**2014 NATA Annual Business Meeting and Symposium**

**Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainers’ Association**

**District Council Meeting**

**Indianapolis Convention Center**

**Indianapolis, IN**

**6/26/2014**

0.0 The meeting was called to order by Patricia Aronson, District Director at 4:00 PM – 5:45PM

**Roll Call:** Patricia Aronson (Director), Kevin King (Secretary), Robert Cable (Treasurer), Ray Davis (Treasurer-Elect), Martin Baker (Former District Director), Jennifer Rheeling (President of DCATA), Scott Barringer (President of NCATA), William Warren (President of SCATA), Vince Stilger (President of WVATA), Brandy Jones (PR Committee Chair- Elect), George Wham (Secondary School Chair), Beth Funkhouse (VATA- Secretary), Gina Palermo (Secondary Schools- Maryland), Jason Mitchell (Meeting Planner), Andy Carter (CUATC- Chair)

**Absent from the Council but represented:** Greg Penczek (President of MATA), Jay Sedory (President of VATA)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   1. Director Aronson thanked Robert Cable and shared appreciation for his willingness to serve the NATA PAC.
   2. Ray Davis will officially take over duties of the office of Treasurer this evening.
   3. District III Executive Council
      1. Patricia Aronson- District Director
      2. Kevin King- District Secretary
      3. Robert Cable- District Treasurer
      4. Ray Davis- District Treasurer- Elect
      5. Martin Baker- Past District Director
   4. District Executive Council
      1. State Presidents
         1. Jennifer Rheeling, District of Columbia President
         2. Gregory Penczek, Maryland President
         3. Scott Barringer, North Carolina President
         4. William Warren, South Carolina President
         5. Jay Sedory, Virginia President
         6. Vince Stilger, West Virginia President
2. **Old Business**
   1. Constitution and By-Laws changes
      1. A year was spent working on updates to the constitution and by-laws
      2. The reorganization and clarification of the documents were presented to the membership.
      3. We were unable to vote these changes in at the annual business meeting, which is held in May, due to the lack of a quorum.
      4. Quorum is defined by our constitution as at least %50 of the pre registered members of the District.
      5. An impromptu business meeting was attempted at the Hall of Fame ceremony but again; we fell short of a quorum.
      6. Therefore, we will conduct business this year with the current Constitution and By-Laws.
      7. The Hall of Fame induction will be held in conjunction with a the business meeting.
      8. The way we conduct a quorum will change this year in the Constitution and By-Laws. It will contain language that describes a quorum as the majority of the membership present at the business meeting instead of attendees at the symposium.
      9. Director Aronson will create this language and send it to the Council for approval. Sending it out to the membership will follow this.
      10. Bill Warren inquired about the definition of the Business Meeting.
      11. Director Aronson and Jason Mitchell suggested the Business Meeting is the entire weekend of the advertised DIII Business Meeting and Symposium.
      12. Director Aronson called for suggestion and comments to the changes.
   2. Article 5 in the By-Laws regarding committee terms
      1. We desired to change committee terms from 3 years to 2 years.
      2. This change would put the MAATA in line with the NATA’s imitative.
      3. This will be determined by the NATA on Saturday.
      4. If this passes with the NATA, we should examine our committee terms.
      5. We also need to make our District only committees more clear.
      6. Meeting planners and Symposium/Business Meeting Chair will serve at the District Director’s discretion.
   3. Financial Support for DIII representative as NATA Committee Members and Chairs
      1. Director Aronson was granted by the NATA BOD future reimbursement for Committee Chairs who attend the National convention and incurred additional cost attending the NATA convention due to participating in Committee Day.
      2. The NATA BOD was not interested in compensating committee members who perform work on committee day.
      3. Director Aronson suggests that we reimburse these committee members for their work.
      4. Ray Davis inquired about the number of committee members this proposal may include.
      5. The answer was an estimate of 10 committee members.
      6. Vince Stilger Motion made to accept this proposal and Scott Barringer seconded the motion.
      7. After discussion, Vince Stilger wanted to amend motion to provide $200 with receipt as proof of attendance for committee members attending convention.
      8. Jennifer Rheeling seconds the amended motion.
      9. Director Aronson requested all in favor of the amendment say, "I". No one opposed.
   4. Bobby Gunn Award
      1. Leadership award for student in District provided by the Districts so a student can attend his or her first meeting.
      2. The question to the group is should we keep the award at $500 or increase the funding.
      3. Ray Davis proposed leaving the amount at $500 and deciding on increasing the funding on a case-by-case base.
      4. The group comment with various concerns with this proposal
      5. Motion from William Warren to raise the award for Bobby Gunn to $1,000.
      6. Jennifer Rheeling seconded the motion.
      7. Director Aronson asked for everyone in favor for the increase in the award funding to $1,000 to say “I”. No one in the room opposed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report- Robert Cable**
   * 1. Presented budget to the group

2.2.1.1 Cash in the bank of $97,263.51

* + - 1. MAATA has $149,048.12 in total assets.
      2. MAATA CD with Wells Fargo $48,784.61
      3. A deposit in advance is $3,000. This is $1,000 increments paid over the next 3 years to the Founders Inn.
      4. Donations totaling $3,221.32 were made possible through the generous contribution of golf tournament participants, silent auction participants, and the MAATA athletic training students.
      5. The money we took in at Virginia Beach was $58,596.10.
      6. After expenses were paid, we had a total expense of $55,184.20
      7. The meeting profit was $3,411.90.

