



District Council Conference Call Minutes
November 18, 2025
11:00am

I. Call to Order

- President Gage 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
 - Caroline Siebens – President-Elect, MATA
 - Nina Walker – President, NCATA
 - Will Christman – President, SCATA
 - Mike Kotelnicki – President, VATA
 - Suzy Konz – President, WVATA
- **Guests Present:**
 - Andy Massey – District Parliamentarian
 - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
 - Erin Moore – Student Senate Faculty Advisor
- **Members Absent:**
 - None

III. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. Approval of minutes of previous District Council Meeting – (10/28/2025)
 - a. Motion to approve – Will Christman
 - 1. 2nd – Ray Davis
 - 2. No Discussion
 - b. Passed unanimously

IV. Student Senate/Student Education Program – Erin Moore

- a. Meeting this Sunday to delineate roles and work on the MAATA Annual Meeting

V. District Vice-President – Ashley Thrasher

- a. 2026 Annual meeting update
 - a. Education Planning Committee is reviewing proposals
 - b. Using Pheed Loop
 - c. Goal is to get speakers confirmed prior to Christmas
- b. Business Meeting CEU Speaker
 - a. Working to get final confirmation on if timing works. Once it is confirmed, they will work on spreading the word

- c. Annual Symposium Site Selection Vote:
 - a. Approve Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV to be the 2027 and 2028 MAATA Annual Meeting site
 - 1. Motion to approve – Mat Lyden
 - a. 2nd – Ray Davis
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Concern of doing West Virginia 2 years in a row, suggested doing WV 2027 and somewhere else 2028. Counter side is that these numbers are based off of being there for 2 years so will need to check on that
 - ii. Questioned if we down size our number commitment
 - c. Amendment: Approve Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV for 2027 MAATA Annual Meeting site
 - i. Motion to approve – Ray Davis
 - ii. 2nd – Nina Walker
 - iii. Discussion: None
 - 2. Passed unanimously

VI. District Treasurer – Mat Lyden

- a. Update on MAATA financial assets
- b. 2026 Budget Update Vote:
 - a. Approve 2026 MAATA budget presented by Mat Lyden
 - 1. Motion to approve – Erin Cash
 - a. 2nd – Ray Davis
 - b. No Discussion
 - 2. Passed unanimously

VII. District Secretary – Erin Cash

- a. Please Send Me Your Agenda Items Before, During or After the Zoom
- b. Please add Amy Fraley to all correspondences moving forward
- c. National membership at a glance
- d. District membership at a glance
- e. Membership changes and NATA Membership PPT
- f. Proposed 2026 Publication Dates
 - a. Will schedule an EC meeting to discuss
- g. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
 - a. December 8, 2025

VIII. District President – Matt Gage

- a. Annual Business Meeting
 - a. Discussed plan for registration and Zoom link
 - b. Discussed voting
- b. Approve Reece Hayes to join Free Communications Committee:
 - a. Motion to approve – Ray Davis
 - b. 2nd – Ashley Thrasher
 - 1. No Discussion
 - c. Passed unanimously
- c. Postponing updates to Constitution and Bylaws until next year
- d. Spring District Council meeting day and time poll going out by the end of the week

IX. District Director – Ray Davis

- a. Board Meeting scheduled for Monday

X. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan

- a. Election Committee
- b. Approve changing the MAATA Director application due in February instead of December:
 - a. Motion to approve – Ray Davis
 - b. 2nd – Matt Gage
 - 1. No Discussion
 - c. Passed unanimously

XI. State Presidents Reports:

- a. *District of Columbia* – Penny Lynch
 - a. Working with Maryland on their Joint Symposium

- b. Working on a Governmental Affairs Boot Camp
- b. *Maryland* – Caroline Siebens
 - a. January 24th is their Symposium
 - b. Planning a viewing party for the MAATA Business Meeting
 - c. Planning a pickleball tournament in February
- c. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
 - a. Continuing to work on OATH recipients, hoping to get more applicants
 - b. Catastrophic Care Collection to be sure that anything catastrophic that happens within the state is documented so stakeholders can be notified quickly and accurately
- d. *South Carolina* – Will Christman
 - a. Updating their website
 - b. Registration open for Secondary School workshop in January including a small CEU event
 - c. LaJoy Paige working on EDAC which is now called Beacon
- e. *Virginia* – Mike Kotelnicki
 - a. New website platform is up and running, Star Chapter. Few glitches but overall working really well especially for the VATA Conference in January. Already have about 100 people signed up. Just labs and Town Halls
- f. *West Virginia* – Suzy Konz
 - a. Monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon
 - b. Working on their Annual Meeting at WV Wesleyan this year

XII. Adjournment of meeting

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Ray Davis
 - a. 2nd – Mat Lyden
 - b. Passed unanimously
 - c. Meeting was adjourned 12:30pm