



**District Council Conference Call Minutes**  
**August 26, 2025**  
**11:00am**

**I. Call to Order**

- Vice-President Thrasher 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
  - 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:**
  - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
  - Nancy Groh – President-Elect, NCATA
  - Abby DeDecker – President-Elect SCATA
  - Kirk Armstrong – President-Elect, VATA
  - Sara Pittelkau – Chair – Scholarships
- **Members Absent:**
  - Andy Massey – District Parliamentarian
  - Mat Lyden – District Treasurer

**III. District Secretary – Erin Cash**

- a. Approval of minutes of previous District Council Meeting – (5/2/2025)
  - a. Motion to approve – Ray Davis
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Thrasher
    - 2. No Discussion
  - b. Passed unanimously

**IV. District Director – Ray Davis**

- a. Eblast Information
- b. NATA Bylaws were passed except #9
- c. September 2<sup>nd</sup> Mollie Pillman will start as the new NATA Executive Director
- d. NATA Dues renewal date is **December 31<sup>st</sup>**
- e. Encourage people to apply in Gather

**V. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**

- a. District Secretary position is open, deadline is Friday
- b. Bill Prentice Scholarship – Sara Pittelkau

- a. Looking to update all Scholarships to ensure they are aligned with education landscape
- b. NATA Foundation Bill Prentice Scholarship AND MAATA Bill Prentice Scholarship
- c. We will continue doing the MAATA Bill Prentice Scholarship

**VI. District Secretary – Erin Cash**

- a. Please Send Me Your Agenda Items Before, During or After the Zoom
- b. National membership at a glance
- c. District membership at a glance
- d. Website activity at a glance
- e. Publication Dates
- f. State Membership in Dropbox
- g. Newsletter Due Date –
  - a. October 15, 2025
- h. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
  - a. September 8, 2025 Combo E-Blast with All Awards, Grants & Scholarships
  - b. September 22, 2025
  - c. December 8, 2025

**VII. District Vice-President – Ashley Thrasher**

- a. 2025 Meeting
  - a. 8 ATP Programs took advantage of 2 free students
  - b. 267 attendees, highest since COVID
  - c. 23 vendors
  - d. 16 CEU's general program, plus pre-con
  - e. Great feedback on electronic voting
  - f. Growth – hands on activity, labs, snacks/lunch
- b. 2026 Meeting
  - a. Novant Health
  - b. 2 Hotels – about \$110/night
  - c. Once Education Committee is fully filled, they will work on proposals
    - 1. Hands on learning labs
- c. Site Selection Committee for the Future
  - a. 2 year cycle to start
- d. Website
  - a. Moving away from Wild Apricot
- e. Annual Meeting open positions are being filled

**VIII. District President – Matt Gage**

- a. Annual Meeting Committee:
  - a. Education Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin King (NC) & Kim Pritchard (VA)
  - b. Student Educational Programming Chair and Student Senior Advisor: Erin Moore (VA)
  - c. Student Senate Junior Advisor: Emily Meyerl (NC)
  - d. Co-Vendor Coordinators: Jason Doctor (VA) & Tyler MacDonnell (NC)
  - e. Free Communication Chair: Renae Bomar (SC)
  - f. Registration Coordinator: Tom Monagan (VA)
- b. Liaison Appointments will be emailed out tomorrow
- c. Brandi Anderson is going to be the MAATA COPA Chair
  - a. SC & DC have vacant positions on the Task Force
- d. Constitution & By-Laws
  - a. Recommended that MAATA has 1 document
  - b. This Fall, the Task Force will be combining our Constitution and By-Laws
  - c. They will also be updating the current MAATA Policy & Procedures Manual
- e. MAATA Business Meeting
  - a. In May we voted that we can separate the Business Meeting from the Annual Meeting
  - b. Proposed Sunday December 7, 2025 7-10pm or Monday December 8, 2025
  - c. Must give 90 days notice/advertisement
    - 1. Motion to approve the MAATA Annual Business Meeting on Sunday December 7, 2025 from 7-10pm – Caroline Siebens
      - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Kotelnicki
      - b. No Discussion
      - c. Passed 7-3

- f. Safe Sport Update
  - a. Adam said the committee is trying to figure out the best application period

**IX. State Presidents Reports:**

- a. *District of Columbia* – Penny Lynch
  - a. Joint Symposium with Maryland
- b. *Maryland* – Caroline Siebens
  - a. Quarterly Newsletter
  - b. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Joint Symposium with DC, Business Meeting will be separate
  - c. Renewal year for Licensure by September 30<sup>th</sup>
- c. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
  - a. Great event on July 21<sup>st</sup> had a presentation panel, discussion on safer sport followed by a documentary
  - b. President and Secretary positions are open and haven't gotten any applicants
- d. *South Carolina* – Will Christman
  - a. Beginning of July had annual Symposium, had about 460 registrants
  - b. Mock trial went really well, thinking to revisit that every 3 years or so
  - c. New Treasurer, thank you to Joe who rolled off
  - d. Trying to fill a few other positions
  - e. Starting in September, Lobbyist plans to sit down with key people in Senate and House to try to start an initiative to put an ATC in each High School
- e. *Virginia* – Mike Kotelnicki
  - a. New Lobbyist has hit the ground running with Dry Needling initiative
- f. *West Virginia* – Suzy Konz
  - a. Suzy is stepping in early as President with Samm moving to Virginia
  - b. CPR training initiative underway

**X. Adjournment of meeting**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Mike Kotelnicki
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ray Davis
  - b. Approved 11-0-0
  - c. Meeting was adjourned 12:16pm