

**District Council Meeting  
November 15, 2012  
Conference Call**

0. Welcome & Roll Call

Roll Call: Martin Baker (District Director) Patricia Aronson (Secretary), Robert Cable (Treasurer), Greg Penczek (Maryland President), Scott Barringer (acting NC President), Jay Sedory (VP of Virginia), Drue Stapleton (WV President), Jason Mitchell (Symposium Meeting Coordinator), Andi Bender (Student Senate), Lauren Taylor (VP Student Senate), Lori Bristow (Symposium), and Allen Shelley (CUATC)

Absent: Rod Walters (acting Past District Director), Bill Griffin (NCATA President on leave), Alessa Lennon (Student Senate Chair), William Warren (SC President), Amanda Caswell (VATA President)

**1.0 Director Martin Baker called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.**

**2.0 Jason Mitchell** was introduced as the new DIII Meeting Coordinator (taking Josh Geruso's place). Jason invited the group to contact him at any time on his cell phoner: 210-382-8214.

**3.0 Lauren Taylor** was introduced as the Vice President of the Student Senate.

- 3.1 The senators are working on leadership development this year. Five senators are planning to attend I-Lead in Texas in January. Lauren asked about registration fees and housing. Greg Penczek reported that Maryland is sponsoring the MD senator for \$500. The District will match any state funding up to \$100 to attend I-Lead. Jay Sedory (VA) asked if this is \$100 per state or \$100 per senator. Director Baker suggested that only one senator would be sponsored by the District. Andi Bender asked that the District sponsor each senator, two per state and Director Baker agreed we would do this for the senators in January 2013.
- 3.2 Lauren also reported that the Senate is discussing Hit the Hill Day attendance and they are working on their Symposium program.
- 3.3 The Senators have started a Twitter account: MAATA\_Student. The state presidents will be contacted by their respective senators regarding these two accounts.
- 3.4 The MAATA Website should be updated with the Facebook and Twitter information, as well as the Junior Faculty Advisor information.

**4.0 Allen Shelly**, the DIII Representative to the NATA College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee reported on current projects. There was discussion of the AT Value Model. Director Baker reported that there is an effort being made to provide evidence of the value of an athletic trainer at the high school level as well as at the college and university level. This is a consistent value of Vision Quest.

- 4.1 Allen will be seeking out mentors who have successfully used the services in the Value Model. These mentors would be listed on the website to give assistance to other ATs who are trying to show their value to employees.
- 4.2 Coaching models were discussed.

**5.0 District Director's Comments – Martin Baker**

- 5.1 **Honors and Awards and Scholarships:** Director Baker reminded the group that our District Honors and Awards deadline for nominations is December 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time our submissions are very few so he would like to extend the deadline to January 1<sup>st</sup>. He will discuss this with John Lopez, the chair of the H&A Committee. He asked the

state presidents to look at worthy nominees in each state. Director Baker also discussed the scholarship applicants have gone without awards the past two years. He asked the group to be more active in nominating students and ATs for scholarships and awards.

- 5.2 The search for a new Executive Director of the NATA has begun. Dave Sadler will be acting Executive Director as of January 1, 2013 until this position is filled.
- 5.3 State and District Dues: The MAATA Executive Council (Baker, Aronson, and Cable) discussed District III dues last month. We will not entertain a dues increase this year. We have a sound financial basis and it would be difficult to justify a District dues increase. The states can always increase their individual state dues.
- 5.4 A discussion on the MAATA Constitution was tabled because of time restrictions.

**6.0 Lori Bristow**, Symposium Program Chair, reported on the progress on the 2013 symposium.

- 6.1 The District Newsletter only generated two evaluations of the 2012 Symposium. The symposium will also be advertised in the e-blasts that will be sent this winter and spring.
- 6.2 Lori asked if the group felt the keynote speaker should be a motivational speaker or someone who will present an educational lecture. Drawing a crowd is important as is financial concerns. Jay Sedory (VA) provided valuable input. Lauren Taylor (Student Senate) felt the motivational speaker might bring more students to the Symposium.

**7.0 District Secretary Comments – Pat Aronson** asked the group to send information for the next e-blast by the end of November. She also requested any updates on the MAATA website be sent at this time.

**8.0 District Treasurer Comments – Bob Cable** reported that the District is in good financial standing. He asked that those who might have changes in officers to let him know prior to the next state distributions period.

**9.0 State Presidents**

- 9.1 Greg Penczek from MD: they have finalized their summer symposium dates: May 31<sup>st</sup> business meeting and H&A followed by educational program on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The site is TBA.
- 9.2 Scott Barringer from NC: the NC business meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 9.3 Jay Sedory from Virginia: the VATA will meet January 11-14.

**10. Next Conference Call:** Director Baker asked the group to consider December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am 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