MAATA 2-2-18

**Roll Call** – Katie Walsh Flanagan, Sean Dash, Scott Barringer, Lori Bristow, Nick Pitruzzella, Donita Valentine (ATs Care), Jenni Johnson (incoming WV president), Scott Powers, Sheila Gordon, Pat Aronson

Missing – Ray Davis, Jim Bazluki (incoming NC president), Drew Mason

**Updates from Joint Committee Meeting** – notes will be shared on the website

**Honors and Awards** – NATA award winners: Service: Bradley, Bob Cable, Grady Hardeman, Carla Stoddard NATA HOF – Nancy Burke

Safe School Grant application is open. Eleven applicants were received within the first two days.

**NP**I number push – We as an organization become stronger when we show we have a NPI # - student leadership committee contest

**Scott Powers** intro – Virginia his entire committee – 30 years. He has been involved in the VATA committees for 15-17 years in one capacity or another. He has been on a couple of MAATA committees. He has practiced in every setting but industrial.

**DST Committee** – largest area of membership loss is in the age group of 26-31. The question is how many of these ATs are female?

**LGBTQAC** – Pat Aronson spoke about the JCM. Speaker from the Dallas research center spoke safe space allied training session with them at the JCM. As a result the LGBTQAC are putting together a safe space program.

**ATs Care** – D3 chair – Donita Valentine

* DC – Donita Valentine
* NC – Caitlin Griego (university) , Emily Williams (university)
* SC – Alice McLaine(university)
* MD – Meredith Madden (university)
* VA – Beth Druvenga (university), Jay Sedory (military), Sarah Pittelkau (clinical), Angela White (high school)
* WV – Bob Cable (university)

Jenni Johnson (will be sending her resume in)

**ATs Care Training** – during the JCM – Whenever there is a crisis that effects an AT, the AT’s Care personnel step in, they can call in or skype with the person in crisis. They are trained to put a mental and emotional band aid. It is critical incident stress management. Helps the individual or the group understand their feelings and normalize the situation. They will address any questions, concerns, or inconsistencies they may have felt or feel surrounding the incident. Help return that person to their normal work and life routine.

Texas has needed more of these services more than anyone else this year. The At’s Care group listed above will have their first training this May at the MAATA Symposium. The end goal is to have instructors in every District.

First training at JCM in 2017– was Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for Individuals. Second training at JCM in 2018 was Critical Incident Stress Management for groups. This was very intense training. During this training session we were able to share a lot of the incidents we were taking care of. The AT’s Care workshop is on May 17th and 18th at the MAATA Symposium. On Thursday the hours will be 8:00am – 6:00pm and Friday from 8:00am till 12:00pm. This is the CISM training for Individuals. They can then sign up for the group training the following year. When you have a state that only has one AT’s Care member, you need to exercise caution. Do not identify that one person as the person who will be an AT’s Care member from that day forward. As the team grows, there may be a more qualified person that comes forward.

**Upcoming Symposium** – Everyone received an email from Jason Mitchell about registration and how to get reserve the room. Donita did not receive the email – she is speaking at the AT’s Care training.

**Business Meeting** – Which state is going to have a state meeting during the MAATA Symposium? Please let Katie know within a week

**State Updates**:

* **DC** – Licensure, they have been on the City Council agenda for the last two weeks and they keep getting pushed to the right. The DC Board of the Physicians is willing to oversee the ATs. However, it has not happened yet
* **MD** – Wes Robinson will be taking over as president in June 2018. Nick will move to Past President. VP – Gina Palermo (first female VP in MATA). Treasurer – Mike Smuda is staying on for a second term. Secretary – Ashley Holmes. Legislature – trying to update the settings in the practice act. We testified in the Senate last Wednesday, but there was a large opposition (APTA, Chiropractors, occupational therapists ). Also trying to remove the PT, OT, and chiropractor off the MBPATAC committee. Lobbying Day in Annapolis on Feb. 7th followed by testimony in the House.
* **NC** – March 2-4 meeting at Wrightsville Beach; Licensing Board starting to fight that battle; Jim Bazluski (incoming president), TJ Morgan (incoming secretary)
* **SC** – 1000 SC Certified ATs! Was unable to sit down with the legislatures in January due to snow. Upcoming symposium July 12-13 – moving the location to the Hilton Hotel in Columbia. Sheila is moving into George Wham’s position as Secondary School D3 Rep.
* **VA** – Annual meeting was successful. Board meeting where Dry Needling is a hot topic. 458 Certified members in VA. Hit the Hill in Richmond on February 14th where 5 colleges/universities will be brining students.
* **WV** – March 2-3 State meeting at the Days Inn conference Center. Still fighting for licensure. Hit the Hill day on February 14th. Students from the state universities will be attending. Two large hurdles: PT’s want to take out patient and replace it with athlete and PT’s want to change our settings to remove the industrial setting. ATs are not willing to change their settings. If this attempt fails, AT’s are looking into filing an anti-trust suit due to conflict of interest, as well as Title IX complaint.

**ATs don’t provide coverage, we provide medical services**.

**Updates:**

**National award winner** – Sharri Jackson – Honorary member of the NATA. She does web mastering for over 50% of the NATA. She will be at New Orleans this summer.

**Kim Pritchard** – Program Director is finishing her first year as the Symposium Director and will be expecting her 2nd child. She will not be present at the May Symposium, but we will cover for her. Scott Cook has volunteered to help out.

**Ended at 10**:45am.