

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**March 16, 2021**

**7:30pm**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * Director Flanagan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
   * **Members Present:**
     + Katie Walsh Flanagan – District Director
     + Jason Mitchell – District Secretary
     + Jay Sedory – District Treasurer
     + Patricia Aronson – Past District Director
     + Gina Palermo – President, MATA
     + Meredith Petschauer – NC-appointed represented
     + 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:**
     + Michael Walker – President, DCATA
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Kaitlyn Whipp – Student Senate President
3. **District Secretary – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – (02/12/2021)
      1. Motion to approve – Jeremy Searson
         1. 2nd – Jay Sedory
         2. No discussion
         3. Passed – 7-0-0
4. **District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**
   1. Article 3.1.1 of By-Laws needs to be corrected
      1. Approved by Executive Council on 03/15/2021
      2. States “Serve as chair and spokesperson for the Executive and District Councils; and preside over all District Meetings”
         1. This duty is now under the District President, as per Article 3.2.1
      3. Seek a motion to approve corrections to Article 3.1.1 of By-Laws to be presented to the membership
         1. Motion – Zach Garrett
            1. 2nd – Meredith Petschauer
            2. No discussion
            3. Passed – 7-0-0
   2. Reviewed results of recent Eblast polling members’ thoughts on attending in-person/live Annual Meeting
      1. Membership responses were evenly split between “yes/no/maybe”
      2. Approved by Executive Council to shift to a virtual, live Business Meeting on 03/15/2021
         1. Also, looking to hold a virtual MAATA (“vMAATA”) with CEU opportunities available from May 17-Jine 17, 2021
      3. Seek a motion to shift to a virtual, live Business Meeting
         1. Motion – Zach Garrett
            1. 2nd – Jay Sedory
            2. Discussion

Zach Garrett inquired about ramifications of not having the in-person meeting with our contracted hotel

Director Flanagan discussed the financial costs & penalties that District would incur along with the high probability of significantly less revenue due to low attendee numbers.

Further discussion of the coordination of cancellation deadlines with hotel with the NC Governor COVID status for the state.

The NATA & all other Districts have gone virtual (except D6 who is still waiting as their meeting is late-July).

* + - * 1. Passed – 7-0-0
  1. Seek motion to pivot to a virtual Annual Symposium – “vMAATA”
     1. Approved by Executive Council on 03/15/2021
     2. Motion – Secretary Mitchell
        1. 2nd – Zach Garrett
        2. No discussion
        3. Passed – 7-0-0
  2. Reviewed dates of vMAATA CEU opportunities available from May 17-June 17, 2021
     1. Director Flanagan addressed the scheduling of date/time of the virtual Business Meeting
        1. Proposed Sunday, May 16th @ 1pm
        2. Discussion of issues with religious and/or end-of-weekend issues that may affect attendance
           1. Proposed sending a survey to the membership to ensure that the ultimate decision of day of week/time that reflects the least amount of bias toward any clinical setting.
     2. An Eblast will be sent the membership tomorrow, stating that transition to vMAATA, and will note that the date/time of the Business Meeting is TBD.
  3. Reviewed the membership dues distribution for qualified members that was approved by Executive Council on 03/15/2021
     1. 100% of hardship ($20) dues go directly to the states, with an established maximum of 50 people
        1. If/Once maximum is reached, hardship dues will be split 50/50 between the District/States
        2. Establish a moratorium until March 2023

1. **Past District Director – Patricia Aronson**
   1. Compliments to the Student Senate for their clothing fundraiser
   2. Discussed the need to hold an upcoming election this summer/fall for District Director, who will shadowing Katie Flanagan during her final year.
      1. Added that we will also need to hold an election for District Treasurer as well, as Jay Sedory will be entering his final year of his current term
2. **Adjournment of meeting**
   1. Motion to adjourn meeting – Secretary Mitchell
      1. 2nd – Jay Sedory
      2. Approved 7-0-0
      3. Meeting was adjourned 8:06pm.