



**MAATA District Council Meeting  
The Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, VA  
May 20, 2016 – 1pm**

**0.0 Introductions and Roll Call**

**District Council Members Present:**

Patricia Aronson, ATC – District Director  
James Berry, ATC – District Secretary  
Ray Davis, ATC – District Treasurer  
Martin Baker, ATC – Past District Director  
Jennifer Rheeling, ATC – DCATA President  
Scott Barringer, ATC – NCATA President  
Matt Gage, ATC – VATA President  
Drew Mason, ATC – WVATA President

**District Council Members Absent:**

Gregory Penczek, ATC – MATA President  
Craig Clark, ATC – SCATA President

**Guests Present:**

Lori Bristow, ATC  
Jason Mitchell, ATC  
Andi Bender, ATC  
Emily Hildebrand, ATC  
Marty Sataloff, ATC (Parliamentarian)  
Nick Pitruzzella, ATC – MATA Vice President  
Sheila Gordon, ATC – SCATA President-Elect  
Brandy Jones, ATC  
Megan Hammonds, ATC

**1.0 Call to Order**

- 1.1 Director Aronson called the meeting to order at 1:11pm after Mr. Sataloff indicated a quorum was present.
- 1.2 Approval District Council Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2016
  - 1.2.1 Motion: Virginia ; 2<sup>nd</sup>: DC; Approved unanimously.

**2.0 Treasurer's Report – Ray Davis**

- 2.1 Treasurer Davis provided an overview of the Association's Income and Liabilities for the 2015 fiscal year and also provided the Council with the proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year.
  - 2.1.1 Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: North Carolina; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Virginia; Approved Unanimously.

### 3.0 Secretary Report

- 3.1 Secretary Berry provided the Council with an overview of the current membership for District 3. The report included total membership numbers, membership numbers for each membership category, and a breakdown of total members by state.

### 4.0 Committee Reports

- 4.1 Director Aronson reviewed the committee appointment process and discussed who the new committee members will be beginning in June, 2016.
  - 4.1.1 Reported that funding for a YPC Needs Assessment Survey was approved by the Executive Council on 4/20/2016 for the amount of \$60.
- 4.2 EDAC Report from Megan Hammonds, ATC
  - 4.2.1 No service project in 2016 because of scheduling conflicts with Hit the Hill.
  - 4.2.2 Committee meeting will be the same evening from 4:30-6:30pm in Baltimore.
  - 4.2.3 There will be a career day at the National Meeting on Friday.
  - 4.2.4 EDAC will conduct a Town Hall Meeting and Poster Presentations in Baltimore.
  - 4.2.5 EDAC will host a Social during the meeting in Baltimore.
  - 4.2.6 Attempting to form a District 3 EDAC Committee.
- 4.3 Transition to Practice Workgroup from Megan Hammonds, ATC
  - 4.3.1 Working on white paper focusing on 3 areas: professional ed programs, the employers, and the individual transitioning. Hopefully done by NATA meeting in June.
- 4.4 Public Relation Report from Brandy Jones, ATC
  - 4.4.1 Website rollout, things seems to be going well so far. If there are issues, please let the PR staff at NATA know or the District PR Committee Chair.
  - 4.4.2 A new public website will be rolling out soon that is available for the general public. Looking for testimonials from various groups regarding interactions with Athletic Trainers. If state leaders know of someone, please refer them to Brandy as she would like 6 from District 3.
  - 4.4.3 NATM, just finished evaluating the outcomes. NC tied NJ for best association effort.
  - 4.4.4 The National Sports Media Association NATA Award will be presented again this year during their annual meeting. NATA will also have an educational component during the conference in Salisbury, June 18-19, 2016.
  - 4.4.5 NATA News. Continue to send items to Brandy for publication to the NATA News. Lead time is about 8 weeks for publication. Send pics separate from info documents.
- 4.5 NATA PAC Report from Robert Cable, ATC
  - 4.5.1 Reported that the District 3 PAC is undertaking several projects to raise funds for the NATA PAC including the sale of golf ball sleeves at the District 3 Golf Tournament and collecting in-kind donations from members.
  - 4.5.2 Establishment of the Bill Griffin Memorial Walk to raise funds for the PAC and also honor those members of the association who have passed away. It is hoped to make this an annual event at the district meeting will all donations raised from the event going to the NATA PAC.

