



District Business Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2025
8:00am

I. Call to Order

- o District President Matt Gage called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00am

II. Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes (5/19/24)

- a. Motion to approve – Katie Walsh Flanagan
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. No discussion
 - iii. Passed unanimously

III. Secretary Report – Erin Cash

- a. Thank you to Tom Campbell and Jason Mitchell for stepping in for me last year during my maternity leave!
- b. Thank you to our MAATA Symposium Planning Committee: Emily Hildebrand, Claire Adkinson, Scott Cook, Renee Cork, John Knaul and Ashley Thrasher
- c. District 3 gained 48 total members since the 2024 Business Meeting, small but mighty growth
- d. Please continue to support your national, district and state
- e. MAATA averages 63% “email open” rate but only 11% “click” rate on E-Blasts and Newsletters
 - i. Please take that next step to open and read these documents as a lot of Volunteers work hard to provide you important information across District 3
- f. Goals for 2025-2026 is to continue positive membership trends and update the website pictures
- g. Starting Monday, May 5th the password for the “Members (Locked)” section of our MAATA website found [HERE](#) will be **MAATADistrict3!**
- h. Please join us for the D3 Business Meeting at NATA in Orlando, Tuesday June 24th at 6:30pm

IV. Treasurer Report – Mat Lyden

- a. MAATA Balance Sheet – Transition to Edward Jones Financial
 - i. Zach Wimmer – Financial Advisor (was an AT)
 - ii. Transition from Wells Fargo bank to be complete by NATA
 - iii. New investment strategy in place
- b. Annual Meeting Sponsorship and Registration – THANK YOU!!
 - i. ~\$40,000
- c. Meeting expenses and FY25 first quarter dues – Not reconciled yet
- d. Shared Treasurer’s Report

V. Vice- President Report/ MAATA Annual Meeting Update – Scott Cook

- a. Scott Cook
 - i. Reported attendance

- ii. Thank you to NATA President A.J. Duffy and NATA Interim Executive Director Tamesha Logan for attending our Symposium
- iii. Thank you to our Volunteers and Annual Meeting committee
- iv. 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting will be at Novant Health Complex in Winston-Salem May 1-3, 2026
- v. Scott Cook is rolling off and Ashley Thrasher is joining as MAATA Vice-President

VI. MAATA President Update – Matt Gage

- a. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 - i. Budgeted funds to support state advocacy efforts
 - ii. Budgeted funds to support state education efforts
 - iii. Proposed revisions to the MAATA Constitution and Bylaws
 - iv. Provided FREE registration to two students from every MAATA ATP
 - v. Offered reduced registration for Young Professionals
- b. 2025-2026 Goals
 - i. Enhance committee communication, engagement and leadership opportunities
 - ii. Fill vacant MAATA committee positions
 - iii. Combine the MAATA Constitution and Bylaws into one governing document
 - iv. Create a COPA Task Force
- c. Announcements
 - i. Virtual Business Meeting
 - ii. Plan to attend the 2026 MAATA Clinical Symposium in Winston-Salem, NC
 - iii. Thank you Scott Cook – MAATA Annual Meeting/Symposium Planner 2019 – 2021. MAATA Vice-President 2021 – 2025
 - iv. Thank you to the Constitution and Bylaws Task Force Members: Julie Cavallario (Chair,) Jennifer Johnson (WV,) Jon Schner (NC,) Jared Williams (SC,) Veronica Ampey (DC,) and Peter Kotz (MD)
- d. Reviewed summary of proposed MAATA Constitution and By-Laws changes
 - i. Motion to add the amendments to the MAATA Constitution & By-Laws – Matt Gage
 - 1. 2nd – Andy Carter
 - 2. No Discussion
 - 3. Motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Motion from the floor to approve all individual substantial changes– Julie Cavallario
 - 1. 2nd – Andy Carter
 - 2. No Discussion
 - 3. Motion passed unanimously

