

**MAATA Executive Council Conference Call
Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 3pm**

Members present:

Pat Aronson, PhD, ATC, District Director
Dr. Jim Berry, ATC, District Secretary
Ray Davis, MSS, ATC, District Treasurer

Members absent:

Martin Barker, ATC, Past District Director

Director Aronson call the meeting to order at 3pm.

- I. **New leadership positions update** – Director Aronson provided an update on the MAATA Leadership positions that have recently changed and/or been newly appointed. They include the following:
 - a. MAATA POSITIONS:
 - i. MAATA Program Education Committee Chair – Kim Pritchard (VA) - outgoing 2017: Lori Bristow
 - ii. MAATA Program Committee Free Communications Chair – Jena Hansen-Honeycutt (VA) – outgoing **immediate** Toni Torres-McGhee
 - iii. MAATA Co-Student Senate Faculty – Danielle Cotellessa (NC) – **immediate** – replacing Emily Hildebrand who moved up to senior co-advisor
 - b. DIII Reps to NATA to shadow now and join in June 2017:
 - i. Convention Program Committee: TBA (NC or MD)
 - ii. Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee: Brittany Brown (VA)
 - iii. Government Affairs Committee: Brian Curless (SC)
 - iv. Professional Responsibility Committee: Joe Beckett (WV)
 - v. District Secretary-Treasurers’ Committee: Lori Bristow (MD)

-The EC discussed the benefits of Lori Bristow attending the January Joint Committee Meeting in Dallas. It is believed NATA doesn’t cover this cost. The EC feels that it may be good for District Secretary-Elect to be at JCM but there are some questions about the expense related to it. Ray Davis asked if this expense could be covered/shared by NATA or would it have to be covered completely by the District? Director Aronson indicated she is going to look more into this and let us know.

- vi. NATA BOD – TBA (NC or WV) depending on the results of the run-off election.

II. **Proposed changes to the District 3 Symposium/Business Meeting** – Treasurer Ray Davis provided an overview of the proposed changes that he and his group have put together for the 2017 meeting.

- a. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed changes regarding symposium financial proposals and changes. Director Aronson suggested that we look at changing the \$25 donation per speaker to \$10 per speaker. The Executive Council voted 3-0 to make this change as well as approve the other changes outlined by Treasurer Davis and his committee. Since Past Director Baker was not on the call, Director Aronson asked that we give him an opportunity to also review the changes and provide input before final approval. Director Aronson will also ask the Program Committee group to review these changes and provide input as necessary.
- b. Director Aronson indicated that she would also share these changes with the District Council during our next conference call in October.

III. **Elections update** – Past Director Baker was not on the call, so he was not able to provide an update personally. Director Aronson advised that Round 1 of the election had been completed with Lori Bristow winning the District Secretary election and that a run-off election would be held in October between Katie Flanagan and Robert Cable to determine who the next District Director would be.

IV. **Constitution and By-Laws changes** – the Executive Council reviewed the proposed changes to the MAATA Constitution and By-Laws as outlined below. The proposal will be taken the District Council for discussion and approval during our October conference call, then to the membership in May 2017. .

- a. Increase the term of Treasurer to 3 terms of 2 years (6 years total).
- b. Language to allow the current Executive Council to appoint a Treasurer if no one runs for Treasurer.
- c. Language to require a sitting member of the Executive Council to resign his/her current position if he/she runs for a different Executive Council Office
 - i. Director Aronson will put the language together on these proposed changes and then share it with the EC for review and final vote for approval to take to District Council and Membership.

- V. **Policies and Procedures Manual** – Director Aronson reported on the progress of the MAATA Policies and Procedures manual. Director Aronson has appointed Ericka Zimmerman, ATC, as Chair of the P & P Manual Task Force. The Task Force has already completed drafts for the Symposium and will be working on developing the P & P for the District Treasurer next, then continue from there.
- VI. **Fall Newsletter** - Secretary Berry reported that the Fall 2016 newsletter is in production and an October 15th publication date is being planned.
- VII. **Dues Structure in District** – the Executive Committee discussed how various states within the district structure their dues for various membership categories. The concern is that each state within the District understand that their dues structure also impacts NATA membership numbers.
- VIII. **ATLAS Project** – Director Aronson shared her concerns regarding the number of high schools in District 3 that have completed the ATLAS information through KSI. Several ideas were discussed including the following: Working with College ATEPs to collect data and report it; conducting a robo-call reminder to those who have not submitted info; and a mass text with link to the ATLAS website.

The meeting was adjourned by Director Aronson at approximately 4:30pm.