1. **Secretary’s Report- Kevin King**
   * 1. DST Meeting yield information about another District that has able to setup advertisement on their website. They are proposing possible profits up to $10,000.
     2. Investigating improving the design of the website in an effort to make it more user friendly.
     3. Director Aronson inquired about the next step for our group.
     4. Kevin is contacting NATA contact for this subject, John Honaman.
     5. Director Aronson stated we should provide Sherri Jackson more compensation if this will improve the website and help us obtain the advertising revenue.
     6. Director Aronson added that the website should be view as the drop box / file cabinet of the District. This site should store our information for members to access.
2. **Symposium 2014 Updates**
   1. Committee Meetings
      1. Director Aronson recommended that Committee Chairs meet with state representatives on Friday after golfing but not conflicting with the District Council meeting. Space should be available in the Founders Inn.
      2. Director Aronson recommended that State meetings could take place on Friday. Space should be available in the Founders Inn.
   2. We should plan for Alumni Meetings during for the District Meeting for next year.
   3. The Silent Auction lead by Brandy Jones was a success. We would like to continue the Silent Auction next year.
   4. Committee Appointments
      1. Bob Cable will be transitioning to Chair of the NATA PAC
      2. Joe Beckett is seeking to fill openings for state reps to the Scholarship Committee
         1. South Carolina is vacant
         2. North Carolina is vacant
         3. District of Columbia is vacant
   5. Director Aronson informed the Council of open positions for NATA Liaison to External Organization positions as of July 1, 2014.
      1. American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators
      2. American Association of Orthopedic Executives
      3. American Physical Therapy Association
      4. American Public Health Association
      5. College Athletic Trainers’ Society
      6. Medical Group Management Association
      7. National Association for Sport & Physical Education
      8. National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics
      9. National Association of School Nurses
      10. National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association
      11. NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee
      12. NCAA Football Rules Committee
      13. US Lacrosse
3. **Funding for the District Director to attend state meetings**
   1. The offer was made for the District Director to attend each state’s meeting.
   2. The Director’s request has been for state’s to cover registration and the hotel bill.
   3. The Director has been creative in saving money during the previous visits of the various state meetings.
   4. Scott Barringer appreciated her attendance at the North Carolina meeting.
   5. Ideas from the various state meetings are incorporated into the District Meeting.
   6. The Council to the Director visiting various state meetings voiced no objections.
   7. Director Aronson pledge to manage cost and report to the Treasurer regarding expenses incurred.
   8. Marty Baker voiced a concerned about the budgeted amount of $500 for travel to each state. The proposal he felt was too high.
   9. Ray Davis made a successful motion was made to allow the District Director to visit the state meetings with a preliminary budget of $1,500 per year. The motion was 2nd by Scott Barringer. The motion passed.
4. **NATA Business**
   1. Director asked for help in administering Blue Card to membership in an effort to communicate with our senators to regarding bills headed to the senate.
   2. NPI initiative
      1. Total of 26% have secured NPI numbers.
      2. Please encourage the membership to secure NPI numbers.
      3. It is important for us to have the number because it is how the government identifies athletic trainers as healthcare professionals
      4. State president asked for an email to be sent to them to put this on their agendas.
   3. Safe School Awards
      1. District III is doing well
      2. Encourage more schools to seek Safe School Awards
   4. Star TRACKS
      1. 129 but only 18 from District III
      2. The District should encourage and support members in this program.
   5. BOC Audits
      1. The states have been reminded through email that BOC provider audits are due July 1.
      2. Many of the states have replied stating that they have already completed the audit.
5. **State President Reports**
   1. Vince Stilger (President of WVATA)

8.1.2 West Virginia is making a push for licensure.

8.1.3 The membership is sending post cards to legislators.

8.1.4 The state plans to have students to the capitol for a few legislative workdays to interact with representatives.

8.1.5 Also planning to invite legislators on the sideline this fall

8.1.6 NATA representatives- including Judy Pulice will review proposed bill.

8.2 Gina Palermo (Representing- Maryland for Greg Penczek)

8.2.1 Towson represented Maryland well in Quiz Bowl

8.2.2 Transition at position of State Association Treasurer and

Secretary

8.2.3 The School Board of Charles County voted to not renew

contracts for 7 athletic trainers.

8.2.4 NATA, Judy Pulice is working with the area in a grassroots

effort.

8.3 Jennifer Rheeling (President of DCATA)

8.3.1 The DC executive group is working to correct licensure bill

which, only allows the DC member to treat musculosketalal

injuries and athletes associated with a team.

8.3.2 The group is working with lawyer on mainly technical changes

and moving the group from under the domain of the Board of

Physical Therapy.

8.3.3 The group is evaluating upgrading lobbyist with the assistant

of the NATA, Judy Pulice.

8.3.4 Marty Baker recommended using teacher union

representative.

8.4 William Warren (President of SCATA)

8.4.1 Annual Legislative Cookout was held

8.4.2 75% of secondary schools have certified athletic trainers.

8.4.3 The state association continues to push to get athletic trainers

especially in lower social economic schools.

8.5 Scott Barringer (President of NCATA)

8.5.1 The State association continues to work on third party

reimbursement.

8.5.2 The group is currently in meetings with Blue Cross / Blue

Shield.

8.5.3 The NCATA Summer meeting is occurring on July 14.

8.5.4 There should a report at the July meeting regarding

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Scott Barringer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kevin King, LAT, ATC

District III Secretary