VII. MAATA Director – Ray Davis

- a. Reviewed summary of proposed NATA Constitution and By-Laws changes
- b. Motion 1: to approve article 3.1 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Pat Aronson
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. For: No Discussion
 - 2. Against: Peers should be certified, lobbyists could be affected if ATs not certified, if this passes - our NATA President could not be certified, it could encourage students to not seek certification
 - 3. Motion failed (0 yay, 62 nay, 0 abstention)
- c. Motion 2: to approve Article 3.4, 6.2, and 6.13 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. For: No Discussion
 - 2. Against: Peers should be certified
 - 3. Motion failed (1 yay, 61 nay, 0 abstention)
- d. Motion 3: to approve Article 4.1 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. No Discussion

1. Motion passed (55 yay, 4 nay, 2 abstention)
- e. Motion 4: to approve Article 6.9 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. No Discussion
 1. Motion passed (57 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention)
- f. Motion 5: to approve Article 6.10 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Jenni Johnson
 - ii. No Discussion
 1. Motion passed (61 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention)
- g. Motion 6: to approve Article 12.1 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Mark White
 - ii. Discussion – asked if the District Director must vote how the District votes - that is not in our current By-Laws, so the answer is no
 1. Motion passed (47 Yay, 13 Nay, 0 Abstention)
- h. Motion 7: to approve Article 7.2 (a) as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Joe Cauble
 - ii. Discussion is asking for clarification if this will change the vetting process
 1. Motion passed (54 Yay, 4 Nay, 0 Abstention)
- i. Motion 8: to approve Article 8.2 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. Discussion asked for clarification on what exactly is changing
 1. Motion passed (56 Yay, 3 Nay, 1 Abstention)
- j. Motion 9: to approve Article 8.2 as written – Ray Davis
 - i. 2nd – Gary Rizza
 - ii. Discussion
 1. For – if motion 1 passes, 38 states have changed requiring certification and that would limit the pool for President
 2. Against – motion 8 allows more candidates to run for Presidency
 3. Motion failed (2 Yay, 59 Nay, 0 Abstention)
- k. Motion 10: to approve Article 8.5 (a) (b) as written
 - i. 2nd – Gary Rizza
 - ii. Discussion is asking if we can request the Board to amend this. The answer was yes, we can but we need to vote as if it will not be changed and only as it is presented right now
 1. Motion failed (12 Yay, 38 Nay, 8 Abstention)

VIII. MAATA Committee Report

- a. Annual Meeting Planning Committee – Scott Cook
 - i. Committee members: Claire Adkinson (Education Chair,) Emily Hildebrand (Student Program,) Renee Cork (Site Coordinator,) John Knaul (Vendor Coordinator)
 - ii. Site Selection Committee: DC is vacant, Jon Glover (MD,) Nancy Groh (NC,) Will Christman (SC,) Renee Cork (VA,) Zach Garrett (WV)
 - iii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments:
 1. Successful 2024 MAATA Annual Meeting
 2. Planning for successful 2025 MAATA Annual Meeting
 - iv. Goals for 2025-2026
 1. Smooth transition from Scott Cook to Ashley Thrasher as MAATA Vice-President
 2. Successful 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting
 - v. Announcements:
 1. The 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting will be held on May 1-3 at the Novant Health Complex in Winston Salem, NC
- b. EDAC – Xavion Santiago
 - i. Committee members: Xavion Santiago (outgoing Chair,) LaJoy Paige (incoming Chair,) Jamila Watson (outgoing DC,) Collin Francis (MD,) Janah Fletcher (NC,) Kenya Moore (SC,) Brandon Holland (VA,) WV is vacant
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments:

