

**District Council Meeting  
December 13, 2012  
Conference Call**

**0. Welcome & Roll Call**

Roll Call: Martin Baker (District Director) Patricia Aronson (Secretary), Greg Penczek (Maryland President), Scott Barringer (acting NC President), William Warren (SC President), Jason Mitchell (Symposium Meeting Coordinator), Alessa Lennon (Student Senate Chair)

Absent: Robert Cable (Treasurer), Charlie Rozanski (acting Past District Director), Drue Stapleton (WV President), Amanda Caswell (VATA President)

**Director Martin Baker called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.**

**1.0 Director Martin Baker comments:**

- 1.1 A clarification was made on the District funding for student senators attending I-Lead in January. The District will match any state funding up to \$100, up to 2 senators for a maximum of \$200.00 in District funding to attend I-Lead. There were no related questions or discussion.
- 1.2 **State Dues Update:** Director Baker reviewed the change at the NATA regarding the ability for states to request unique dues. State presidents were encouraged to undertake a comprehensive review of their constitution and bylaws to ensure that the proper wording is present for any and all proposed actions, including a mechanism to increase state dues.
- 1.3 **Honors and Awards:** The H&A deadline for nominations was extended to January 1, 2013. This was communicated to the membership via our monthly e-blast on December 4th. At this time there are strong candidates for all 3 awards.
- 1.4 **Proposed Change to the MAATA Constitution:** At May's meeting in Greenville, SC we proposed the following changes to the Constitution. We were unable to pass these proposals due to a procedural issue. The Council was asked to review the Constitution and By-Laws for any other changes that need to be made. At the May meeting, a question was asked regarding service to the Foundation as a way to be eligible to run for the District Director, District Secretary, or District Treasurer positions. Bob Casmus moved to add the Research and Education Foundation, along with the CAATE and the BOC, as a means to be eligible to run for the Executive Council. The motion to allow this was passed. The changes proposed at the May meeting are listed below in italics. The highlighted section was discussed on this conference call:
  - 1.4.1 Section 9.2 *Individuals* desiring to be a candidate for a MAATA elected office shall make a written application to the Election Committee Chair by *July 1, preceding the year the office is vacant*. A biographical sketch shall be included.
  - 1.4.2 Section 9.3 Elections shall be completed by *November 1, preceding the year the office is vacant*.
  - 1.4.3 Section 9.4.2 Candidates for District Director shall have a minimum of three years of service in the *seven-year* period immediately preceding the election. Sources of service shall include:
    - 1.4.4 Section 9.4.2.2 **Service on a NATA national committee representing the MAATA, or Board of Director experience on the BOC or CAATE; or**
  - 1.4.5 Section 9.4.3 Candidates for District Secretary or District Treasurer shall have a minimum of two years of service in the *seven-year period* immediately preceding the election for the office sought. Sources of service shall *include but not be limited to:*

- 1.4.6 Section 9.4.3.2 *Service on a NATA national committee representing the MAATA, or a state within the MAATA, or BOC or CAATE; or*
- 1.4.7 Delete 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 as they are no longer relevant.
- 1.4.8 Section 2.6 Elected officers shall take over office at the next *NATA Annual Meeting* following their election.

The Foundation is a district appointed position, thus, it is already a position that makes one eligible for election as is addressed in 9.4.3.4. Discussion was suspended with the two proposed changes highlighted in yellow to be considered. Director Baker requested that the Board of Certification and the CAATE's Board qualifications be investigated to be sure we are making all the changes necessary to bring the Constitution up to date. A question to ponder is: should service to the BOC and CAATE qualify someone to run for MAATA Executive Council positions?

**2.0 Update for a new NATA Executive Director:** There are over 70 applications being reviewed by the selection committee at this time for the position of NATA Executive Director. The new Executive Director might be introduced at the NATA meeting in June 2013.

**3.0 District Director and Secretary Election and Timeline:** A December 4<sup>th</sup> e-blast was sent to the membership reminding applicants that the deadline for application is January 15<sup>th</sup>. The timeline is:

- 3.1 January 15<sup>th</sup> applications close
- 3.2 February 1 there will be an announcement of the candidates to the membership by e-blast, the bios will then be available on the website
- 3.3 February 15-March 1<sup>st</sup> will be the elections. If one candidate gets 50% of the vote, he/she is considered the elected official. If no candidate gets 50% of the vote, a run-off will begin on March 1st between the two top candidates.
- 3.4 April 1, 2013 a winner will be announced. The District Director-Elect should be in attendance at the NATA Board of Director's meeting in May, 2013. The Secretary-Elect will attend the NATA Secretary-Treasurers' Committee meeting in June, 2013.

**4.0 Update on NATA Membership:** the e-mail agenda sent by Director Baker included a link to the NATA Membership page. At the meeting in May Director Baker provided the state presidents with a list of membership on a state by state basis. Upon further discussion there were more questions than answers. He asked the national office to provide a better list. They suggested that he wait until those members that were suspended either renewed their membership or were dropped from our rolls. The link below provides a state by state comparison for state presidents to consider. This is effective October 2012 and represents a sound number. State presidents will have to login to access the numbers. The second tab is by district and state.  
<http://members.nata.org/members1/documents/membstats/2012-10.htm>

**5.0 District Secretary Comments – Pat Aronson** announced that an e-blast sending a holiday greeting to the membership will go out next week. She asked the group to cut and paste from the December 4<sup>th</sup> e-blast into state e-blasts regarding the honors and awards deadline and the upcoming election.

**6.0 Alessa Lennon - Student Senate Chair:** Ms. Lennon asked if the state presidents had received the monthly MAATA Student Senate update Newsletter. Student Senate information will be sent to Secretary Aronson to update the website. There will be student representation at I-Lead and Hit the Hill Day. They are using social meeting to inform other students about the Senate and the Symposium. The next meeting of the Senate will be January 14, 2013.

**7.0 Jason Mitchell -Meeting Coordinator:** Exhibitors' registration will be mid-January and membership registration will begin Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Jason needs to know which software we will be using for registration.

**8.0 Next Conference Call:** Director Baker asked the group to consider the morning of Thursday, January 17, 2013 for the next conference call. He will send an e-mail confirming participation for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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District III Secretary