Renee Adamonis – Student Senate President
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Marty Sataloff – District Parliamentarian
     + Amy Hand – President-Elect, SCATA
     + Tom Belmaggio – President-Elect, WVATA
     + Ray Davis – District Director-Elect
     + Emily Hildebrand – Student Senate Faculty Advisor
3. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Meeting overview
   2. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (10/20/2021)
      1. Motion to approve – Director Flanagan
         1. 2nd – WV President Garrett
         2. No discussion
      2. Passed – 11-0-0
4. **District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**
   1. NATA Updates
      1. Salary Service has been published
      2. Title IX honorarium to be held at NATA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia
      3. NATA asking the BOD to vote on a membership fee increase this upcoming June
         1. Currently do not have a lot of specifics, but will present more information at the DC meetings in May
         2. President Cole inquired if this item would require a membership vote.
            1. Director Flanagan that current directives dictate that the NATA will decide in consultation with the Districts
         3. SC President Searson inquired if a study regarding potential attrition has been conducted if a membership rate increase is implemented
            1. Director Flanagan addressed that after 2 years of a pandemic, that the NATA cannot continue to provide the services it has typically provided without additional funding
         4. President Cole inquired if the NATA will be providing a list of how the financial resources are allocated to show how membership dollars are being spent, in addition to the services that have recently been suspended
            1. Director Flanagan currently has details of member benefits, along with services that have been suspended. NATA has had to draw into reserves to meet this year’s budget, which is not sustainable in the long-term.
5. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Updates from the DST
      1. District Secretaries now have access to lapsed members and non-members contact info to assist with membership retention
         1. Will be working with the States to provide them information to reach out to these members
   2. Shared current District & National member data at a glance
6. **District Vice-President – Donita Valentine**
   1. Annual Meeting update – Charlotte, NC – Charlotte Hilton University Place May 13-15, 2022
      1. Currently at 190 registered/85 members
         1. 4 DC/42 MD/71 NC/23 SC/33 VA/12 WV
      2. Having a special group (The Rise) coming to our meeting’s EDAC presentation
         1. They specialize in race/racism/anti-racism/inclusion, presenting Friday, May 13 5:15-6:15pm
   2. Future Annual Meeting commitment – Founders Inn, Virginia Beach 2023-2024
7. **District Treasurer – Jay Sedory**
   1. Shared current budgetary/financial Report
   2. Finance committee establishment
      1. Originally proposed to EC a finance committee to assist with budgeting, ensuring transparency, and making recommendations to the EC
      2. Discussed potential member makeup of committee
8. **District President – Steve Cole**
   1. National meeting attendance by District Council members
   2. Website: Members only page password: MAATA2022
   3. A proposal to change the MAATA governance was put forth to the Executive Council
      1. The proposal did not pass
      2. The EC did vote for the formation of Task Force to investigate/recommend changes within the MAATA Constitution & Bylaws to allow States formal voting privileges/rights.
         1. President Cole would like to have a robust conversation in the May DC meeting in Charlotte regarding what the makeup of the Task Force will be
         2. SC President Searson inquired if implementing a proposal now to include the inclusion of State Presidents within the Executive Council to allow for membership vote at the May Annual Meeting
            1. President Cole stated that more details need to be flushed out regarding what types of business matters would require a vote of 5 vs. a vote of 11. Therefore, the timing is insufficient to properly gather that information to make it to a member vote this May.