1. Created NATA EDAC awards
2. Hosted collaborative Town Hall with MAATA LGBTQ+
- iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 1. Seek approval from MAATA Executive Committee on MAATA Inclusive Excellence Award
 2. Increase involvement for MAATA committee members at the national level
 3. Continue to develop resources and have a presence at MAATA Annual Meeting
- iv. Announcements:
 1. Zach Richards will be our new District Representative to the NATA
- c. Government Affairs – Ed Strapp
 - i. Committee members: Dan Herring (DC,) Jane McClean & Ed Strapp (MD,) Dan Duffy & Ashley Long (NC,) Larkin Smith (SC,) Mike Puglia (VA,) WV is vacant
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments:
 1. Announce the MAATA GAC Grants
 2. Attend NATA “Fly-In” event on Capitol Hill
 - iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 1. Expand the Grant Program
 2. Support States GAC efforts
 - iv. Announcements:
 1. Zach Richards will be our new District Representative to the NATA
 - v. DC:
 1. Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Legislation for all secondary school sponsored athletic events has been submitted
 - a. Council hearing in 2025
 2. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Following state licensure from 2023
 - i. Increase clarity on AT Scope of Practice and Physician Supervision into licensure language
 - b. Educate Stakeholders about Athletic Training Licensure and Professional scope of Practice
 - vi. Maryland:
 1. Worked with Maryland Board of Physicians (MBOP) to:
 - a. Restructure AT Advisory Committee (ATAC)
 - i. Removed OT/PT/Chiropractor seat and extra consumer members
 - ii. New ATAC: 3 ATs, 3 Physicians, 1 Consumer Member
 2. MATA now provides nominations for ATAC appointment
 3. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Annual Advocacy Day at the State House
 - b. Educational outreach at the Maryland Athletic Director’s Conference
 - c. Working with Districts to advocate for:
 - i. Hiring ATs in all High Schools
 - ii. Exploring potential legislation on this issue
 - vii. North Carolina:
 1. PT’s being added to state concussion legislation
 2. Remaining watchful about deregulation attempts
 3. Approaching third party payers (not legislatively)
 4. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Maintained independent licensure board
 - b. Remained watchful of legislation that could negatively impact our ability to practice
 - c. Watched for AT interests as the state legislature
 - d. High school athletic association moved to a “less secure” Memorandum of Understanding that will be reviewed in 2026
 - e. Established new/revived group to gather data

- f. Preparing to approach third party payers in NC requesting credentialing of ATs with their group
 - viii. South Carolina:
 - 1. Safe Heart Act (H3831)
 - a. Worked with AHA to support this bill
 - b. Working on a Concussion Bill with various legislators and organizations
 - 2. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Monitoring the AT Compact
 - b. Looking at Insurance providers for Athletic Training recognition
 - ix. Virginia:
 - 1. Heat Legislation
 - a. Mandates that all public funded schools that follow the Department of Education
 - b. Guidelines for heat illness standards
 - c. Have an emergency action plan that is practiced
 - d. Method to monitor heat and humidity
 - e. Follow the accommodations for activity
 - f. Have a cooling zone
 - 2. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Submitting an amendment to Current Regulations to CLEARLY state that ATs can perform the mechanical/invasive modality of dry needling
 - x. West Virginia:
 - a. Developed and successful completed HB 2172, adding an Athletic Trainer to the WVBOPT
 - 2. Current and ongoing initiatives:
 - a. Ongoing monitoring, lobbying, and providing recommendations for major revisions to:
 - i. SB 755 Establishing WV Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act
 - ii. SB 585 Relating to Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act
 - iii. SB 866 Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate a legislative rule in consultation with the WV Board of Physical Therapy
- d. Honors and Awards – Bob Casmus
 - i. The MAATA Award Scoring Committee members are anonymous to avoid any solicitation. All MAATA States are represented
 - ii. 2024-2025 had sufficient nominations
 - iii. Goal is for the sub-committee chairs and the chair review the scoring tool annually and adjust as needed/recommended
 - iv. August 1, 2025, District Honors and Awards are officially open for nominations
 - e. LGBTQ+AC – Kirk Armstrong
 - i. Committee members: Breyah Jones (DC,) Jon Arndt (MD,) Tara Peterson (NC,) Michelle Singleton (SC,) Mairin Woods (VA,) Jenni Johnson (WV) and At-Large Melissa Snyder (NC)
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 - 1. Provided resources to members (presentations, publications)
 - 2. Hosted collaborative Town Hall with MAATA EDAC
 - 3. Developed criteria for MAATA Inclusive Excellence Award
 - iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 - 1. Seek approval from MAATA Executive Committee on MAATA Inclusive Excellence Award
 - 2. Increase involvement for MAATA committee members at the national level
 - 3. Continue to develop resources and have a presence at MAATA Annual Meeting