- 4.5.3 Reminded the Council that Hit the Hill Day will be June 22, 2016 and that the NATA PAC Breakfast will be on Thursday, June 23, 2016 in Baltimore.

#### 4.6 Student Program and Student Senate Report from Andi Bender, ATC and Emily Hildebrand, ATC

- 4.6.1 Reported that there are 10 Student Senators, 2 from each state in the district, with 3 faculty advisors.
- 4.6.2 Summarized the major projects that the Student Senate has undertaken over the past year including "Operation Gratitude" for US Military Service Members and a toiletry drive which netted 554.85 pounds of toiletries which were donated to shelters throughout the district.
- 4.6.3 The 2016 District 3 student program will feature 10 separate presentations. The council was asked to continue to think of suggestions for how students and young professionals can become more involved in district meeting and general district activities.
- 4.6.4 Reminded the Council of the Leadership Breakfast on Sunday at 7:30am.
- 4.6.5 Reported application for Junior Senators went out May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications have been received from every state except West Virginia. Maryland and Virginia have more than one candidate so a vote will be necessary in those states, while the other states have candidates running unopposed and an election will not be necessary.

### 5.0 Business

- 5.1 Director Aronson tabled this report and any action on the report until the Baltimore meeting in June.

### 6.0 Annual Business Meeting and Symposium 2016 Report

- 6.1 Jason Mitchell, ATC, Meeting Planner, provided the Council with a Summative Report on 2016 Registration and other related meeting matters. Registration was significantly decreased this year, most likely due to the national meeting being held in Baltimore this June.
- 6.2 Lori Bristow, ATC, Educational Program Chair, provided a program synopsis for the Council.
  - 6.2.1 Two 4 credit EBP Workshops were offered on Thursday and Friday, one sponsored by the NATA and the other sponsored by the MAATA. Monies from the NATA sponsored workshop go back to the NATA, while monies from the MAATA workshop will come to the association.
  - 6.2.2 There will be 3 additional EBP sessions offered during the regular program. Attendance will be checked when members enter the lecture hall and they will use a QR code or URL to access the EBP Quiz and evaluations. All quizzes and evaluations must be completed by June 6, 2016 in order to receive CEU certificates, which will be emailed to participants.
- 6.3 Constitution and By-Laws Changes
  - 6.3.1 Director Aronson will review the recommended Constitution and By-Laws changes recommended by the District Council during the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 21, 2016. These changes involve wording related to the terms of office for District Director, District Secretary, and District Treasurer. Additionally, there are wording changes necessary regarding the Young Professionals section.
  - 6.3.2 After reviewing the information, Director Aronson will request a motion to accept the recommended changes, seek a second, and then ask for discussion followed by membership vote.

- 6.3.3 During discussion, Matt Gage, ATC, Virginia President indicated that a number of Virginia members have expressed concerns regarding some of the wording related to the terms of office for District Treasurer. He indicated that these concerns would be brought forth by a member representative during the Annual Business Meeting, which the Executive Committee took under advisement.

#### 6.4 District 3 News from Director Aronson

- 6.4.1 Site-Selection Committee Report – Ray Davis, ATC and Jason Mitchell, ATC
  - 6.4.1.1 Treasurer Davis also provided the Council with an overview of the Site Selection Committee’s Work on the District Meeting Site and reported that, per the membership vote, the site for the 2018 and 2019 District 3 Annual Meeting will be the Princess Royale Resort in Ocean City, Maryland. The dates for the meeting will be May 18-20, 2018 and May 17-19, 2019.
- 6.4.2 Director Aronson provided the Council with an overview of those members and students who will be receiving various honors and awards during the District 3 Meeting in Virginia Beach.
- 6.4.3 Director Aronson provided a brief overview of the number of Safe School Award Winners from District 3 and also discussed the continued need to encourage our members to get their NPI number.
- 6.4.4 Director Aronson reported that the District will have a table at the NATA Foundation Gala on Friday of the NATA Symposium. She has invited the state presidents and district officers to attend with her as well as other district representatives.

