**MAATA EC Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Patricia Aronson, ATC, District Director

Katie Walsh Flanagan, ATC, District Director - Elect

Jim Berry, ATC, District Secretary – via telephone

Ray Davis, ATC, District Treasurer

Marty Baker, ATC, Past District Director

1. **Symposium Update**
   1. Director Aronson reported that planning for the meeting is coming along fine. We will have several special guests at our meeting.
   2. Director Aronson indicated that she would like to have a special reception for Legacy donors for the Foundation reception. The question was who would pay for this. Director Aronson asked Ray Davis to discuss this with Jason Mitchell and try to work with Jill Manners to see what exactly is needed.
   3. Director Aronson reported that D3 has purchased a table at the Foundation dinner during the NATA Meeting in June. District leadership has been invited to sit at that table.
2. **District 3 Business Meeting:**
   1. An hour and half has been set aside for the business meeting. Director Aronson has requested that we move people quickly from the Honors and Awards presentation and a lunch choice that’s more time efficient.
   2. Director Aronson indicated that she would like to change the agenda for the business meeting and do committee reports later so that we can address the Constitution and By-Law changes earlier in the meeting.
3. **National Convention Meeting:**
   1. Katie Flanagan will officially take over as District Director in June. Lori Bristow will also officially take over as District Secretary in June as well.
   2. The District membership meeting in Houston will be on June 27th at 6:15pm.
   3. The District Council meets the afternoon of the 27th, prior to the District meeting.
4. **NATA Leadership Academy:**
   1. Director Aronson asked if the District wanted to offer some sort of financial support to members who may be interested in completing the Leadership Academy.
   2. Marty Baker commented that he felt that any grant be dependent upon certain criteria (to be determined) being met prior to the grant being awards. Grant should be a “capstone” grant.
   3. Ray Davis indicated that he feels that this should be a state leadership/funding issue, rather than a district issue. States may have a better idea of the status of certain candidates. Ray also indicated that he feels it might be better to send someone from our MAATA Board to attend the regulatory conference instead of funding Leadership Academy.
   4. Director Aronson asked if it may be possible to do a matching grant with a state?
      1. Ray Davis indicated that he would be OK with a matching grant, but the amount of the grant and the number of people would have to be determined.
      2. Katie Flanagan suggested that some type of template or guide be created that members can take back to their employer to ask for funding, etc.
      3. Director Aronson suggested we do some more investigation on what the costs of the program are, then discuss this at the District Council meeting in June to see what, if anything, the States are planning to do for funding as well.
      4. Katie Flanagan suggested that if we do provide grants, those receiving grants should have to complete some type of presentation, paper, etc, for the district.
      5. Ray indicated there already is a line item in the budget for funds.
5. **Newsletter:**
   1. Jim Berry reminded everyone of the deadlines for the Spring Newsletter
      1. Deadline for articles is March 31st.
      2. Publication dates….April 17th.
   2. Director Aronson asked that we pull out the info on the NATAPAC on the website and also include a blurb in the eBlast.
6. **Policy and Procedures Document:**
   1. Director Aronson reported that the document is coming along. There are still a few areas that need to be completed so that the document can be reviewed again at our June District Council meeting.
7. **Constitution and By Law Changes:**
   1. The group discussed the proposed changes in the C & BL and the justifications for these changes to be reported to the membership.
   2. Information on the proposed changes will be published on the District web page, the District Newsletter, and monthly eBlasts leading up to the District meeting in May.

**Meeting adjourned.**