



**District 3 Executive Council Meeting
Via Conference Call
May 11, 2017 – 8pm**

Members Present:

Pat Aronson – District Director
Katie Flanagan – District Director-Elect
Jim Berry – District Secretary
Lori Bristow – District Secretary-Elect
Ray Davis – District Treasurer
Marty Baker – Past District Director

Director Aronson called the meeting to order at 8:02PM.

I. Discussion regarding complimentary hotel stays for District Meeting VIPs.

- a. Director Aronson shared with the group that she had asked Shelley Tams of the Foundation and Rachael Oats of the NATA what other NATA Districts do for VIPs.
 - i. Ms. Tams indicated the following Districts provided the foundation with a room during 2016: EATA; GLATA; and MAATA (D5). In 2017, SEATA, RMATA, and NWATA provided a room, but EATA and GLATA did not. Ms. Tams indicated that the Foundation does have funding available to cover these costs if a District chooses not to cover the cost for the Foundation.
 - ii. Ms. Oates indicated that it depends on the District. Some provide a room and some do not. She indicated that NATA has funds budgeted to use if necessary.
- b. *The group discussed the pros and cons of funding a room for the Foundation. The general consensus was that the District will not cover room costs for Strategic Alliance guests (NATA, BOC, CAATE, Foundation, etc) at the District Meeting.*

II. NATA Foundation Reception at District 3 Meeting.

- a. Director Aronson reported that Jason Mitchell and Ray Davis had discussed this, after which Jason Mitchell and Jill Manners negotiated when and where the reception would be held and who would pay for the reception. Jill Manner I chose the time and day and requested refreshments. Jason Mitchell explained that District 3 would not pay for refreshments due to budget limitations. Jill Manners has again asked for District 3 to help with these expenses in her latest e-mail to Director Aronson.

*i. Director Aronson reported that the District is **NOT** going to provide any funds for this particular event. That the cost will be covered by private donations.*

ii. Past Director Baker noted that it should be understood that future District Directors or other members shouldn't be expected to assist with any funding of foundation activities.

III. NATA PAC donation with beer glass purchase at District 3 Directors Reception

- a. *District 3 will sell the glasses for the NATA PAC. The District will provide the keg that will be used to fill the glasses purchased by the members.*

IV. Companies that ask MAATA to sponsor fund-raising events.

- a. *Director Aronson reviewed this with the group and reported that the Executive Council had determined that we would not provide any types of donations like this during email communication earlier.*

V. Funding for Student Leadership Committee District 3 Representative to attend District 3 and/or NATA Symposiums.

- a. Director Aronson described what other Districts are doing with the student leadership committee and how each district funds that committee rep to travel to the District and NATA meetings.
- b. *After lengthy discussion amongst the Council members, Secretary Berry suggested that District 3 provided up to \$500.00 to the SLC Student Representative to attend the NATA symposium. **The group voted unanimously to provide up to \$500.00 and that the individual will be reimbursed upon submitting appropriate paperwork and receipts to the District Treasurer.***

VI. NATA Leadership Academy.

- a. Director Aronson reminded that the group that we had already discussed briefly as a group at the NCATA meeting. State presidents will be asked during the District Council meeting in Virginia Beach if they want to "chip in" and help support this cost.

- b.** The following is pertinent information related to this initiative:
 - i.** There are 60 participants.
 - ii.** The estimate of total expenses will be \$150-\$200 for the 24 months of activity.
 - iii.** There will be no travel required to finish (no BOC regulatory conference).
 - iv.** Low cost over a long period of time, investing in leadership within the districts and NATA, participants may be more inclined to finish the program if they are paying for it themselves, tax write-off.
 - v.** We may want to wait 12 months, or at the finish, to reimburse a certain percentage of costs.
 - vi.** District 5 will not fund, but District 6 is discussing assistance.

- c.** Director Aronson asked whether or not we wanted to provide funding assistance to D3 members who participate in the program?
 - i.** Secretary Berry expressed that he felt this was a professional development opportunity and that he didn't feel that it was the District's obligation to provide financial assistance, etc.

 - ii.** Director-Elect Flanagan asked if this a voluntary activity that anyone could do or is it limited to certain individuals.
 - 1.** Pat indicated that District 3 had 9 applicants and all we're approved.

 - iii.** Treasurer Davis indicated that he would rather see the states take on this funding responsibility rather than the district. He feels the states have more potential to benefit from the program.

- d.** *The Executive Council voted unanimously that we are not willing to commit to any funding at this time.*

VII. ATs Care Funding.

- a.** Director Aronson reported that in 2018 the ATs Care training will be going to each district.

- b.** Donita Valentine is the District 3 representative that completed initial training in January at the JCM in Dallas. Her primary responsibility now is to assist with identifying additional members from each District 3 state to complete the initial training.

- c.** The training is expensive. Director-Elect Flanagan is getting more info for us on what the cost of the program is and to what extent training will be made available. She hopes to have more information in time for the District Council meeting next week in Virginia Beach.

- d.** District 9 is going to fund one member per state to go through the training.

- e. Past Director Baker noted that we just need to remain on top of this and as the program progresses we can determine how to respond at the appropriate time.

VIII. State quiz bowl participant funding at District Meeting.

- a. Director Aronson noted that the Program Committee may need to develop a more formal policy regarding this issue.

IX. District 3 History and Archives.

- a. *Director Aronson noted she will be adding a discussion item to the District Council Meeting Agenda regarding History and Archives.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.