         3. NC President Walker inquired on what business matters have historically been made at the EC level, and when did business “meet the level” to go to the DC level
            1. Director Flanagan stated that question was the major factor in the EC’s decision to create a Task Force to investigate where to officially draw that line

Historically, the past directors have included major items to the DC, with minor day-to-day decisions staying at the EC due to conduct business in an efficient way

1. **Student Senate Updates – Renee Adamonis**
   1. Reviewed the makeup of the Student Senate
   2. Currently working on the Student Program for the May meeting in Charlotte
      1. Reaching out and encourage registration to continue to increase student attendance
   3. Annual Service Project
      1. Continuing the project that was started last year, with raising funds to help support under-funded Athletic Trainers
         1. Will be around registration area to take donations, along with selling some MAATA clothing items
   4. Be on the lookout for the call for new Student Senators in late summer/early fall
2. **State Presidents Reports:**
   1. *District of Columbia* – Christina Carrillo
      1. DCATA was awarded the EDAC grant prior to the pandemic, but are now able to use the funding
         1. Today, will be going to the CTE/host a conference to present on Athletic Training, and introduce students to AT
         2. Second initiative is, hosting the 4th Student Athletic Training Symposium
            1. Open to any/all High School/College students
            2. April 23, 9am-1pm
            3. A way to get ethnically diverse students involved with Athletic Training
      2. Have a Call for Proposals for the virtual 2022 state symposium
         1. end-May
      3. Officially announced the inaugural class of Honors & Awards recipients
   2. *Maryland* – Steve Cole *(Gina Palermo had to roll off to another meeting, submitting updates to President Cole)*
      1. Currently have a bill stalled in the Senate, hopeful to get restarted next year
         1. Bill to require an AT in every secondary school
      2. Planning in-person state meeting, June 11
   3. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
      1. Was told that NC wants to consolidate AT licensure
         1. Looking to be tabled until Fall
         2. General Assembly feels that Athletic Training, Acupuncturists, Pastoral Counseling for fees should be absorbed into other Boards
         3. Continuing to work with state legislators in promoting Athletic Training
      2. At the NC state meeting, was able to honor 8 Athletic Trainers for 7 saved lives within the last 2 years.
      3. 2 amazing ATs have put on a collection of presentations regarding differences between First-Responders & Athletic Trainers, while embedding their personal stories of saving lives
      4. NC State Sports Hall of Fame is honoring Ronnie Barnes (AT for Giants)
         1. First time a practicing Athletic Trainer had been honored
   4. *South Carolina* – Jeremy Searson
      1. Hopeful in the next 2 weeks, 2 of the 3 legislative initiatives should move forward, in moving from certification to licensure
      2. Excited to have Fred Hoover recognized in the SC Sports Hall of Fame, to be inducted this May
      3. Moving back to an in-person symposium, July 13-15
   5. *Virginia* – Danny Carroll
      1. Have worked with Secretary Mitchell in utilizing contact information for past members & non-members in attempt to increase membership
      2. Election season is underway
         1. Will be electing a new Treasurer, Secretary, and some new region representatives
      3. Still waiting on the VA Governor to sign their legislation
         1. He has until midnight on April 11 to do anything with it, if not it automatically becomes law
      4. VA Secondary Schools committee is putting on a virtual conference
         1. April 14-18/7 CEs for $15
   6. *West Virginia* – Tom Belmaggio
      1. Annual Symposium this upcoming weekend
         1. Celebrating their inaugural Hall of Fame class
      2. Excited to announce that the Career & Technical Education (CTE) passed for Athletic Training/Sports Medicine within the State Board of Education
         1. High schools will be able to hire Athletic Trainers to teach these CTE programs
            1. The hope is that these schools will then hire these Athletic Trainers to also provide AT services
      3. Presented to the State Board of Education Joint Committee regarding secondary school AT coverage
         1. A week later the SSAC received a grant to supply WBGTs, cold tubs, & AEDs at every high school in WV
      4. Had a recent Town Hall meeting with the SSAC, legislators, and WVATA that went very well
      5. One high school district within the state won the KSI innovATe Grant, which will supply 2 ATs to a very rural high school in WV.
3. **Other Updates**
   1. Annual Meeting Times to Note
      1. District Council Meeting: Friday, May 13 @ 10am-12pm
      2. VIP Reception: Friday, May 13 @ 9-11pm
      3. Annual Business Meeting: Saturday, May 14 @ 10:30am-12:30pm
      4. Honors & Awards Reception: Saturday, May 14 @ 4-5pm
      5. Directors Reception: Saturday, May 14 @ 8-11pm
   2. National Meeting Times to Note
      1. District Council Meeting: Thursday, June 30 @ 5-6pm
      2. MAATA Business Meeting: Thursday, June 30 @ 6-7pm
4. **Adjournment of meeting**
   1. Motion to adjourn meeting – Treasurer Sedory
      1. 2nd – Director Flanagan
      2. Approved 11-0-0
      3. Meeting was adjourned 10:47am.