

**District Council Meeting**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel, Greenville, SC**  
**May 18, 2012**

Roll call: The following Council members attended the meeting: Martin Baker (Director), Patricia Aronson (Secretary), Robert Cable (Treasurer), TJ Morgan (MD), Raz Razayeski (SC), Drue Stapleton (WV), and Jay Scifers (NC). Absent from the Council: Amanda Allen (VA)

Also present: Lori Bristow (Symposium Program Chair), Jill Manners (Student Senate), Sarah Frye (MAATA Student Senate Chair), Jay Sedory (Chair of the Young Professionals Committee and President-Elect of the VATA), William Griffin (MAATA Government Affairs Committee Chair and President-Elect NC)

**1.0 Welcome & Roll Call** - Director Martin Baker called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

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

2.1 Director Baker gave a review of the MAATA Symposium and Business Meeting. In general: The Quiz Bowl will be at 3:00 and we are encouraged to attend, the Director's Reception will be tonight following the Business Meeting, and the Mentor Breakfast is Saturday Morning and we are encouraged to attend

2.2 The agenda for the MAATA Business Meeting to be held later on this date includes:

2.2.1 District III Honors and Awards Presentation:

Recognition of non-District (state and local) recipients (Scholarships & Grants)

Recognition of District Scholarship Recipients (stand and be recognized only - checks will be received after the meeting)

Recognition of non-District (state and local) recipients of honors and awards (service, educator of the year, MDAT, HOF)

Recognition of NATA Award Winners - we are encouraged to nominate others for MAATA awards next year because this leads to NATA Awards

Recognition of District Service Award (comes to podium for plaque) – Tom Kuster

Recognition of MDAT Award (comes to podium for plaque) – John Bielawski

Recognition of HOF recipients (stand and be recognized only) – these recipients will be recognized at the HOF Reception

2.2.2 Secretary's Report – Patricia Aronson

2.2.3 Treasurer's Report – Robert Cable

2.2.4 Association Report and Board of Director's Meeting Summary (see items below)

2.2.5 MAATA News

2.3 Director Baker reported on the membership numbers and finances of the NATA in a prepared handout. The NATA has increased its membership even though there was a dues increase this year.

2.4 Director Baker gave a review and update on *Vision Quest*: progress is being made in the 4 groups. There was a discussion regarding whether the NATA should partner with other professional organizations that will get a "members discount" to gain credentials from these professional organizations. The issue is that this may appear to be a promotion of organizations for certifications that we as certified athletic trainers already have in our skill sets.

2.5 Executive Council on Education (ECE) Report and Results – The ECE is being asked to develop the competencies that CAATE programs must meet and CAATE must measure. More specifically:

2.5.1 The Board has asked the ECE to review and revise their structure consistent with Vision Quest and to be a resource for new educators in the profession.

2.5.2 Investigation of location of professional degree with a report due on June 2014. This will suggest whether AT goes to an entry-level Master's Degree or stays as an undergraduate program.

2.5.3 Programs will be developed to assist newly credentialed graduates to progress to professionals.

2.5.4 All degree programs are to be housed under CAATE. The ECE has been asked to also house post-professional degrees.

2.6 Regarding a name change from "*Athletic Trainers*:" Vision Quest did not address a name change in its goals. The Board is asked a group of people to determine if the AT name is the correct name for the profession. The goal is to have a report in 2013 to provide members with rationale to either keep the name or change the name.

2.7 MAATA News:

2.7.1 Constitution and By-Laws Change:

2.7.1.1 History – Director Baker was the last District Secretary-Treasurer of the MAATA. He progressed to the MAATA District Director when his term as secretary-treasurer was completed. This will not happen again per our prior constitutional changes.

2.7.2 Process – Katie Walsh led a task force to determine the constitutional changes that would allow for the District Director-Elect to be in place in the fall of 2012 to enable that person to engage in the Board activities to learn more about the position prior to becoming the District Director in June 2013. The Executive Council approved the task force changes to the Constitution. The membership was made aware of the proposal, but the document was not sent to the membership 3 weeks in advance per the Constitution. It was also discussed that this vote cannot be taken at the Business Meeting in St. Louis because it is not the "Annual Symposium and Business Meeting" as stated in the Constitution.

2.7.2 Site Rotation of Annual Meeting

### **3.0 District Council Issues:**

3.1 State Association Advisory Council (SAAC): Director Baker asked the state presidents if they have been involved in the process. The state presidents that have been representatives stated they are active in SAAC.

3.2 Governance issues moving forward: Unique dues structure for each state within the District was discussed as well as a time line for such a change. There is a potential for dues increases at the state and district level. The NATA has indicated that in the future each state will be able to designate its own dues. The state presidents were encouraged to read their respective state constitutions regarding dues structures.

### **4.0 The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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