

District 3 Council Meeting – April 1, 2016 via Conference Call

Meeting was called to order by Director Aronson at 8:30am

I. Roll Call

Council Members in Attendance:

Pat Aronson, District Director
Martin Baker, Past District Director
Jim Berry, District Secretary
Ray Davis, District Treasurer
Scott Barringer, North Carolina President
Craig Clark, South Carolina President
Jennifer Rheeling, DC President
Drew Mason, West Virginia President
Ty Bigelow, Student Leadership Committee

Council Members Absent:

Matt Gage, Virginia President
Greg Penczek, Maryland President

II. Welcome and congratulations to WVATA President Drew Mason

- A. Director Aronson welcomed Drew Mason, ATC, to the Executive Council, representing the WVATA as its new President.

III. Constitution and By-Law Changes to be presented in May

A. Term limits of District Director to match the NATA'S terms for BOD members

- 1. Director Aronson reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws and those changes will be presented in the Spring Newsletter for membership review. Members will be asked to approve the changes during the annual business meeting in Virginia Beach in May.

B. Remove number of terms for MAATA Treasurer Position

- 1. Director Aronson reviewed why we are considering a change in the Treasurer term.
- 2. Past Director Baker pointed out that this is not about the current treasurer, but because the treasurer needs a special set of skills. He thinks its also important that we make sure the membership knows that elections will continue and anyone can run when an election is scheduled. Third, the treasurer position will still be under the close review of the treasureractivities. There was strong support from members of the District Council to make this change in the By-Laws at this time.

3. Director Aronson will add a comment in her letter to the Membership in the Spring newsletter regarding these points.

C. YPC membership update and grammar

1. Director Aronson shared with the council the updates and changes that were submitted for review and approval by the Young Professionals Committee. These changes in terminology and grammatical corrections do not require a membership vote.

IV. Policies and Procedures Manual - initiated this spring

- A. Director Aronson discussed the need for a P & P manual for District 3. She pointed out the importance of having a manual in place in order to allow for future leaders to be familiar with the job responsibilities and roles of our district leaders.

IV. NATA Foundation Celebration

- A. Director Aronson reported that D3 will have a reserved table at this event and she has invited the District Officers and each State President to attend or to designate a representative.

V. State reports

- A. North Carolina President, Scott Barringer reported that an effort to de-regulate ATs in NC has likely been averted. He feels that the current North Carolina Athletic Trainer licensure legislation will remain in place.
- B. DC President Jennifer Rheeling reported that they are still waiting to hear on the status of their regulatory requests. Currently the request is with the Board of Health. There is some question about which regulatory group Athletic Trainers would fall under; the Board of Physical Therapy or the Board of Medicine. Currently the DC Athletic Trainers are going along with what the Board of Physical Therapy is asking them to do, but hope to actually encourage the Board of Medicine to take the Athletic Trainers under their supervision.
- C. West Virginia President Drew Mason shared that West Virginia continues to battle the physical therapists in West Virginia, since they currently fall under the Board of Physical Therapy. The main opposition to any changes in WV is the PT Association and the PT Board. WVATA is working hard to lobby the state legislature and are also looking at anti-trust issues as a means of pushing their legislation forward.

VI. Upcoming Meeting Date/Time

- A. Director Aronson announced that the next scheduled meeting of the District Council will be at the MAATA District Meeting on Friday, May 20, 2016 beginning at 12pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.