- f. Research and Grants – Bonnie Van Lunen
 - i. Committee members: DC vacant, Ashley Santos (MD,) Ashley Thrasher (NC,) Toni Torres-McGehee (SC,) Michael Higgins (VA,) Suzie Konz (WV)
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 - 1. Establishment of MAATA Research campaign
 - 2. Funding of one \$5,000 proposal
 - 3. Discussions surrounding new grant format and possible biannual submissions
 - iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 - 1. Increase support for the MAATA Research Campaign through targeted efforts
 - 2. Implement new format for grant submissions
 - 3. Finalize approach for types of submissions (doctoral, new investigator, etc.)
- g. Scholarship – Sara Pittelkau
 - i. Committee members: Bev Westerman (DC,) Lisa Custer (MD,) Hallie Taylor (NC,) Jim Berry (SC,) Sara Pittelkau (Chair, VA,) Brandi Anders (WV)
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 - 1. State reps met with ATEPs to encourage students to apply for scholarships
 - 2. Focused on having recommendations from the clinical and academics sides of students
 - iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 - 1. Continue to increase number of applicants
 - 2. Ensure clarity on application requirements
 - iv. Announcements:
 - 1. Congratulations to the 2025 MAATA Scholarship winners!
 - a. A.C. “Whitey” Gwynne: 1st Place – Amanda Pendleton – Liberty University. 2nd Place – Madison Dewar – University of South Carolina
 - b. Larry Sutton: Victor Delgado – University of South Carolina
 - c. Edward Block: 1st Place – Meghan Bell – West Virginia University. 2nd Place – Justin May – Charleston Southern University
 - d. William Prentice: No Applicants
- h. Secondary School - Adam Wall
 - i. Committee members: Jovan Means (DC,) Melissa Read (MD,) Sadie Reagan (NC,) Shawn Zink (SC,) Angela White (VA,) Erin Wingate (WV)
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments:
 - 1. Published the White Paper to help with job retention of SS ATCs
 - a. Secondary School Athletic Trainers: A Data- Centric Overview of Job Satisfaction and Strategies for Risk Reduction, Recruitment, and Retention
 - 2. Yearly Award Winners
 - a. Athletic Trainer of the Year – Shelia Gordan
 - b. Servant’s Heart Award – Jessie Shanks
 - 3. AT Your Own Risk Blog – atyourownrisk.org
 - a. Great resource for ATCs
 - iii. Announcements:
 - 1. NATA SS ATC Town Hall Wednesday June 25th 3:30-5pm
 - 2. NATA SS ATC Lecture Friday June 27 3:05-4pm
 - 3. Micro-credential Series – January 2026
 - a. Psychological Crisis – Intervention and Planning for Secondary School Athletic Trainers
- i. Young Professionals Committee – Kassy Mosley
 - i. Committee members: Kassy Mosley (Chair, NC,) DC is vacant, Jay Dillon (MD,) Jordan Bettleyon (NC,) Abbey Earich (SC,) VA is vacant, Hunter Bailey (WV,) EPC at-large vacant and CAC at large vacant
 - ii. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 - 1. Hosted a virtual round table talk for students and YPs
 - 2. Hosting town hall and social

3. Awarding our MAATA Distinguished Young Professional award to Zachery Richards at the awards & honors ceremony
4. Successful advocated for reduced pricing for MAATA symposium registration for Early professionals
- iii. Goals for 2025-2026
 1. Utilize information gained from town hall to better serve our young professionals
 2. Continue to host events to engage with members to help us fulfill our mission and vision statements
 3. Develop strategies to increase YP involvement at the district level
- j. Social Media – Kassy Mosley
 - i. 2024-2025 Accomplishments
 1. General posting about latest updates and ongoing in the District
 2. NATM “Champions in Health Care”
 3. NATA bylaws updates
 4. #MAATA2025 event spotlight
 - ii. Goals for 2025-2026
 1. Increase visibility of other committees work on our social media channels
 2. Feature our members accomplishments more in our social media

IX. Adjournment – District President Matt Gage

- a. Motion – Gary Rizza
 - i. 2nd – Bob Casmus
 - ii. Meeting was adjourned 9:36am