

**District Council Conference Call Minutes**

**January 28, 2020**

**8:00am**

1. **Call to Order** 
   * Director Flanagan called the meeting to order at approximately 8am.
2. **Roll Call:**
   * **Members Present:**
     + Katie Walsh Flanagan – District Director
     + Ray Davis – District Treasurer
     + Jason Mitchell – District Secretary
     + Patricia Aronson – Past District Director
     + Michael Walker – President, DCATA
     + Wes Robinson – President, MATA
     + Jim Bazluki – President, NCATA
     + Brad Drake – President, SCATA
     + Chris Jones – President, VATA
     + Jenni Johnson – President, WVATA
   * **Guests Present:**
     + Marty Sataloff –District Parliamentarian
     + Emily Hildebrand – Student Senate Advisor
   * **Members and Guests Absent:**
     + Jay Sedory – District Treasurer-Elect
3. **MAATA Updates:**
   1. Update on Task Force to investigate MAATA governance structure
      1. Potentials for adding a District President & Vice-President
      2. Nancy Burke lead Task Force since November
         1. Sent potential constitution & by-law changes if a President/Vice-President were added
         2. Executive Council will review
         3. District Council will receive updates in late February/early March
            1. If approved, it will be presented to membership at Annual Meeting in May
            2. Intention to putting new officer(s) in office Fall 2020
   2. NATA President – Tory Lindley very complimentary regarding his recent conversations with State Presidents
   3. Encouraged States to send photos of all award winners for our July newsletter
4. **NATA Updates:** 
   1. 5 members earned national awards
      1. Encouraged states to continue looking at their membership to push nominations
   2. BOC – Professional goals
      1. Offering 10 CEUs ($65) to be a volunteer for this pilot program
   3. NATA Presidential Nomination Committee
      1. Released finalists for upcoming NATA President election
         1. Kathy Dieringer & our own D3 Director Katie Flanagan
      2. Large social media push to allow Districts & States to distribute candidate information
   4. National Hit-the-Hill Day - May 13-14
      1. NATA BOD meeting in TX on May 17th
      2. Many BOD members may be in attendance at our District Meeting
5. **State Presidents Updates:**
   1. *District of Columbia* – Michael Walker
      1. Made contact with the licensing Executive Director regarding the practice act
         1. Working close with Board of Medicine to get closer towards licensure
      2. State Meeting
         1. Initiating conversation with State Exec Board on potential to connect meeting with the student symposium
   2. *Maryland* – Wes Robinson
      1. Legislative push
         1. 90 days period for completion
            1. Started January 8
         2. Upcoming meeting with State Delegate Young, MD APTA, MD OTA to address any concerns
         3. 17 co-sponsors
      2. Recently sent out I-Petition to support the MD bill
      3. Just completed officer elections
         1. Jean Perez – Vice-President
         2. Ashley Holmes – Secretary
         3. Amber Kelso - Treasurer
      4. Working with EMS to change protocols to “Cool 1st/Transport 2nd”
         1. 100% approval
         2. Tie in public announcement during Lobby Day – Feb. 25 – Annapolis, MD
      5. State Meeting - May 30 – Towson, MD
   3. *North Carolina* – Jim Bazluki
      1. State Meeting – March 6-8 – Wrightsville Beach, NC
         1. 14.5 CEUs (6.5 EBPs)
         2. Offering in-state rates for neighboring state attendees
   4. *South Carolina* – Brad Drake
      1. Hit-the-Hill Day: Feb 12
         1. Licensure task force progressing
      2. Officer elections this May
      3. State Meeting – July 8-10
      4. Updated language to practice acts
         1. Updates of state regulations in process
            1. Projected finalized mid-2021
   5. *Virginia* – Chris Jones
      1. State meeting this past Jan 3-5 in Harrisonburg, VA
         1. 175 ATs/90 students
      2. Hit-the Hill day yesterday (Jan 27) – 3 bills updates
         1. HB 59
            1. Add LAT to insurance code to allow 3rd party reimbursement
            2. Referred for further review/study to House Labor & Commerce Committee
         2. HB 1261
            1. Allow LAT to carry naloxone & other opioid antagonist
            2. Read twice in House, with 1 more reading prior to vote

All feedback is positive that this will pass

* + - 1. HB 1260
         1. Advisory Board on Athletic Training

Adjusting language to permit ATs in public & private sectors the opportunity to serve on the board

* + 1. Task Force working on association management services
    2. VATA utilizes a AT member with financial management experience to increase investing opportunities
       1. Significantly increased annual earnings
          1. This has allowed decreased costs to membership to their state meeting
       2. Director Flanagan encouraged States to look into similar services to see how it could benefit their respective associations and membership
  1. *West Virginia* – Jenni Johnson
     1. Officially licensed as of January 1
        1. Currently following 9 bills related to Secondary Schools athletics & sports safety
           1. Introduced Alex Miller Law

Requires AED present for all athletic activities

Medical staff must be trained

* + - * 1. Introduced law requiring all schools, that participate in athletics, employ a “full-time Athletic Trainer or Medical Professional”

Working to change the “Medical Professional” to eliminate ambiguity

* + 1. Capitol Hill Day & Korey Stringer event - Feb 13-14
    2. State Meeting - April 3-4 – Morgantown, WV
       1. Offering in-state rates for District state attendees

1. **District Treasurer – Ray Davis**
   * 1. Will send the DC a proposal to amend budget, that was approved last May, for electronic vote
2. **Guest Updates**
   1. Student Senate - Emily Hildebrand
      1. Encourage states to keep student senator representatives updated on any state news to include in Student Senate newsletters
3. **Approval of minutes of District Council Meeting – Conference Call (10/16/2019) – Jason Mitchell**
   1. Motion to approve – Wes Robinson
      1. 2nd – Jim Bazluki
      2. Passed – 9-0-0
4. **Final Announcements/Comments**
   1. Secretary Mitchell encouraged states to continue push for NATA membership renewals
      1. Deadline January 31
5. **Director Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 8:45am.**