

**2013 District Council Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Greenville, SC  
5/17/2013**

0.0 The meeting was called to order by Martin Baker, District Director at 1:35 PM

**Roll Call:** Martin Baker (Director), Patricia Aronson (Secretary), Robert Cable (Treasurer), Gregory Penczek (MD), James Bazluki (Vice-President of NC), William Warren (SC), Jay Sedory (President-Elect of VATA), Drue Stapleton (WV).

Absent from the Council but represented: Scott Barringer (NC) and Amanda Allen (VA)

Also present: Lori Bristow (Symposium Program Chair), Alessa Lennon (Chair of Student Senate)

1.0 **Jason Mitchell**, Program Coordinator reported attendance with a spreadsheet report. There are 267 certified members registered. There must be 50% of 257 (129) to declare a quorum for the business meeting if a vote is needed.

**2.0 Director Martin Baker:**

2.1 Issues at the National Level:

2.1.1 Partnering with External Multimedia Group to place advertising on District and State Website: explanations and examples were offered. The pros & cons, income potential, other current Advertisers, and the ability to contribute to advertising potential were issues discussed.

2.1.2 NATA Membership Statistics was discussed. NATA members per each state were distributed to each state president for their review in a spreadsheet.

2.1.3 The Athletic Trainers in the District of Columbia are resurrecting the DCATA. The District has been holding \$9,981.21 in distribution funds that might be used for regulation. These funds would be released to the DCATA once they have duly elected officers in conjunction with a business meeting.

2.1.4 There are approximately 8,100 athletic trainers registered to attend the national meeting in Las Vegas at this time (6 weeks out).

2.1.5 Entry Level Degree Placement: it was made clear that no decision has been made to move the education level to a master's degree. The process begins with the NATA ECE who will gather facts and write a white paper with recommendations. The Strategic Partners will be working together to make this decision; while the CAATE has the ability to move the degree it has a responsibility to work with the strategic partners.

2.1.6 Third Party Reimbursement of Athletic Trainers was discussed. A "Request for Proposal (RFP)" handout was distributed to the state presidents. This pilot program is coordinated at the national level and an application must be made by the state organization. Not all applicants will receive funding, but the application can be used as a self-study for the state leaders to use to gain impressions of external agents. This is one part of the effort to improve our profession, but it is not for every organization.

2.1.7 Federal Legislative Update: a handout introduced H. Res. 72 - Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

2.1.8 New NATA Logo: The NATA has developed a new logo. This was an outgrowth of the nomenclature task force. Our members did not like our current logo feeling that it does not represent who and what we are as a profession. The new logo will be unveiled in Las Vegas.

2.2 Issues at the District Level:

2.2.1 NATA Foundation Contribution by District III

2.2.1.1 The NATA is asking for a \$5000 contribution by each district to endow the Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Scholarship. The contribution would be \$1000 per year for 5 years to fund this doctoral scholarship with leadership emphasis. The District Council indicated their support for this initiative.

2.2.1.2 An originally designed District III Graduate Level Grant, that was to be funded by DIII ATEPs has reached the 5 year limit, but some programs have not lived up to their pledges. The state

presidents requested to have a list of education programs that have not made their pledges so that they can call program directors in their states. Director Baker is going to ask the Membership to support the District making a \$1500 contribution for 5 years until the Master's Level grant is fully funded. The District Council indicated their support of a annual contribution of \$500 for five (5) years or until such time as the grant becomes fully funded/endowed.

#### 2.2.2 District Meeting for 5/17/13

2.2.2.1 Director Baker will make a special recognition of athletic trainers in DIII that were working as volunteers at the Boston Marathon Participants at the Business Meeting tonight.

2.2.2.2 Director Baker will also recognize Salisbury University students who saved a life this year.

2.2.2.3 Director Baker will be making a request for a donation at the meeting for Bill Griffin's family.

2.2.2.4 An update on the status of the Cavalier Hotel who is supposed to host the MAATA meeting in May 2014 was given. Suggestions were given for moving forward if the Cavalier cannot host us next year. The date suggested that the Cavalier has as a deadline is July 1, 2013. We must know by November 1st at the latest where we will have out next District Meeting.

3.0 **Lori Bristow** (Symposium Program Chair) explained why she decided to end the symposium earlier on Sunday this year. This makes for a very full schedule on Saturday. Lori announced that there will be a round table discussion on Saturday regarding state licensing issues and all state presidents will be on the round table to this session.

4.0 **Robert Cable** (Treasurer): Bob's report consisted of a Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2013 and a Profit and Loss handout as well as his explanation of these documents. The Balance Sheet will be posted on the MAATA.org website with the District Meeting Minutes.

#### 5.0 **Presidents' Reports:**

5.1 Drue Stapleton reported legislation updates from the WVATA

5.2 Jim Bazluki from NC updated the Council on the legislation efforts of the NCATA

5.3 Jay Sedory updated the group on VATA activities

5.4 Greg Penczek updated the group on legislative actions from the MATA

5.5 Bill Warren discussed concussion legislation in South Carolina

5.6 Patricia Aronson (Secretary) offered support as the incoming District Director and suggested she attend state meetings if the State Presidents thought this would be helpful.

6.0 **Aleesa Lennon** reported on the Student Senate activities at this meeting: the quiz bowl, Students' Olympics, Mentors' Breakfast, the shoe donations service project, and Aleesa requested that the State Presidents send Senate nominations to her.

7.0 Kevin King, incoming District Secretary was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

The next District Council meeting will be held on June 25th at 5:00 in Las Vegas at the NATA Convention at the Mandalay Bay South Convention Center in Palm A room.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Patricia Aronson, PhD, ATC*

District III Secretary