

**District Council Meeting
October 11, 2012
Conference Call**

0. Welcome & Roll Call

Roll Call: Martin Baker (District Director) Patricia Aronson (Secretary), Robert Cable (Treasurer), Scott Barringer (acting NC President), William Warren (SC President), Amanda Caswell (VATA President), Drue Stapleton (WV President), and Jill Manners (substituting for Student Senate)

Absent: Rod Walters (acting Past District Director), Greg Penczek (Maryland President), Bill Griffin (NCATA President on leave), Andi Bender (Student Senate), Alessa Lennon (student Senate Chair)

Director Martin Baker called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM.

1. District Director's Comments – Martin Baker

Director Baker reviewed the members that constitute the Executive Committee (DD, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past District Director) and the District Council (Executive Committee plus the 5 state presidents) as the governing body of the MAATA for new members. Charlie Rozanski is the immediate past-District Director of the MAATA, but he has left the profession and is no longer a member of the NATA. Rod Walters, Past-District Director prior to Charlie Rozanski, has agreed to act as Past-Director this year.

1.1 Issues at the National Level (BOD) – our District has one of the highest numbers or Accredited ATEPS in the country.

1.1.1 **Executive Council on Education (ECE):** the Strategic Plan for this important committee was reviewed. It contains a total of 14 recommendations, which can be found at: <http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/ECE-Recommendations-June-2012.pdf> The highlights of the program are:

- What is the role of ECE moving forward?
- Entry level degree discussion. Should our entry level experience be at the undergraduate or graduate level?
- Encourage alignment of professional and post-professional education programs in schools of health professions
- Transition the responsibilities for accreditation of post-professional graduate degree programs and residency programs to the CAATE
- To educate practitioners regarding the fundamentals of evidence-based practice and the use of outcome measures in their practice.
- Examine issues surrounding transition to clinical practice both prior to and after certification. This assessment will give rise to identification of models that effectively support transition-to-practice for athletic trainers who have recently completed their professional education, certification, and licensure requirements.

1.1.2 **Nomenclature/Name Change Status:** there has been input from stakeholders at meeting in St. Louis. Currently the NATA is surveying the membership about our name and issues that surround this important issue (structured input). They are moving to a more unstructured opportunity for our membership to express their opinion and are on schedule for completion/decision in June 2013 at Las Vegas at the NATA Annual Convention.

1.1.3 **Vision Quest Update:** Work Group #1 - Scope of Practice and Appropriate Terminology is nearly half way through their goals. The Legislative update is that Alaska is likely to pass legislation in the next session and it is possible California will pass legislation regarding the practice in their next session. The BOC is working on implementing statutory terminology. This work group has identified key language in what makes a good practice act. Work Group #3 - Practice Position, Employment and Reimbursement is working on the emerging practice settings and their expansion.

1.1.4 **NATA Executive Director:** Eve Becker-Doyle will retire on December 31, 2012. Eve has been with the NATA for over 20 years. This was a surprise to the Board of Directors. There is a search committee being formed by the Board at this time. This will be announced to the NATA Membership today in an e-mail. Dave Sadler will be the acting Executive Director as of January 1, 2013 until a replacement is hired.

1.2 Issues at the District Level

1.2.1 **District Parliamentarian:** Steve Cole has not been at our District Meetings lately so Director Baker has asked Marty Sataloff of Maryland to act in this capacity. Marty has attended the past 28 District Meetings and will study Roberts Rules of Order to serve as Parliamentarian

1.2.2 **District III Honors and Awards:** the deadline for submission of applications is December 1, 2012. Last year we recognized the recipients of the second class of MAATA awards and Director Baker asked for feedback. Feedback was that shortening the business meeting was a positive change and the awards presentation had positive feedback.

1.2.3 **Vacancies with the District:** the Meeting Coordinator (Josh Geruso) position is now open. Student Senate Junior Faculty Representative (to assist Andi Bender) is also open. The position applications are due October 15th. The Scholarship Committee Chair (Renee Cork) position is open for next year (Renee will finish this year's duties).

1.2.4 **Upcoming vacancies, process and time table:** District Director (Baker) and District Secretary (Aronson) will complete their terms in June 2013. Candidates will apply by January 15, 2013. Rod Walters will verify the qualifications of the candidates by February 1st. A vote will be taken starting February 1st. The successful candidate must get a majority of votes, thus, a second vote might be required (a run-off of the two top candidates) by March 1st. This would assure that the elected District Director could accompany Director Baker to the May District Director's Board Meeting. This person will take over half way through the meeting in Las Vegas in June.

1.2.5 **MAATA Constitution Discussion:** Should we have a more comprehensive review of our constitution, and if so who should do this? Should we have a member from each state or use the same group that examined the Constitution last spring? The timeline needs to change for how we conduct voting for our Executive Council members to give new leaders a chance to attend meetings prior to voting in Board meetings. Do we want to make major revision all at one time or in small increments in order to not overwhelm the membership? Director Baker asked the Council to review the Constitution before the next conference call in November.

1.2.6 Added to the Agenda: Individual State Dues - SC will be looking at an increase in state dues and would ask their membership in July to vote on this.

1.2.7 Bill Griffin: NCATA President Health Status

2. **District Treasurer Comments – Bob Cable** reported on the current status of the District budget.
3. **District Secretary Comments – Pat Aronson** left the meeting at 9:20 and was unable to report. Prior to leaving she asked the Council to submit information for the NATA News, MAATA Newsletter, and the MAATA website.
4. **Next Conference Call:** We will have a call in November. Director Baker will poll members for the best date. The December call will be early in the month.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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