



District Council Conference Call Minutes
September 30, 2025
11:00am

I. Call to Order

- Vice-President Thrasher called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00am

II. Roll Call:

- **Members Present:**
 - Matt Gage – District President
 - Ray Davis – District Director
 - Ashley Thrasher – District Vice President
 - Erin Cash – District Secretary
 - Mat Lyden – District Treasurer
 - Penny Lynch – President, DCATA
 - Nina Walker – President, NCATA
 - Will Christman – President, SCATA
- **Guests Present:**
 - Andy Massey – District Parliamentarian
 - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
 - Nancy Groh – President-Elect, NCATA
 - Abby DeDecker – President-Elect, SCATA
- **Members Absent:**
 - Rachel Moore – President, MATA
 - Mike Kotelnicki – President, VATA
 - Suzy Konz – President, WVATA
 - Erin Moore – Student Senate Faculty Advisor

III. District Director – Ray Davis

- a. September BOC Agenda
- b. Membership
- c. Strengthen Alliance partnerships
- d. Pronouncements Committee Position Statement updates
- e. Revised NATA Leadership Institute Grant
- f. Reviewing BOC Compacts
- g. NATA Journal Advisory Task Force was approved to continue for another year
- h. Moving forward with finalizing committee applications of volunteers
- i. NATA ROM is out
- j. Back to School Sports Safety Webinar October 6th
- k. Please promote NATA EducATe to our members!
- l. Please encourage members to consider at-large positions in GATher

IV. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan

- a. Continue to push our District to vote!
- b. Amy Fraley will be the Secretary-Elect

V. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. National membership at a glance
- b. District membership at a glance
- c. Website activity at a glance
- d. Publication Dates
- e. State Membership in Dropbox
- f. Newsletter Due Date –
 - a. October 15, 2025
- g. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
 - a. December 8, 2025

VI. District Vice-President – Ashley Thrasher

- a. Showed the start of MAATA Annual Symposium website via Pheedloop
- b. Education Committee is now full minus DC
- c. Call for Proposals is out – 8 so far
- d. 2027 & 2028
 - a. Exploring VA, WV and NC and backups as well
 - b. October 20, 2025 initial deadline but working to get an extension to ensure time to discuss and vote

VII. District Treasurer – Mat Lyden

- a. Shared slides showing balance, FY25 Budget vs Actual, FY26 Budget Planning Committee

VIII. District President – Matt Gage

- a. 2025 MAATA Business Meeting
 - a. December 7th at 7pm
- b. Have had people apply for Student Senate and Annual Meeting Leadership vacancies
- c. Committee liaison appointments
- d. Constitution and By-laws Task Force will have an update for next DC meeting
- e. COPA will also have an update next DC meeting
- f. Asked for discussion on how to get members to apply for positions at national, district and state level
 - a. Quarterly Zoom updates
 - b. Social media “famous” Ats

IX. Student Senate/Student Education Program – Erin Moore

- a. Senate Leadership
 - a. President: Tatum Hubbard
 - b. Vice President: Alaina Lustine
 - c. Service Chair: Keilani Rebollo
 - d. Public Relations Chair: Kendal Madar
 - e. Events Chair: Alaina Lustine
 - f. Young Professional Liaison: Justin May
- b. Call for Senators
 - a. The call for **First-Year Senators** is now open
 1. Application Deadline: October 6, 2025
 2. Interview Time Frame: October 7-24, 2025
 - a. They will be reaching out to State Presidents to coordinate interview availability
 - b. State Presidents will be invited to participate in interviews again this year – please look for an email from Emily Meyerl or Erin Moore this week to confirm your availability
 - c. Final decisions will be made by the end of October
- c. Ongoing Communication
 - a. As a reminder, **State Presidents** will receive **monthly emails** from their assigned Senator requesting updates and sharing relevant information. This is part of our effort to maintain consistent and collaborative communication throughout the year.

X. State Presidents Reports:

- a. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
 - a. Nancy Groh incoming President
 - b. Courtney Phelps incoming Secretary
 - c. Working to update roles – possibly Vice President becomes the President since they had little engagement this election
 - d. Award nominations for Dec/Jan

- b. *South Carolina* – Will Christman
 - a. Working to meet with legislatures to make a plan for Lobbyists
 - b. High School workshop end of January, CEU opportunity
 - c. Working on Symposium

XI. Adjournment of meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Ray Davis
 - a. 2nd – Mat Lyden
 - b. No Discussion
 - c. Passed unanimously
 - d. Meeting was adjourned 12:28pm