#### 6.5 NATA News from Director Aronson

- 6.5.1 Director Aronson provided the council with an overview of those District 3 members who will be honored with awards and/or scholarships during the NATA Symposium in Baltimore.
- 6.5.2 Director Aronson provided a brief update and overview of the new NATA “AT Cares” initiative that will be starting later this year. Going to begin at the District Level with one rep being trained to be a responder, who will then train other individuals within the District. We need to identify an individual from District 3 to serve in this capacity. Just funded during May BOD meeting.
- 6.5.3 Director Aronson reminded the members of the District Council about the NATA’s Member Privacy and Database Use Policy.
- 6.5.4 Director Aronson reiterated her position that District 3 will not compete with the NATA in regards to placing educational programming on our own website for the purpose of making money for the district. All district programming will be published on the NATA website.
- 6.5.5 Director Aronson briefly reported on and discussed the recent actions by the US Department of Labor and President Obama regarding Salary and Overtime Protection. She will provide further information to the Council and the membership as it becomes available.

#### 6.6 Special Events and Thank You’s from Director Aronson

- 6.6.1 Director Aronson reminded the Council about the various special events occurring during the symposium in Virginia Beach.
- 6.6.2 Director Aronson reminded the Council about various meeting dates and times during the NATA Symposium in Baltimore.

- 6.6.2.1 District Council Meeting, 10-11:30am in Ruth Room at the Hilton Baltimore, Thursday, June 24, 2016.
- 6.6.2.2 District Membership Meeting, 6:15-7:15pm, Thursday, June 24 2016 at the Convention Center, Room TBD.
- 6.6.3 Director Aronson thanked Jason Mitchell, ATC, Lori Bristrow, ATC, Andi Bender, ATC, Pat Lamboni, ATC, and John Knaul, ATC, as well as many others for the efforts in making the 2016 MAATA Clinical Symposium and Meeting a success.

## 7.0 State Reports

### 7.1 Jennifer Rheeling, ATC, DCATA President

- 7.1.1 City Council has agreed to Technical Amendments to their Practice Act, but City Council has never approved. Now ATs are under the Board of Health and are playing nice with Board of PTs, but are hoping to be under Board of Medicine, but right now it looks like they will be part of the Board of PT. Will have a rep on Board of PT, but that AT must be a resident of DC in order to serve on that Board.
- 7.1.2 Also working on getting non-profit status in order to maintain their lobbyist.

### 7.2 Nick Pitruzella, ATC, Vice President, MATA

- 7.2.1 Updated council on two pieces of legislation. It's now possible for ATs to receive quicker approval to practice in the State of Maryland.
- 7.2.2 The Tactical Athlete portion of the legislation did not pass due to resistance from other groups, PTs, etc.
- 7.2.3 MATA will be doing a free symposium on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the MD state meeting in order to encourage people to participate since the national meeting is in Baltimore in June. They are asking members to make a donation to the PAC in lieu of paying registration fees.

### 7.3 Scott Barringer, ATC, President, NCATA

- 7.3.1 Battled legislation regarding doing away with AT licensure in NC. Voting has been postponed on the bill until January 2017. Have a working group to provide the legislature with info as to why the law should not be changed.
- 7.3.2 Had excellent Winter meeting at Wrightsville Beach, NC.

### 7.4 Sheila Gordon, ATC, President-Elect, SCATA

- 7.4.1 The College Workshop in February was a success. College students taught High School workshop the following day.
- 7.4.2 SCATA continuing to promote Safesports Schools in South Carolina.
- 7.4.3 SCATA Annual Symposium on July 14/15<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, SC.

### 7.5 Matt Gage, ATC, VATA

- 7.5.1 Working on building relationships with VA state government.
- 7.5.2 VATA was asked to write a letter to the CDC for a grant for Virginia to place ATs in each high school in the state.
- 7.5.3 Also meeting with the Commission on Youth. Speaking with them for the need for EAPs in the Secondary Schools and the need for a Heat Illness bill. Hoping to use these efforts as a spring board to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Billing.
- 7.5.4 Having difficulty finding someone to serve as Governmental Affairs Committee Chair.

- 7.5.5 Giving each region of the state \$500 to sponsor some type of CEU program for members in their area.
- 7.5.6 Working to increase student involvement in state association and meeting planning, etc.

7.6 Drew Mason, ATC, President, WVATA

- 7.6.1 Working with the challenges of being a rural state.
- 7.6.2 Concerned about how the ELM is going to effect the programs in WV. They feel that this is going to affect their ability to place SSATCs.
- 7.6.3 For past 16 years the WVATA has attempted to get licensure bill and have been strongly opposed by PTs, etc. They are now attempting to determine if they may have grounds to file an anti-trust suit in order to move forward.

**8.0 Adjournment**

- 8.1 North Carolina moved for adjournment at 3:54pm. Meeting Adjourned.